

The UKDN

Issue 25

September 2009

World Of Responsible Detecting



Inside this Issue

Message from UKDN Admin

Finds of the Month winners—
Donnydave and Whipet

Fact sheets on Mounts and Roman
Coins

Fun Photographic winner—Dougítup

New Farm comes good—silver fox

Spotlight on JC Maloney

The machines behind the
magnificent men - Miffin,
Coreservers, Dougítup, Ramases,

A Saxon Cemetery - part 3

By Coldstream - 02

Message from UKDN Admin

Hello to all our readers

And welcome to another action packed edition of the UK DETECTOR NET magazine. We have managed to do something new this month with a supplement put together by PhilD, for which we are grateful to him. We hope you enjoy it and of course we welcome any feedback. As we enter our third year of producing 'The UKDN Word', we're mindful of all those who manage, edit and of course have contributed to making it the success it has become. We are of course always happy to accept any articles, thoughts or ideas you may have to make it even more successful in the months and years ahead!

This year, much like the last three has been wet to say the least, the harvest seems to have come off in some areas whilst others are still waiting, but we're really looking forward to all you fabulous finds being shown or put up for identification. You may or may not have noticed that we now have our Gallery/Album back, where you can not only show your finds, but you can open your very own personal gallery to store pictures of those precious and hard searched for finds! Just click on the word Gallery at the top right of the forum page.

We have Karv to thank for all his hard work and effort as he has worked on this for quite some time now. It's worth also noting that you can now get UKDN on your mobiles if you so wish, though this is for those of you who have a 3G phone, type in our url and give it a go!

The UKDN Auction was a great success and we'll let you know the final tally in the next issue of the Word as some have not yet paid for their items that they bid for and won. Can we ask that those who did win quickly complete their payments so we can get the winning items off to you in the post. Thanks to everyone who took part and of course a huge thank you to those who donated items, we're most grateful to you for your practical support.

Lastly, it is a rare thing these days to see anyone removed from UKDN, but it does happen from time to time, mainly from people who are not interested in sound advice from members of the team. To be removed from UKDN is always a last resort after several warnings in most cases, we cannot allow one or two to spoil the enjoyment of the majority of members. Can we respectfully ask that all members read the AUP (Acceptable User Policy) to make sure you understand the conditions of membership for UK Detector Net. UKDN is a privately owned website belonging to Brian and Mo' Cross and run by a team of metal detecting enthusiast who are fully committed to the hobby and its continuing future. Many thanks.

Best Wishes from Brian, Mo' and The Team.

FOM Artefact - Iron Age Mount Winner — Donnydave

We got a new farm at Doncaster a few months back, but we had to wait for the potatoes to be lifted. We got word that we could go down and see the farmer, so Dazz arranged for us to meet him on Sunday morning at his farm, which is actually a medieval village - Dazz had checked on Magic Maps and there were no restrictions.

We got to speak to the farmer eventually, after knocking him up and phoning his mobile as he had slept in. He told us about different fields we could detect on but the only available fields were all rape stubble.

We spent that Sunday detecting the one near the farm house but nothing much came up, my best find being a spindle whorl. So we decided to go back the following week onto a field a couple of miles away which is surrounded by fields that I already have search permission on. This field has the A1 motorway running along its top edge and I found a spot that had been flooded and the crops had not grown well. It was muddy but I could get a good low swing with my T2, and my second positive signal turned out to be a bronze mount.

We were using radio's, so I called Dazz and said I have found something old looking, possibly Roman, Saxon or Viking?

I got an ID from Kev Woodward on the UKDN forum and was pleased to find out it was an iron age mount 1BC - 1AD. We have had another search session on the same field but nothing else of interest has come up yet, I think we will have to wait for the plough to make it more searcher friendly?



FOM Coin—Antoninus Pius Denarius 145-161AD

Winner— Whipet (Shaun)

Just 2 weeks after finding my first Denarius, a republic coin with heads either side of coin showing Brutus and Ahala, Dorian, I returned to the field to have another search. It wasn't long before we both had a number of well corroded AE3's, mine were all of my usual standard, broken green discs with nothing legible on them.

Then another nice knock on the E-Trac (from about 6 inches down) and out came another what I thought was an AE3, but I could make something out on it, yes at last a Roman Bronze. I could see some detail on it and I made my way over to Dorian and showed him. He looked at it, then rubbed it a bit and said "it looks like there's a glint of silver on it". Maybe it had a silver wash on it? - so I put it in a coin bag and continued to search.

When we got home we set up the electrolysis machine. Dorian is a bit of an expert at cleaning coins, so I let him work his magic. The coin was covered in a thick black kind of tar that had set like concrete. After what seemed an age of gentle cleaning he said jokingly "No you won't like that Shaun", then spouted out a few obscenities at me and placed a mint Denarius in my hand.

Not bad for something that nearly got passed off as an AE3 grot.

Whipet.



Mounts

Click on images or titles to view



[Useful Websites](#)



[Acorn](#)



[Anthropomorphic](#)



[Bar](#)



[Bird](#)



[Disc](#)



[Eagle](#)



[Furniture](#)



[Harness](#)



[Heraldic](#)



[Hooked](#)



[Iron age](#)



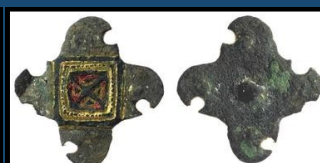
[Med & Post Med](#)



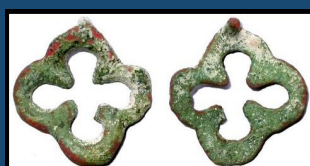
[Openwork](#)



[Roman](#)



[Saxon](#)



[Quatrefoil](#)



[Sixfoil](#)



[Strap](#)



[Suspension/Pendant](#)



[Sword](#)



[Triskele](#)



[Vessel](#)



[Viking](#)



[All Mounts](#)

[Portable Antiquities Scheme South East Region Newsletter No 2 pdf](#)

[Anthropomorphic](#)

[Pendant](#)

[The Strong Collection](#)

[Triskele](#)

[Brief history of Heraldry](#)

[Heraldic Terms](#)

Bibliography;

I would like to thank the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) for permission to use images from their Database & the following for producing such informative web pages; Eric Jerome & Peoria Unified School District, James Parker, CJ's Metal Detecting Pages, The Strong Collection & Wikipedia.

Please support UK Detector Net & record your finds with The Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) for the benefit of future generations & the hobby.

Roman Coins

Click on underlined links to view



Portable
Antiquities
Scheme
www.finds.org.uk



[Useful Websites](#)

UKDN FOM Coin found by Whipet



[Denarius at Wikipedia](#)

[Denarius unsigned article](#)

[Denarius at Coinarchives](#)

[Denarius at the Portable Antiquities Scheme](#)

[Possible Issuers](#)

[Roman Imperial coins](#)

[Ruler rarity](#)

[Roman Imperial timeline](#)

[Identifying Roman coins](#)

[Identifying late Roman bronze coins](#)

[Virtual coin collection](#)

[Identifying Roman coin legends \(type some letters in\)](#)

[Roman Britain](#)

[Roman roads in Britain](#)

Bibliography:

I would like to thank the following websites & people for producing such informative web pages; Wikipedia, William P. Thayer, CoinArchives, The Portable Antiquities Scheme, Sam Moorhead, Dirtyoldcoins.com, Tesorillo.com & Roman-Britain.org.

Please support UK Detector Net

& record your finds with The Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS)

for the benefit of future generations & the hobby

Photo of the Month Competition Winner

Dougitup—"Suspended Blooms" macro waterdrop flower reflections. Taken straight from the lens—
Camera used Sony h10



New Farm comes good...

Hi my name Brian (silver fox) and this is my tale of finding a hoard.

I have been detecting for 30 years, 25 of which, with my mate Nick. We both use XP POWERS, I've had mine for 2 years and I was finding so many hammered coins Nick had to get one too.

We go out every Sunday from 8.30 to 13.00, then go home for Sunday lunch. This Sunday Nick picked me up and we went to a new farm. All the fields had been cut so we picked the flattest one to go on.

We always go side by side, 10 foot apart across the field and back. Well after 2 hours its then back for a cup of tea and show our bits. I had one bad roman coin and 2 bad copper coins. Nick had found a broken hammered Groat (Henry) so I got all the stick. I told Nick that I always do better in the next half. Nick went to one end of the field, I went to the other (it's a very large field). I found a ring pull, some shot gun caps and shrapnel, and the digging was hard.

Then I got a good small signal and 4ins down was a hammered penny. I moved one foot and got a big signal so I started to dig. After about a foot down the signal was still there. I have this bad habit of after digging a foot or more in hard ground, if I've still not found it, I leave it and fill the hole in. Just then I looked at all the dirt I had dug out and it was full of hammered coins OMG. I looked for Nick and he is no where to be seen.

So I started to fill my bag with coins and a large lump of dirt which was full of coins—when out pops my first **GOLD HAMMERED COIN** after 30 years, oyes oyes oyes. After 15mins of making love to the coin I started to dig the hole again. I saw the pot (Broken) and some more coins. I had left my phone in the car, so still no Nick. I put the broken bits of pot in the bag with the rest of the coins, Filled in the hole and made my way back to the car. The time was 13.00 and Nick is in the car. I told Nick I had a first and showed him my Quarter noble and then the hoard. He jumped out of the car and said lets go back. So I phoned the wife to say we had found some coins and we'll be late. I left my detector and the coins in the car and showed Nick the hole.

Well, he found 11 more coins around the hole. Then up pops the farmer, he said one of his workers had seen me digging and putting lots of bits in my bag. I showed the farmer the GOLD coin and told him the rest were in the car, he said that's ok see you later.

New Farm comes good...

So we then went home to clean the mud of the coins. I showed the wife the coins and she said 'thats nice'. So its off to the museum next week and then back to the field with BIGGER shovels. PS I had my dinner at 8.00pm that night.

Brian (silver fox).



New Farm comes good...



New Farm comes good...





Spotlight on:

JC Maloney

Having been invited by the management to bore you all senseless with my potted life history and how it relates to detecting I`m giving it a good go, if nothing else you`ll sleep well after reading this!

My name is John Maloney (aka jcmaloney) born & bred in the City of Dreaming Spires , hence the football team....well you can change your women but not your club ! I am also an escapee from Leigh on Sea, Brightlingsea (both in Essex) and current resident of Leicester.

Life has never been quiet at Maloney Towers. Having endured various mid-life crisis's in my early 40s such as divorce, several moves of residence & jumping out of aeroplanes I decided it was time for a quieter hobby.

Coincidentally divorce brought a new light into my life who taught me that chasing money was futile and would probably put me in an early grave and she didn`t want that (yet!). Having spent 30+ years as a butcher and routinely worked 60+ hours a week it was time to slow down she told me...of course I knew better! Fortunately at my final place of meat trade employment in Colchester, Essex, a work colleague sensed my need for a relaxing hobby and convinced me that his C-Scope CS5MXP was what I needed. Luckily for me the seller of my first detector took me out a couple of times and explained the basics about how detectors work, insurance, permission, filling holes and showing finds to the landowners as well as stuff I could only dream of (at the time!) such as Treasure, PAS and other things that were a mystery to a non-detectorist or beginner.

This was doubly beneficial as the new lady in my life worked days whereas I was working a night shift that generally finished at 3am..... try sneaking into the house at 3am whilst dearest was deeply asleep !!

Having gained permission from a local farm en route from work to home my detecting started in earnest in January 2006 , my routine was simple, finish work at 3am drive to the farm and detect ... at the time I had no concept of nighthawks and did have permission having explained by dilemma to the farmer. He was fine with my timing as having someone he knew around deterred the local scallies from fly tipping, stealing derv and all the other bad behaviour too many get up to these days.

Being reasonably computer savvy I soon started trawling the web and in February 2006 discovered UKDN which proved an invaluable source of information and contacts. I learnt that if I had any doubts there were few better places to ask any questions.

Spotlight on:

JC Maloney

My detecting in the early days was much the same as anyone else's....not really knowing the machine I often dug iron and other "agri-debris" but I was sensible enough to know that it was as much the fault of the operator as the machine.

After some 6 months I had little to show for my efforts and was becoming a regular nuisance at the farmers door as I was still showing him everything along with amateur IDs.....he must have doubted my sanity at times although he was extremely pleased when I recovered a very expensive part from a machine that he had lost in the field.

I guess starting your detecting career somewhere like Colchester isn't a bad thing and my first significant find emerged in August/September 2006 with a silver Denarius of Hadrian. I resisted the temptation to knock his door at 5am!



Spotlight on:

JC Maloney

Breaking open the clod of Essex clay to reveal this coin last held by someone nigh on two thousand years previous was my Eureka moment, my hand was still shaking at lunchtime when I caught up with Mr Hhis first question "What's it worth then ?" I was almost loathe to tell him and began to recount its history and age over a bottle of single malt !

Unbelievably better was to come within the same week when out popped what I still hold to be my most exquisite find in the form of this Icenic silver unit that the photos do little justice too!



Early 2007 saw my conversion to Minelab with the purchase of my current detector a Minelab SE with the C-Scope relegated to reserve duties, the learning curve was starting again, although this time was like upgrading from a Mini to a Porsche.

Life was well in my world although detecting wasn't occupying all my spare time as I had acquired a keen interest in archaeology by now and I was exploring various avenues for further education.

Then the wheels collectively fell off, in July 2007 I suffered what can best be described as a fit whilst out shopping, luckily I was very selective whose feet I fell at, a special mention & thank you to another Brightlingsea escapee !

After some poking, prodding and testing I was confirmed as having a small lesion on my brain...Mrs M says there is enough space for a bigger one.

Spotlight on:

JC Maloney

The crux of this was that I had to surrender my driving licence for a year and this at the same time as we were upping sticks and moving to Leicester!!

The move went well despite everything and I made my career change into the NHS in December 2007.

By January 2008 I had joined a club (Loughborough Coin & Search Society) thanks to a fellow detectorist at work (again!) this eliminated the immediate need for my detecting "fix" and opened up the avenues of having people to go with. 2008 also saw me at my first rally thanks to MLO Corfe 08 I had started to realise there was so much more to the hobby than "treasure hunting"..a phrase that I almost despise now!!!

Late 2008 saw me joining Central Searchers who provide easily accessible, well organised digs run by detectorist's for detectorist's.

And last but not least I became a distance learning student with University of Leicester School of Ancient History and Archaeology studying a modular course which (hopefully) will lead to one of them degree type things.....I passed Module 1 in June 2009 and just starting Module 2 so no more forum surfing for me for a while !!

As for pictures of me actually detecting they are rarer than hens teeth ! this will have to do..me gassing over a coffee with my mate Bob who recently fled to Corfu leaving me with his job at LCSS as "Detecting Liaison Officer" .



Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men—Miffin (Bri)



I have been using a Teknetics T2 for about 9 months out of the 18 months that I have been detecting. I tried several other machines including top of the range stuff. I am not mentioning any names as this is not about running down any other machine. Some I tried are darn fine detectors. There are several reasons that I settled and stuck with the T2. Here are some of them.

The machine is very light and well balanced. The batteries last absolutely ages. It is very simple to use having one trigger switch that controls ground balance and pinpointing. And whilst on the subject, the pinpointing is the best of any machine I have tried. Just pulling the trigger back and using the cross method, wham, a find every time. There are only two other main controls. The T2 has a large distinct screen readout, so no squinting to see what the readings are.

Although no metal detector gives perfectly accurate readouts, this is the nearest to it that I have found. It only takes me a few seconds to set up and then, the switching from the Discrim mode to the All Metal is instant. Make no mistake, this is a deep machine. I have not found a machine which is significantly deeper. I usually set the sound up on 2+. This gives a little grunt on iron. So, depending on the site, the grunt can be instantly ignored.

This is a very quiet machine to use, unless of course there is a target. I only have one set of fields to detect on.

They are in crop most of the Summer, so I do not get out much at the moment. But have had lots of good finds. Including Gold and Silver coins, many lead tokens, crotal bell, spindle whorl, etc etc. It is particularly good on small objects and when I get to a rally, I usually have a bag full of smalls. And, on looking around I am amazed to see some other detectorists with no smalls, just great big finds.

The only snags I have found with the machine are. If you bump it down hard on the ground when digging, the setting can change from Discrim to All Metal or vice versa. Also, I have cut out a coil shape piece of plastic which I have cable tied to the coil. This is to prevent the coil snagging up in stubble and works well.

Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men—Coreservers



Hello., my name's Alan Campbell. Coreservers is my forum name (taken from the IT team I used to work in which was the European core server support team). I live, work and detect around mid Lothian in Scotland

I've been detecting since 2002, when we moved into a house in Sandy, Bedfordshire. What got me into it was, we were renovating the garden, which had been allowed to grow wild, and I stumbled upon a small quite well preserved roman coin. I searched around on ebay, and bought myself a bounty hunter lone star, and promptly found another 4 coins. I found a club nearby, then this forum, and also found a chap nearby who offered to take me to a couple of rallies. I soon outgrew the bounty hunter, being a geek and moved straight up to an XLT -E. which took a bit of getting used to.

I've now owned a total of 15 detectors, but 18 months ago I bought the teknetics T2, and frankly it's the best machine I've ever owned. I find it light and powerful, easy to swing all day, and the finds ratio is way up on any machine I've used in the past. My most recent finds include a tiny pearl ring and a number of William 3 love tokens.

I never set out hoping to find anything, I just wait and see what comes up. I think that this relaxes you more and takes any pressure off having to find something. After all it's a day out in the fresh air (unless slurring has been going on), I don't attend many rallies, or organised digs preferring the company of 1 or two others.

But if anyone on here is up our way, send me a pm, and you can get out with us for the day

Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men—Doug itup

I have been Metal Detecting now for just short of 20 years, and used many machines, each having their Pro's and Cons, (there is no perfect Metal Detector, they all find objects.) For me there's two reasons:

Certain machines handle different ground, better than others.

If you don't feel confident with your machine, It's like a relationship...you're never going to hit it off!



My introduction to the Laser Rapier was through a Metal Detector Dealer/avid detectorist , and good friend "Kevin Blackburn", at Staffs Detectors.

A great guy, always helpful, and very honest....and delivers an amazing service. I needed a much lighter machine due to the usual lingering medical problems!..So decided to go with Kev's advice on the Laser Rapier. Running at 10khz, and as light as a feather, with a small control box. It packs a lot of punch. I find using the disc at the minimum setting takes care of most small-to medium size ferrous objects.

The sacrifice is I dig several larger pieces of iron, but most of this give out the usual, click, pop, or spit....but I dig all iffy signals anyway. The bonus is, I can run the sensitivity nearly all the way, and with an increased threshold seems to amplify the fainter targets. So makes for a very sensitive machine.

The Rapiers main attributes to me, are...extremely lightweight, runs on one AA battery, (better with a Duracell) and emits a very good audio signal.

(*Its cons.....*difficult bashing through stubble, as you have a machine as light as a walking cane, and it does find a degree of iron.), but that's the trade off, if you don't want to miss those tiny non ferrous items. To me, digging a bit of iron, and coke on a good site means you're not going to miss very much.

(*Its Pro`s....*on loosely ploughed soil, it performs superbly in those first 5-6 inches, it will not miss very much at all.)

Good luck to everyone out there,
best wishes
ukdn member "Doug itup"

Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men—Ramases (Colin)



V3 article

When Phil posted asking for articles for the next UKDN Newsletter I rather rashly replied that I could do a bit on the new White's Spectra V3, despite only having had mine for a couple of weeks. I'd rather hoped to get out a bit more than I have (the fields are not yet how I like them – ploughed and rolled) but I have been able to get about 30 hours in on a mixture of virgin meadowland, roughly ploughed land, stubble and beaches close to where I live, in Suffolk.

Before getting down to detail I'd like to say that what follows are my early impressions of the V3 and this should not be seen as any kind of a definitive field test – I'm sure that will follow in one of the magazines shortly.

First impressions of the V3 are excellent – build quality is typical Whites, solid and dependable with all of the parts fitting together perfectly. Balance is also first class and despite it being quite a "chunky" machine it's easy to swing without putting any strain on the back or elbows (both of which cause me trouble from time to time).



Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men—Ramases (Colin)

To me, it feels just like my old DFX, which is high praise indeed. One little tip, if you do upgrade from XLT/DFX to V3, keep your control box cover as it fits perfectly.

Firing it up the first thing that hits you is the brilliant colour screen. It is so sharp and easy to read (even with my dodgy eyesight) and I pretty-much never need to use the backlight so I switch it off for better battery life.

The inbuilt programmes, while interesting, are not much use in the UK as they are designed for US targets and hunting. There are a few that are worth trying though. The Wet Salt programme will form the basis for a programme for UK use with a few tweaks, as will Relic which can easily be modified to make an inland searching programme. This is what I have done, and I already have four separate setups for pasture, stubble, general farmland and for sites where I expect to find hammered coins (using the 22.KHz only frequency). I have been all over the usual forums and websites and one of the disappointments is that there are few "homemade" programmes available to try – unlike for the DFX – but I expect this will improve as a few more V3s get out there.

The V3 manual is pretty comprehensive – better than the DFX, but it needs to be! The V3 is a whole different prospect. There are so many settings to adjust that, at first (and even second, third or fourth) glance it is pretty scary! However, it is all pretty logical and if you've had a top-of-the-range White's machine before you will be able to get started reasonably quickly. I cannot emphasise too much how important it is to read the manual. And then to read it over and over and over again! It will start to click eventually and you will begin to understand how the various settings interact. Although you get quite a bit of documentation with the V3 (including a DVD) I think there is room for improvement in the explanation of some of the settings (e.g. ground filtering) where a lot more detail is needed. I have been in touch with Jeff Foster (who wrote the excellent book "Digging Deeper with the DFX") and was very relieved to hear that he is working on a companion book for the V3. The bad news is we won't get it until 2010!

The V3 comes with a wireless headphone setup (specific to White's) and this works very well indeed. I was toying with not bothering with getting them (to save a few quid) but I'm glad I got them as they are such a revelation. Signals are clear and sharp and to be able to lay the detector down to dig is great. I find them very comfortable. Some posters on US forums have reported that they are not so happy (but usually say that this is because they find them too tight especially for glasses wearers) but I don't agree – and I wear specs too. They do use batteries at quite a rate though, but I keep a couple of sets of AA rechargeables in my pocket and I can get a full day of detecting in without running out. If I did by any chance find myself with flat batteries, I would just plug in my standard phones, so it's not a big issue. Batteries are also something to consider for the V3 in general. The manual reckons 8 to 10 hours on a charge and that is about right, so you may need a spare set for a long day in the field. Power is used more quickly if you use the backlight or Tx Boost – a useful feature to try if local conditions force lower Rx Gain and Sensitivity than you want to use, so you will need a spare set. There are instructions on one of the forums for how to make a rechargeable pack but I've not bothered – I just got some AA cells off Ebay and use them in the standard alkaline pack.



Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men—Ramases (Colin)

In the field, first impressions are of a machine that is VERY sensitive and deep seeking. I have never had a machine hit so many targets that I just could not dig deep enough to get them out of the ground! This was mainly on a hard-packed, very dry pasture land, but I had a number of coin-size targets that defeated me (I have marked their positions to go back to when the ground is easier to dig!).

Ground balancing is by the "pump it up and down" method which I do not like as much as the old DFX approach of lowering the coil to the ground and hitting "balance", but the system seems to work very well and the auto tracking feature will keep on top of changes in mineralisation even at the lowest settings (which I tend to prefer). I have read on one of the forums that a lot of US users don't even bother to balance the V3 as the "fast track" facility will have it balanced within 15 to 20 sweeps, but I am an old fashioned detectorist, and I like to balance my machine myself! I plan to go over a field that I hammered with my DFX as soon as harvest allows to see if my perceptions on depth are true, but I won't be able to do that for a while.

As I said, conditions are far from ideal for me at the moment, but I have had a few successes in fields I've been over with various other detectors. These have included a Roman bronze coin (quite rare on my sites) buttons, buckles, pre-decimal coins, lead bits, etc. Still no hammered silver, but I'm sure that it's only a matter of time as I had plenty with the DFX and its predecessors.

Interestingly, the V3 is the first machine I've had that is affected by EMI (external electrical interference). It happened on one of my favourite fields a few days ago (there is a mains transformer up a pole in the corner of the field and when I got within 40 metres of it the V3 went bonkers!) but offsetting the frequency cured it and I was back hunting in 20 seconds. I assume it is the much higher level of sensitivity in general of the V3 that causes this issue, but it is not one that seems as if it will bother me, though other users have reported more serious problems where there are electric fences nearby.

The display on the V3 is, as I've said, stunning. I don't propose to go into detail about it as you can find loads of stuff about it on the web, but suffice to say is that it works really well. The colours are vibrant and, once I get the hang of the machine, I'm sure it will be all White's say it is. There are users on the US forums that claim to be able to distinguish between ringpulls and gold rings, but I can't – not yet anyway! In any case, for those of us interested in inland detecting in the UK, that is not an issue. What is useful, however, is the V3's ability to identify iron – especially deep iron. Sure, I've dug a few bits – but these were as much to check to see if the ID was correct rather than because the V3 had got it wrong! Iron ID is second-to-none in my opinion – much better than the DFX.

In Pinpoint Mode the screen gives VDI, Icon, depth and target size information as well as response at all three frequencies so, with practice, I should soon be able to tell with some degree of confidence what a target is before I dig it. I already have a pretty-good idea of target conductivity and hence metal content by noting which of the 3 frequencies gives the best response.



Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men—Ramases (Colin)

So although I cannot categorically say that the V3 is a deeper seeker than the DFX (I've not had the chance to go over a DFX detected field with the V3 yet) but once Charlie (my brilliant local farmer) has finished ploughing and rolling, I'll be able to say with confidence one way or the other.

However, my mate (also new to the V3) has been out on pasture land with an experienced E-Trac user and they have run their machines side-by-side checking each other's targets and, he says, he has had several positive hits that the E-Trac could not get, and he has not failed to get a hit on any of the E-Trac's ones. Also, before getting his V3 he was out with someone who had one and he checked the V3's hits with his DFX and there were several that he could not get.

Clearly, it is all very early days for the V3 and there is a heck of a lot for all V3 users to learn.

It is definitely NOT a detector for the casual UK detectorist who gets out once or twice a month and wants to "switch on and go". The pre-set programs have very limited application on the UK so you will have to read, read, read, learn and experiment to get the best out of the V3 (but the same is true of all top-of-the-range programmable detectors, isn't it?).

For the inveterate "tweaker" (like me) it is a great machine and will keep us occupied, I hope, for years (there is a facility for software upgrades to be installed).

I hope that White's in the UK will actively support UK users by encouraging the development of Icon sets, tweaks and push White's in the US for software upgrades tailored to our needs.

Finally, I am very keen to establish a network of V3 users in the UK, so if anyone is interested in swapping experiences, tips, tricks, ideas etc please get in touch.

Cheers.

Colin (a.k.a. Ramases)

Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men— Cliffy



I use a Goldmaxx Power and have used the machine for years, as soon as it went on general sale I was straight on the phone to order one from Detector Distribution. (first class service from this company every time). I was such a huge fan of the original Goldmaxx, I couldn't wait to get my hands on the brand new model, and I haven't been disappointed, it's quite easily the best machine I have ever owned and I've had a few detectors in my time e.g. , Troy X5, Lobo, XLT, Trejon, plus many more, and it out performs them all, in my eyes anyway.

Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men— Cliffy

I equipped the Power with the 11 inch coil that I used on my original Goldmaxx, which I believe is the perfect coil, slightly deeper than the original, by around the 1 inch mark, but the improvement in ground coverage is fantastic, yet it is still sensitive enough to find those elusive hammered farthings, both the cut and full ones. I used a XLT for years, but this detector has upped my finds rate greatly.

On one memorable occasion I got permission to search a farm that had been done to death for years, there were the foot prints left on the field from the last people to search his land which they made quite a thorough job of, up and down the field and side to side checker board style.

I thought it was worth a try, so I set aside a few hours to see what would turn up, first of all there was a cut half (short cross), closely followed by a couple of battered hammered Edward pennies, these finds tend to get your hopes up so I couldn't wait to see what else they had missed. After a few bits of lead and bronze up popped a fantastic condition Edward the Confessor penny, from quite a depth, wiping the mud off this coin was something I will remember for ever. I quickly ran with the coin to lock it away safely in the car, I didn't want to risk losing such a coin, as someone else did almost a 1000 years ago. Also off the same field a few weeks later the Goldmaxx Power pulled up a cracking John Balliol, Scottish hammered penny, which is very rare from what I have been told.




Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men— Cliffy



Having a young family I don't tend to get much time to go out these days, so the days that I do get out I don't want to go round endlessly searching for new land, so I tend to end up on farms that I have permission for but so do a lot of others and they have seen a lot of action over the years. But with the Power I'm so confident that if there is anything there it will find it for me, plus I won't spend hours upon hours digging coke and iron nails, which was a big problem with the original model, there is no messing with the settings just a quick ground balance and sensitivity adjustment and off you go marching off into the field in less that a minute.

Thanks Ian (cliffy)



Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men— Jamie

I started detecting just over a year ago now, having owned a detector as a kid and keen to re-kindle my childhood enthusiasm. Having only around £200 of spare cash I called into Joan Allens with the intention of buying a Fisher F2 but came out with an ex demo X Terra 30.

To be honest I was really happy with this machine, it was a true switch on and go model and given my complete lack of knowledge of discrimination, threshold, ground balance etc it was a perfect starting out machine. It also managed to turn up some good finds - it wasn't long before I was finding Georgian coppers, roman bronzes, copper alloy artefacts and my first ever hammered coin.

After joining a club, I was soon aware of the limitations of this machine compared with others and decided that if I wanted to increase my find rate and take this hobby seriously I needed to upgrade.

I looked at several models and in the end it came down to a choice between the Gold-max Power or the Explorer. It was actually one of the club members that convinced me that the Explorer was the way to go and recommended I get a second hand Explorer II. I actually managed to locate an unused model complete with all the trimmings for a good price!

So off I went with expectations of a constant flow of fantastic coins and artefacts - I was in for a shock! The Explorer was a huge jump up from the X Terra in terms of usability.


To begin with the constant multi tones made it so difficult to distinguish between junk and digger signals. It was like listening to the *Clangers* singing in my headphones. The machine was also a lot heavier than my X Terra which took some getting used to.

However I had to persevere and more importantly listen to what the machine was telling me. I've been using the machine now for around 9 months and certainly wouldn't claim to have completely mastered it however I am certainly much more confident now.

Since the addition of the Pro Coil which I added a couple of months ago the machine is now better balanced and I'm really happy with its performance.

I've now had several hammered coins, load of romans, plenty of interesting artefacts and bucketfuls of lead, shotties and buttons.....but haven't we all!

Jamie



Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men— Ray Redditch

Hi, well most of you will know me from different forums, and also as a Moderator on the XP forum. I've been asked to give you a view into my current detector usage, and the reasons for my choice of detectors. So, here goes, and hopefully it'll be reasonably understandable as I've been wandering the world for the last 33-34 years, and currently reside in Germany.


My current main detectors are both XP's (Surprise, surprise), and the reasons for this are simple, lightweight, wireless headphones, quality, range, and recovery speed, backed up by excellent service from the widespread and effective dealer network throughout Europe and the UK. Although not the cheapest of detectors, the price reflects the quality as with so many things in life, and you get what you pay for.

As mentioned I have two XP's, the first being my GMP with V4 chip. I run this in it's three tone mode, and love it's ability to winkle out the good bits in iron infested ground, with it's super fast recovery speed. Although the GMP is not as popular here as the lower kHz range of XP's, I use it to good advantage on fresh plough and drill, or when it's been raining, and have had some very nice finds with it, and at some quite remarkable depths. I have two coils for this, the 9" and the 11" which is the one I use mainly (I'm looking to get the elliptical for it), and belt mount this detector with a straight stem, which although very handy, is also very very expensive at € 135.00 !!

My main finds with this detector are coins, buttons, fob seals, and brooches ranging from Roman (Silver Denari to Minims), right through the later middle ages (For some reason there seems to be a large gap from the Romans leaving about 460AD up to my other finds which start about 1200AD). The most prolific find is musket balls and buttons from the 100 year war, followed by Rente Pfennigs from the 1920's, and WW II munitions.

I also found a Mafia weapons cache with this detector and the 11" coil. It was buried in an American Military container at a depth of about a meter, and contained assorted ammo (About 400 rounds), a .357 Mag. revolver, a .22 Mag. revolver, a sawn off 12 gauge under and over shot gun, Hand Cuffs, Leather Gloves, and Number Plates that were destroyed according to the previous registered owner of that car !! I called the Police who came and took it away, and then the CID contacted me about a week later and asked me to continue searching the whole area whenever I had time, as there was also believed to be a terrorist weapons cache in that area somewhere too. I later heard that about 6 or 7 were sent to prison, and another 5 or 6 were suspected of involvement, but lacked evidence to convict. The weapons came from two separate break-ins 200 kms apart.

Unfortunately, since then I haven't been searching very often due to ill health, and have just had an operation on my left knee, and when that healed will be back in for one on the right knee. A problem I do have with the GMP here is that I have a lot of volcanic rock (I live in an area full of extinct volcanoes), and these have freshwater springs at the top of the hills flowing down, and then it's also full of iron ore and coke, as the Celts, Romans and everyone else used to smelt Iron and Silver here too, so quite often it's almost impossible to get the GMP stable.



Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men— Ray Redditch

That's where my second detector comes in, and the range that is the most popular in Germany, the low kHz XP's !!

I have the Adventis II, my mate the ADX 250 (Identical detector, except mine has ground reject adjustable, the 250 having a fixed value for this), and another mate has the GMaxx II, which has the same range of controls as a GMP and is 3 tone, the others being single tone, all of these work at 4.6 kHz, whereas the GMP works at 18 kHz.

The fact that these lower end XP detectors are single tone should not put you off, read on to discover why.


The ability of the Adventis II (Or the ADX 250) to be able to knock out the Iron and mineralisation from the volcanic rock is what cuts it for me in these conditions, and also when I'm into heavily compacted ground like woodland, or searching for military battlefields, it becomes my chosen tool. This is also the reason that it is the preferred detector for the majority of detectorists in my area of Germany. Unfortunately many detectorists search for battlefields on the continent with the intention of digging up live ammo and munitions, or corpses with the intention of taking the ID markers to sell. I look for the battlefields to document where they are, and maybe to find a badge or button. Any ammo I find is given over to the correct authorities to dispose of, as we see enough deaths over here from idiots that collect and even try to delabour shells themselves. The ADX 100 (150), ADX200 (250), and Adventis (Adventis II), are all single tone, with basically a dig don't dig signal, but don't let that fool you, even being a single tone, there are variations on this tone that will tell you with experience whether to dig it or not. You set the amount of Iron Rejection to what you want (My preferred is about a 3 inch nail), and then detect. Although there is no pinpoint facility on XP machines you don't need one, as "X" ing the target is all it takes to have the target slap bang in the middle, and during this "X" ing you'll soon learn to identify the differences in tone of a dig or no dig signal, and will be surprised at your amount of finds come the end of the day. For those starting out with XP machines, XP have even kindly marked beginners presets with red triangles so they're easy to find. Speed of recovery for a 4.6 kHz machine again is quite remarkable, and I must say I was pleasantly surprised. Again with this machine I have the 9" and the 11" coil, and once again use the 11" mostly.

Again, I've had excellent finds with this machine, including several top class NAZI badges (Lots of normal ones too), some middle age coins, silver netting from the middle ages, crossbow bolts, swords and sword chapes, lots of buttons, coins, and musket balls, as well as badges from the Franco-Prussian Wars and Napoleonic Era, and modern day ammo till it's coming out of my ears (Give it to the Americans, they take it to the base where it gets destroyed once every month or two). The amount of WWII and modern day ammo here never ceases to amaze me, but after the war the French and the Americans both occupied this area and held manouvers, so there's always lots about.

Unfortunately due to the soil conditions here, coins etc., tend to fall to bits very quickly, so only gold or silver are usually still legible !! Although that said, I had a nice fob seal from a local Priory dated 1220 that was in perfect condition, and my local museum was very grateful as all the other seals they have here are only copies, the originals having been taken by the main museum and deposited in the cellars, were they have never been removed from to be put on display.

**Spotlight on:
The machines behind the
magnificent men— Ray Redditch**





Spotlight on: The machines behind the magnificent men— Ray Redditch

As far as accessories are concerned, I have tried many, and very few are capable of withstanding the rigours here, especially in winter.

Headphones, XP WS1-2 channel wireless. These are the best choice for the GMP and are 32 Ohm. The GMP is very headphone specific and seems to work best with the back-phones. The lower frequency XPs can be used with either the WS1 or WS3 phones (WS3 are 16 Ohm) and don't seem to suffer, but for some reason the GMP seems to sound better on the WS1s. Why XP didn't make the WS3s 32 Ohm too I don't know. Those who haven't used the WS1s on the GMP and have gone straight to WS3s seem to get on with them, but those that have used WS1s then tried WS3s seem to find the WS3s lifeless on the GMP. I'm one of the latter. Response is fantastic, as is frequency range, nothing on the market to beat them.

Spades, I tried the Black Adda Invader, great in summer, came the winter, it bent into 10 different types of "S". German entrenching tools, average life span, 3-4 weeks in the winter, then they bend. I have now moved onto Ice Picks for winter use and forestry or stoney ground use, and have no regrets. Very expensive YES, but you only ever buy one !! Summer, I use a standard border spade from Wilkinsons at the moment, cost £ 6,50 in Stainless, £ 4,50 in Carbon Steel, see how long it lasts when I get back to detecting.

Trowel, I use a Wolff Planting Trowel, about 2" wide at the top, 1" wide at the bottom, and 6" long, 3/16" thick, great for getting coins out in parks.

Pin Pointer, although it's something I very rarely use it can come in handy when a coin decides to hide on edge on the surface, and for some reason the detector doesn't want to see it. I've tried the cheap Scan Master and Sherlock type ones, either the button fails, they keep floating off tune, or (And this WILL happen sooner or later) the battery compartment latch breaks and the battery drops out, and you haven't noticed, so you want to use it, no battery !! I now have a Garrett pin pointer, with a bit of insulating tape over the loudspeaker to stop water ingress and lower the tone, and it's money well spent, even if I only use it once a year. (The amount of times I've dug a signal, lost the signal, refilled the hole, found the signal, re-dug, then had a nice hammered bedevils me, but each time at least twenty minutes searching gone that could have been saved with a good pin pointer)

My main priorities concerning my choice of detectors has been, and will be due to my health restrictions. Arthritis takes it's toll, as do slipped discs, so light weight and good balance are a must, as this enables me to detect for a reasonable amount of time before having to stop for a break. I hear of a lot of detectorists who have tried the GMP and rubbish it, saying it's crap, or they can't get on with it. This is basically down to themselves not taking time to learn the machine. If you want good finds XP will give them you, but like any machine you have to learn it, and I would advise starting off bench testing first to learn the basic sounds, then out in the field with the beginners settings and dig every signal till you know what's under the coil before you dig it, then dig it to check. Now start experimenting with the settings and watch those finds rates rocket. Having a machine that will tell you exactly what is under the coil is a pipe dream, it doesn't exist, but XP will tell you if something is there that's worth digging or not, and at respectable depths, and in amongst the iron too, where most other machines will falter.

XP gave me the best options as far as weight, balance, recovery speed, and depth with good quality went, and I haven't regretted it yet. I'm just waiting for an XP beach machine to come out now, then I'll be a very happy detectorist, as this is the one type of machine I'm missing at the moment.

So if you're looking for a refreshing change of machine, try XP, you'll be pleasantly surprised. And NO, I don't work for XP, or any dealer, I just enjoy using their machines.

Ray Redditch

A Saxon Cemetery - part 3

By Coldstream - 02

A young chap who was with the Archaeologists called David was doing some trowel work down the bottom end of the female skeletons legs when he announced he thought he had come across something metallic. So as I had already borrowed Bean Counters brand new Garret Pro-Pointer, I set about testing it to see if it was indeed metal. It was. The reason that we had apparently missed it was the fact that there were so many metallic objects within close proximity to each other, that they had been masking each other out. So in this instance the item that David had found was made of Iron and Copper Alloy and was close to where the females Iron Dagger was. So the dagger masked out what we now know is a belt slider. This was the same for the two silver belt mounts . Because they were in close proximity to what we all thought was a purse their signal was being masked out, hence the importance of a pin pointer. I bet a few Archaeologists have them now.



So this Saxon lady kept on producing the odd little surprise and she wasn't done yet. Time was marching on again and Gregg wanted this females remains and artefact's fully excavated by the end of the day as he didn't want it rolling into another day, though he knew they would be back again tomorrow just to tidy things up and back fill the graves.

Someone else announced they thought they had another metallic item and indeed it was and appeared to be part of a buckle plate, another item missed by the detectors due to everything being so close. Now the dig was winding down and both Bob and myself were looking forward to spending a night in our own beds! Things just seemed to go by in a flash, one minute you are watching the archaeologists gently brushing away dirt and laboriously picking away around the edge of artefact's, then within what seemed like minutes all the items were coming out of the grave.

Finally everything had been lifted and bagged and tagged and accounted for ? Nah! As I sad this little lady still had a secret but she wasn't going to let us see it until tomorrow. The volunteers were starting to pack up now and they were all very pleased to have been able to participate in the dig. Tomorrow was going to be just a handful of people who were going to measure the grave cuts and take some pics etc.

The lady who had been excavating my first female grave from the beginning told me she had lost one of her tools. Now these tools look like and remind me of dentists torture instruments (at least that's how I feel when they are used on me) and I presume are quite expensive to buy. Her name was Eva, she had been with this Saxon female from day one and had treated the burial with the dignity and respect that it deserved, so I was quite determined that I was going to find this tool for her.

She pointed out the general area she thought she may have dropped it around the edge of the grave, but because of all the activity she thought it would of been trod into the ground and therefore didn't hold out much hope of getting it back. That's what metal detectors are for I said, why do you think you are here in the first place. Of course she replied I am just so caught up in the moment I completely forgot. Well I put the trusty Quattro into all metal mode and started my search, I really wanted to find this tool as a mark of appreciation for the work that Eva had so expertly carried out.

Within five minutes I had it, I was so chuffed that I was able to give something back in return and couldn't wait to see the look on her face. As I strolled over she looked at me and I must of been grinning because she said you found it didn't you. Yep I said and handed it over, she was elated, funny how you become attached to tools or an item !

People were making their farewells and slipping away at this point, Bob and I thanked as many as we could, after all they were just volunteers. This was it then the end of the dig, all that was left to do was the tidying up, which would be done tomorrow. As the rest of the people filtered away Bob and I set off for home ourselves safe in the knowledge that all the artefact's and remains had been lifted and taken away for conservation and analysis.

Gregg told us that the artefact's themselves were going off to Fort Cumberland for conservation and the cost of doing this was going to run into thousands of pounds, at the point of writing this the last we heard it was between £20,000 to £25,000, we still do not know the final cost yet to this day. However we do know that English Heritage covered the cost so we are very grateful to them.

Buckle under conservation from first females grave



Image copyright of English Heritage - thank you for allowing it to be shown on UKDN

The grave cuts were covered again for the final time and tonight they would be left alone. Bob and I were looking forward to a nice shower, shave and early night and we knew that we were safe in the knowledge that if anyone did decide to have a nose around in the night, then they wouldn't find anything! If only we knew!

Sunday morning 12/10/08. I awoke at around 6.30 a.m. and almost immediately I was thinking of the site, if the truth is known I was probably dreaming about it as well. I had pre arranged to pick Bob up at around 10.00a.m. as Gregg had said that they would be there at around 11.00. I looked out of the window and yet again it was another lovely day which was quite unusual for this time of the year, as it was nice and warm, and the volunteers had been working in their T shirts.

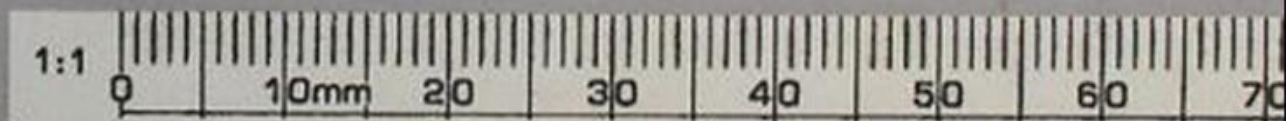
I set off to go and meet Bob and as I was driving along it suddenly dawned on me that we had made history , my name was going to be read by people and maybe even my photograph would be seen of me with the bowl and the female that started this whole exciting journey off. When I am dead, maybe one day someone is going to look at my picture and say this is the fellow that found the Saxon Cemetery with his mate! How wonderful!



I arrived at Bobs and we discussed what we thought was going to happen to the site now the dig had finished. We knew it was going to be scheduled which is exactly what we wanted in case there are any other undiscovered graves there, however the general belief is that it was a small private burial site. We arrived on site and Gregg and his partner Donna were already on site and cleaning up my females grave cut, they had already found some small bones which they believed were finger bones, and were busily measuring the cut. So Bob and I wandered off to do some detecting. As we slipped into our own little world of wondering what the next signal would bring I looked up and saw Eva with her husband measuring and drawing and photographing Bobs Warrior grave.

Bob's Warrior's Buckle

Image copyright of East Sussex County Council - thank you for allowing it to be shown on UKDN



Bob's Warrior's Shield Boss with Handle

Image copyright of East Sussex County Council - thank you for allowing it to be shown on UKDN



Bob's Warrior's Spear

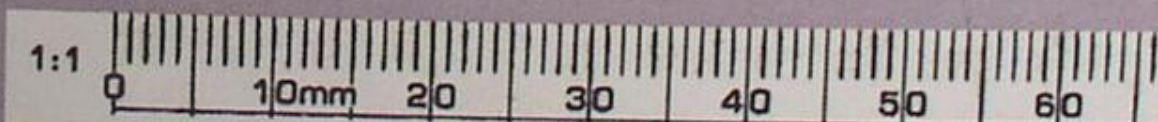
Image copyright of East Sussex County Council - thank you for allowing it to be shown on UKDN



I started wandering over to the females grave as I had a few questions for Greg and as I approached Greggs partner said oh look whats this, and held up what looked like a squarish stone. Gregg went over to Donna and held the object up to the light and said its Amber. How rare or unusual this is for that period of time I do not know, but the importance of it probably having come from overseas could be significant. So like I said she still had a secret!

Amber Pendant found in first females grave cut

Image copyright of East Sussex County Council - thank you for allowing it to be shown on UKDN



After this final important discovery the graves were back filled and we said our farewells to those there and they set off home, Bob and I went detecting for the rest of the day, almost as if nothing had happened. I think we were just numb with what had happened, and at that point it had not sunk in just what we had experienced.

I don't think Bob and I were really concentrating to much as we set about detecting, we were both wondering where all this was leading. At this point in time we knew that the bowl I had found was a rare one and how this would be interpreted into the Treasure report was and still is a mystery. I mean how do you value something that rare? Maybe the museums will fight over it?

Anyhow hopefully myself being the finder and Bob with his find along with the landowner would have some input into this. We didn't know it but there was going to be a lot of enjoyment and heartache associated with this find, some of the heartache was to get so bad that at one stage both Bob and I considered washing our hands of it completely. But then that was compensated with the 15 minutes of fame. Be warned that if you find something like we did then people come out of the woodwork, though for legal reasons I wont go into detail. Anyway as a result of the find both Bob and I were invited to join Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society. We both joined and subsequently I was invited onto digs to both metal detect and do some trowel work, not everyone's cup of tea I know but I personally found it quite rewarding doing some excavation work and I also found a Roman coin on one of the sites which helped in dating the site.

We were kept informed on a regular basis of how the artefact's conservation was going though after the first 4 months the excitement had all but disappeared, as its not like finding a hammie or single Roman coin or brooch. You see we cannot see them again until such time the conservation is complete and we probably wont be able to touch them either, but the saving grace there is that they are available for the public to view and marvel at how they were made all those years ago. So at least we have put something into society for everyone to appreciate and enjoy and hopefully for many years to come when we are no longer around.

Two Brooches from the first females grave after conservation

Image copyright of English Heritage - thank you for allowing it to be shown on UKDN



Well Christmas came and went and then we got the phone call it was going to be released to the newspapers and it was going out on TV. Everything was arranged for February 5th 2009 in Lewes where we were told there would be TV crews and reporters from the papers.

Now it started to hit home, this was bigger than we had realised, there was going to be an MP there as well plus someone from English Heritage, we were even given our own press officer from East Sussex County Council a fellow called James Martin who I must say had we not had him around we wouldn't of had a clue as to what was going on.

So Bob and I made our way up to Lewes on the 5th Feb and we were the first ones there and it was quite strange that the custodian of the museum where the release was taking place didn't have a clue as to what was going on, however we got past that and were taken upstairs and into a room where my Saxon Females remains were laid out on a table.

It was quite strange seeing her again and somehow she didn't look wholesome, I know that sounds strange but when she was in her grave somehow she seemed complete, now it was just like looking at a pile of bones.

Bob and Cliff



The invited guests turned up and Casper Johnson (County Archaeologist) took questions and gave answers and then the reporters asked us questions and the film crews started their filming. We were taken off into a prearranged field, where we did some very dodgy detecting shots for the cameras.

All we had with us were our detectors because we didn't know they wanted us out in the field, so we felt and knew we would look like a couple of doughnuts and we did.

Anyhow after that day was done and dusted with ITV and BBC South East, and the reporters had their story we thought that was going to be it. The End. Nah its still going on till this day. After those appearances on TV we had the BBC get in contact with us as they wanted to do a report Nationally as opposed to the local one we had already done. This was duly arranged and shot and went out across the nation and we have been told across the world as well.

Since it happened both Bob and I have had Archaeologists from across the world and other student Archaeologists getting in contact with us and congratulating us and wanting to be friends. Which is good for our hobby.

Well as everyone knows a few months ago English Heritage were doing a big thing on Nighthawking and wanted a couple of detectorists to be interviewed again by the BBC to show the responsible side of detecting. We were asked if we would do it and we said yes. What we didn't know at the time was it was live on the TV. So off we set to meet the same crew that we had done the national interview with, knowing it was going out live was a scary prospect.

We arrived at 6.00 a.m and had to wait around for a few hours, but we did the interview and it all went ok. In between all of this we did quite a few radio interviews as well. As I am writing this now I have recently been contacted by our local FLO and she has informed me she has reports etc on our artefacts so I have to make arrangements to see her to find out what is going on. As I understand it the conservation teams have only just finished their work. So 11 months it has taken them to sort it all out. I suppose 11 months is nothing compared to the 1500 years they have been buried for!

I would like to thank East Sussex County Council and English Heritage for the privilege of showing the images.

We now have some pictures of the artefact's since the conservation work has been completed and we are going to see the artefact's ourselves this coming week, but although I do have some up to date pictures I cannot unfortunately at this stage in time show them to you all as I have not required the relevant permission.

Plus there is a possibility that the images may be released via the media again and I certainly would not want to fall foul of any copyrighting laws. So from Bob (Stanleyman) and me Cliff (Coldstream-02) we offer our apologies on that, but we hope you have enjoyed reading our condensed version of our discovery of an Unknown Saxon Cemetery.

Many Thanks to all who have worked on our story and corrected our mistakes. Happy Hunting Everyone.

About us

UK DETECTOR NET was created on September 28th 2002 to bring together responsible metal detectorists everywhere to discuss the hobby, their finds, the machines they use and a million and one other detecting related subjects.

Visit the forum

<http://www.forumukdetectornet.co.uk/phpBB2/index.php>

Contact UKDN

enquiry@ukdetectornet.co.uk

UKDN newsletters to download

<http://www.forumukdetectornet.co.uk/phpBB2/viewforum.php?f=166>

If you would like to **contribute to the newsletter** please contact either UKDN as above, Phil D via PM, or Corinne Mills at Corinne.mills@ourpasthistory.com

UKDN AIMS

UKDN is a forum for people who are interested in the hobby of metal detecting. UKDN is an online community where members can exchange and share knowledge, their views, discuss the hobby, their finds, the machines they use and a million and one other detecting related subjects.

UKDN actively works towards the following aims:

1. Develop a greater understanding of the hobby and some of the wider issues through healthy pro-active debate within the forum and through the monthly newsletter, which is distributed to, and read by, our membership and beyond. The newsletter includes UKDN based news and articles, as well as wider news, debate, and issues of heritage interest.
2. Provide a platform to inform beginners in the hobby of the basic principles in the use of a metal detector, gaining permission, site research, basic heritage law, farming scheme rules and in the 'best practise' for conservation, recording and co-operation.
3. Actively promotes the 'Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting' to all members of the UKDN online forum and beyond.
4. Encourage all UKDN detectorist's to record their finds with the appropriate bodies (depending where they detect); In England and Wales, this is with the Portable Antiquities Scheme, in Scotland this is the Treasure Trove Unit.
5. UKDN will actively work towards ensuring the future security of the hobby. We will liaise and co-operate with heritage professionals in a way which is mutually beneficial to all parties whilst maintaining our independence, and we encourage their active participation, either in the UKDN online community or through our on-line newsletter.