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Message from UKDN Admin

A warm hello to you all, welcome to another action packed edition of the UK DETECTOR NET newsletter.

Well the main news has to be about the outstanding find made by Terry Herbert, which is currently known as the *Staffordshire hoard*! Those of us who have been around the hobby for longer than we'd care to think about, have on the odd occasion been privy to such finds as they come to light and the press seem to get *'treasure fever'*! What a special find this one is though, 1500 items of gold and silver dug from a field where we're told that eight others had walked across over time with their detectors!

Terry's comment to the BBC was, *"this is what detectorist's dream of"*! The Staffordshire hoard contains about 5kg of gold and 2.5kg of silver, making it far bigger than the Sutton Hoo discovery in 1939 when 1.5kg of Anglo-Saxon gold was found near Woodbridge in Suffolk.

As much as we all would wish to congratulate Terry on his *'find of a lifetime'*, we can take heart that there are wonderful things to be found within our landscape that are still to see the light of day. A cautionary note should be added to this fabulous story and that is that the majority of finds made within the UK are not silver or gold, but the normal everyday iron and copper alloy detritus that folk have lost or thrown away over the millennia .

As is the case whenever such finds occur we're bound to see a huge influx of new members into our great hobby, so make them welcome and let them find their feet and let them find out for themselves that the fields, let alone the streets are not always paved with gold! As for Terry, he now has the Treasure process to go through, something we hope will be the icing on his cake, so congratulations Terry.

If you've not seen the hoard yet we highly recommend the website built by Dan Pett of the Portable Antiquities Scheme, which can be found at: <http://www.staffordshirehoard.org.uk/>

Back with our feet on the ground, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to the Newsletter and again appeal for any material you may feel you can share.

As we head for the mad dash to the fields as the ploughing and drilling season continues, can we make mention of the 'Finds areas' within UKDN where you can get an identification, show your finds, or enter the Find of the Month competition. We also have the new 'Gallery area' where your finds can be placed in your very own personal album as a permanent record. So whatever you find, we'd love to see and hear of your own hard sought after treasures!

Best Wishes from Brian, Mo' and The Team.

UKDN Supporter Platinum !!

Hi Everyone

Believe it or not UKDN became seven years old in late September 2009. Thanks to you all for making it what it is today.

Within the bowels of the forum's operating system is a ranking system which enables the forum owners to put a ranking against a users name. On registering for UKDN all users are ranked as a "Registered User"

During the past couple of years some members have wanted to donate towards the running costs of UKDN and so, to acknowledge their contribution, we changed their rank to "UKDN Supporter" on receipt of a donation.

However, some members want to contribute year in, year out and so now, since September 28th 2006, we felt we needed to acknowledge that continued commitment to UKDN and so created further ranks such as "UKDN Supporter – Bronze", "Silver" and, last year "UKDN Supporter – Gold"

A donation, however large or small, will get you a ranking and in this way, some people who have only been members for one year, have moved up the rankings.

On December 1st we will introduce a new ranking of "UKDN Supporter – Platinum" and anyone donating after that date who is already a "Gold" will move up to "Platinum". If a member is only a Registered User, a UKDN Supporter or a UKDN Supporter – Bronze or Silver then they will simply move up a rank. We will now only move members up one rank per year no matter how many donations they make.

In the following year we will introduce "Diamond" and then after that a special rank of "UKDN Valued Supporter" which will honour the support that member has given to the forum.

All donations are recorded privately and are checked over by a respected member of the forum. All donations will be used for the purpose of paying for the forum server and associated running costs.

We hope this helps you understand the ranking system and how we have tried to acknowledge your support of UKDN.

UKDN still remains free to all end users and no special areas will be created for those who have donated.

Kind regards

Brian, Mo' and The Team

FOM Artefact - Polden Hill Type Roman Brooch Winner — yesma100

One of the advantages to being a member of Taynton Metal Detecting Club is the system of open farms that the club has. The open farms are ones that have been used for club digs or rallies, and club members then have access for the rest of the season. Some farmers allow us to detect on seeded fields whilst others stop us as soon as the plough starts.

The system has been in place for a couple of years and some farms are starting to become a little quiet but all still produce some quality finds.

I had decided to meet up with fellow club member, my sister (the one who introduced me to the hobby) at one of our quieter open farms. It was one of a small handful of farms that had completed the harvest and had, in the past, produced Roman as well as later finds. The fields round the back of the farm are full of Roman pottery, so eyes-only finds are guaranteed if you blank on the rest.

My sister, being an early bird, had arrived at the farm an hour or so before me and I met her having a tea break. The news was not good. She is an accomplished detectorist and uses an Etrac. "Its very quiet" she said. "Only a blank Georgian and hardly any signals".

Undaunted we decided to visit a part of the field that was flooded for most of the previous season. Sure enough I became aware that I was not getting any signals as we made our way across the field. We were now into the target area when I got my first really sweet signal. Neither of us use headphones so my sister stopped to watch me dig the soil. As I lifted the clod up, out fell the instantly recognisable Roman brooch.

I bent down to brush it off and my sister had quite obviously already recognised its shape and was muttering stuff about being "lucky" and calling into question my parentage which, given we are twins, I ignored!

Only a brief clean and it was clearly a lovely, very large, Polden Hill type brooch with some intricate design along the front. Closer inspection showed that the incised design still had some silver inlay. I was very pleased and we both carried on detecting with renewed enthusiasm, however nothing else of any note came up. I went home very happy with the days outing. It is the largest brooch I have found and the patina and decoration are exceptional. I have found some lovely artefacts and this comes up near the top of the list.

Great Hobby!



FOM Artefact - Polden Hill Type Roman Brooch
Winner — yesma100



FOM Coin - Addedonorous Stater Winner — digger33 (Luke)

The coin was found on a field that shows some crop marked enclosures and a round barrow. We have had 3 silver and a few bronze iron age coins from the field but little else. On the day it was found I had not got anything but junk all morning and had been sitting in the car at lunch time dozing with a bit of a headache. After a while a lad on a trials bike came past the car on the track way and woke me up.

Feeling a bit refreshed I decided to carry on detecting so chose a line on the field that showed some deep chalk that had been picked up by the plough. I only followed this for about 30 paces when the signal rang out, so spade in and flick out the earth as normal and there it was - a lump of the soil was showing the edge of a gold coloured object!! I somehow just knew what it was from its thickness and curvature.

I screamed at my mate who was about 100 yards away and ran full pelt towards him. Upon landing I gently peeled off the soil from the horse side while my mate watched and we both gasped at the fantastic quality of the horse and design, I then I did the same for the other side and the strange double crescent device caused an equal gasp. I remember saying that it looked like a very rare type at the time and this has proved to be the case. This is my 7th gold coin of my detecting career and definitely the best thus far.

Digger.



Corinne Mills

"The road from my cottage leading to Kilmany "

Camera: Nikon D60 with kit lens

Exposure: 0.033 sec (1/30)

Aperture: f/13.0

Focal Length: 18 mm



As the captions says I took this photo on the wee road leading from my cottage in the middle of nowhere down to the village of Kilmany and where I join the main road to civilisation.

To capture this I parked my car up the road on the right towards my cottage and then had to sit on the ground by the road side to get the view I wanted. This is a very sharp corner on the hill and is lethal in the winter when snowy or icy—hence the rather bent and distorted road sign.

There is a drop of about five feet to the left of the sign down to the field level.



Spotlight on:

Mal Asterley

30 Years Later - by Mal Asterley

I first picked up a detector around 30 years ago , at the time I was changing my job on a regular basis because I really didn't know what I wanted to spend my life doing and I was the same with my hobbies, one hobby that I did like was collecting and doing a little dealing with Antiques because I liked the history that went with it all and when I saw an advertisement offering Metal Detectors for sale it seemed to me the logical next step to extending my knowledge of history and possibly even finding some myself, you know what I mean? that elusive Hoard and all that, and sorting out my retirement all in one step because I had always wanted to be rich !!

I never even gave a thought at the time as to where I would use this detector I just went out and bought it ! Well how was I to know that every foot of ground in this Country belonged to someone or other and you couldn't just stroll onto it whenever you wanted, so there I was with this nice new machine and nowhere to go with it.

I had treated myself to a C scope because that was the name that you saw everywhere when you read the word " Detecting" , if I remember right it was very basic but it did have a little needle that moved to the right if you got a signal all exciting stuff. Now it was time to find out where I could use it ??.

Metal Detecting Club

Whilst out for a pint local one evening I overheard a couple of guys talking about Metal Detecting so I made my way into their company and they told me they were members of a club only 3 minutes away from where we were drinking and invited me down to the next Monthly meeting. I turned up at the meeting complete with my C scope in hand ! I guess that I thought I would start using it right away but it was 9pm in the evening and it was a wooden floor in the Community Centre ha ha (I was keen though).

I then became a Member of the South Lanc's and Cheshire MDC, a great Club at a time that Detecting was in its infancy, they had their own land and also did Rallies that raised a lot of money for Charities in the area and this in turn brought in more land and respect for the hobby itself. The Club meetings were something not to be missed !!, fun, laughter, comradeship and of course the serious business of getting those nice finds out of the ground and I saw a lot of them !!, didn't get a lot but saw them ha ha.

The Chairman of the Club was totally dedicated to Detecting and he even helped people get started by supplying detectors that you could pay for on a monthly basis so this gave me the chance to upgrade to a Arado IBA 95 a fantastic machine at the time, I wont mention the Chairman's name just yet because he fits into a later story .

Spotlight on:

Mal Asterley

A Memorable Day Out .

One day the Chairman asked me if I would like to join him and an Australian lad who was visiting the Country to go for a few hours detecting and needless to say I jumped at the chance !, we were off to find a pub called "The Morris Dancer" that was said to have a small field by the side of it and was an old pub so we believed that a couple of hundred years ago it would have been used for the local fairs (interesting finds ??).

Off we went but we never had Sat Navs, those days and after an hour searching we still couldn't find it so we dropped off at an old "played out" field that we had used before just to give the detectors a swing , within 10 minutes I found my first Roman !! A Constantine with Romulus and Remus on the back a full centurian head on the front in excellent condition !!, we hammered the field for another hour but sadly the other lads found nothing ha ha ha , lunchtime was with us then so we went to celebrate with a pint and the first pub we saw was "The Morris Dancer" we had found it at last !, sat down with a pint and got talking to the boss, showed him a few old coins that you should always carry to get people interested and asked him could we go on his field ??, no problem lads help yourself !!, and within 10 min again, I found my first hammered a Lizzy 1 half groat also in excellent condition , sadly once again the other lads found nothing ha ha ha.

There is a sting to this tale though !! That Chairman that was with me that day was Crossey ! Yes the same Brian Cross that started this, the best Metal Detecting Forum in the World !!!, and he has got more people into the Hobby than anyone I know a total Icon to Metal Detecting !!. And as for finds ! Well he might not have found a hammered up to then but when I visited him at home a few years later you almost couldn't see the wallpaper for cases of them !! I guess he had the smirk on his face that day ha ha ha .

THAT 28 YEARS .

Well Marriages and Work took its toll on me with regards to detecting and I had to leave it for 28 years due to the pressure but never did get it out of my mind , for many years I kept my detectors but only really used them on beaches while on holiday (to the displeasure of my Wife) but now I am Retired and no longer have a Wife so Im back !!, I got all the kit I need including a Garrett 250 Ace and an XP adx 150 and Im back in the fields, its heavy going these days because the old bones and joints don't work as well but its Magic enjoying the Hobby that you cant forget once you have started it .

Good luck and happy hunting to you all !!!!.

Mal.



Value for Money

By Jif (Ian Lemon)

Being lucky to live where I am out in the country, I can nip out and detect the field in front of my house for a quick hour while allegedly walking the dogs. This weekend was no different and after dinner Saturday evening I grabbed the GMP and took the dogs off out.

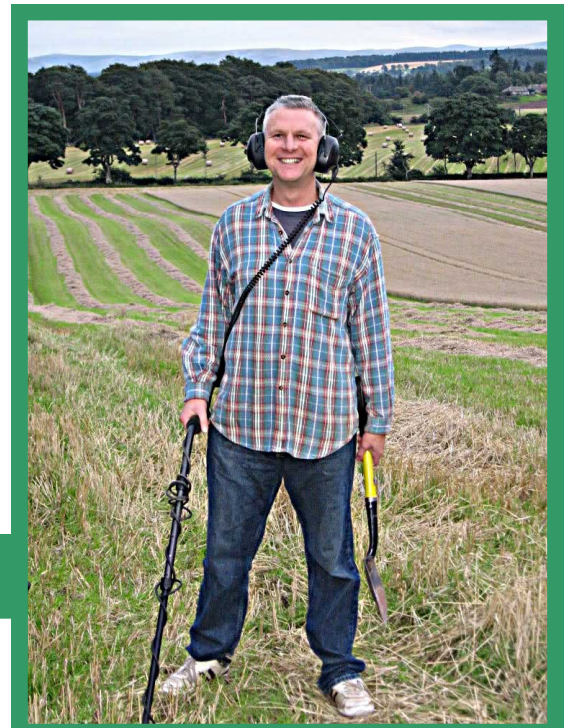
My boys like most children and some adults, have gone mad for the Nintendo DS, all three of them including my five year old have one. The games they play obviously vary due to their ages but the one game they all like is Harvest Moon, the object of the game is to run your own farm, with crops and animals to look after, this has been such a success it led to my middle son having his own vegetable patch in the garden. Imagine his disappointment when the game went missing, each son blamed the other and eventually all admitted defeat after weeks of no luck finding it. So being children of the normal human nature, they came cap in hand to dear old Mum & Dad asking if we could buy them another, we being such understanding parents told them to ask Santa. Of course when Christmas Day came my middle son was not disappointed and beamed from ear to ear at receiving his new Harvest Moon game from Santa.

The field in front of my house has just been ploughed so I have been keen to get out as often as possible before they plant the crops, which I think this year is rape seed. So off I went telling the dogs to run around (well they have to look as if they have been for a good walk). Being just ploughed I was taking even more care than normal. My first signal was coke and my second was lead, ho-hum I thought (or words to that affect) this is going to be another fruitless hour, I decided at this point to head for the centre of the field and then work my way back up to the house. On reaching the centre I then started to walk back up the field, this is when I got one really sweet signal. Yes I thought this is the sort of signal it's all about, wondering what sort of treasure I was about to unearth (it really was as good a signal as that). Imagine my surprise when I rubbed the mud off (yes you've guessed it) the original Nintendo DS Harvest Moon game.

On reaching the house everyone was very impressed when I told them I had found something worth 35.00 pounds, not only with my knowledge of item values but also with the fact I had found something, as lately the good finds have been thin on the ground to say the least. When I produced the DS game everyone was gobsmacked but this was nothing compared to the look on our faces when after a quick rinse and dry we put the game in one of the boys DS machines and it worked no bother. Now that's value for money.

Thanks for reading my story.

Jif.



Request to detect an estate Coreservers

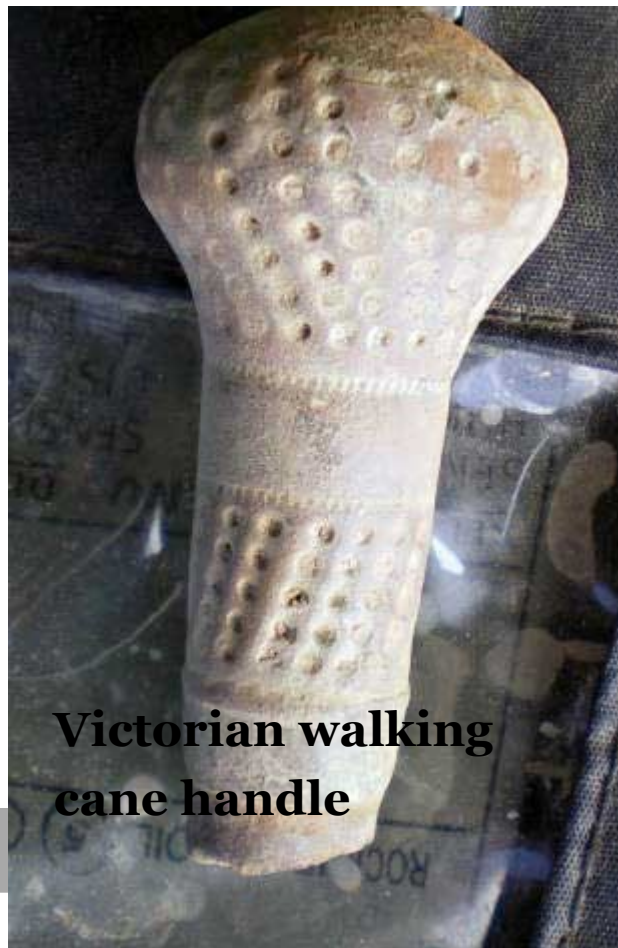
My Wife's daughter is the stable manager for The Bulmer family near Hereford. I'd asked a couple of times about having a go on the estate, but with horses valued in the millions of pounds each, it was always a no.

However this year in early may, as the estate was having an open day, I was asked to visit, and detect the verges of the old main drive and round at the paddock end, and also the narrow lane up to the old church gate, just behind the 12th Century house. As my stepdaughter now has an 18month old son, My wife was all for it too, So off we set.

The 1st morning I set out to do the far paddock end along the river wye, where there was reputedly an old Roman port. Excitedly I set up the T2 and began to swing. Unfortunately all I could hear was the rhythmic pulse of the mains powered electric fence. I was gutted. It would be impossible, as a lot of the horses were in foal, it was too risky to turn off the fences.

So I beat a retreat back to the house and planned to move onto the drive verges. I was less than confident to say the least.

The Old drive verges are nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long and in places the grass was up to my knees, making it impossible. But there were runs of short grass a up to 50 yards long, which were fine, spread out along the length. This proved much better detecting and 3rd signal was a lovely late Georgian early Victorian walking cane handle (pic1), soon followed by an 1867 penny. Definitely an improvement. By 4pm I'd had 4 victorian coins including a nice 1846 silver sixpence. But it was very hot, and I was dehydrated and my diabetes was telling me to eat something, so I walked back to the house.



**Victorian walking
cane handle**

Request to detect an estate Coreservers

Mr Bulmer had asked me to hand all my finds in as he wanted them to be a historical record of comings and going at the estate, and as they were having an open day soon they'd like to display them, I duly did without question. I marked each bag with that each item was, and gave them to him.

Next Day I started straight onto the opposite verge and began swinging. I could run the machine really hot as there was little mineralisation and no interference, So I set the sens way up at 95.

2nd signal was a William 3rd halfpenny (pic2) worn but very readable. A very good find.



William 3rd halfpenny

I had very few signals up this side but made it all the way to the end. By lunchtime. Arms aching as they do when you are not getting signals, I stopped for food, water and a wee sit down. Then began back down the side I'd done half of the day before. After 15 minutes or so I was rewarded with an 1820 George 3rd bullhead shilling forgery(pic3). Not too uncommon, but my favourite find so far, a lot of the silvering remained. Later on checking the estate records a blacksmith was hung for forgery. It's nice to tie these things in.

1820 George 3rd
bullhead shilling
forgery



Request to detect an estate

Coreservers

The last day I did the church lane, but it was very tough detecting, narrow, with high nettles and a lot of burned material. I did manage two 1848 Sixpences (pic4), but that was about it.

The finds were laid out in a case and were given pride of place at the Monnington open day last month.

Coreservers



A Rescued WW2 Sacrifice ...

Mathieu51

In November 2003 I was searching for World War 1 items with my metal detector in a wood not too far from me. I am interested in these items because I have built up a collection from both World Wars which now resembles a museum.

I was near a little town called Jaulgonne in Aisne county (near Belleau Wood). Suddenly I found American cartridges of 50 and 20 mm dated 1944, pieces of aluminium and a dial on which was written fuel pressure. I deduced that the dial had come from a plane because at this time only aircraft had motors with fuel injection. I searched in books looking for planes which would be equipped with these calibre bullets and found it could only be the Lockheed Lightning P-38.

Then I met residents of Jaulgonne who lived in the town in that period. They confirmed to me that it was an American aircraft which crashed at this place after being hit by flak. They told me that the name of the pilot was something like Key? Kay? Or McKay? And that the date was about the end of July or beginning of August 1944.

I work in an American military cemetery and in July 2004 I went to Belgium for an horticulture training session. I met an assistant superintendent who is interested, like me, in history. I talked to him about the aircraft and he proposed to help me. I gave him the information which I had and the following day he gave me a copy of the 8th Air Force register. It was written within that William B McKay, 479th Fighter Group was killed in action on 27th July 1944.

The superintendent also gave me addresses of the US Army archives to obtain the Missing Air Crew Report and the Individual Deceased Personal File concerning William B McKay.

I wrote to the US Army archives and I obtained the documents which allowed me to learn William's story.

I know that he lived in Shelbyville, Tennessee. I then sent an email to Geneva Smith who was Shelbyville's Mayor. She put me in touch with William's family. I learnt that William did not weigh enough to be accepted into the Air Force, so ate loads and loads of bananas to be able to make the weight requirement to go to war. He married Louise just before he left for the war. They never had children together.

All of the searches allowed me to collect information about the crash. Let's go back to 1944.

It was on 27th July 1944 at 7.45 pm that two fighter bombers are flying in the sky of Marne's Valley. Suddenly the two pilots see on the Paris/Strasbourg railway, a German train with a red cross, between Jaulgonne and Varennes. The anti-aircraft guns on the train make them suspicious of the train's neutrality. The two pilots decided to attack; Lt William B McKay and Lt. Ivan A Ervin are strafing the train firstly from Jaulgonne to Varennes direction and then from the Varennes to Jaulgonne direction. The locomotive is exploding but the German guns are replying and Williams' plane is hit by flak.

Lt. McKay's Lightning, hit in the tail, is plunging towards Plessier Wood, 200 metres west of Jaulgonne. The aircraft struck an embankment on the left of the road then bounced just 50 metres from an electric pylon and a man, Mr Pognon, who was walking nearby.

A Rescued WW2 Sacrifice ...

Mathieu51—Matt



**Lockheed
Lightning P-38**



A Rescued WW2 Sacrifice ...

Mr Pognon was not killed, nor were the pylons cut by the plane. In the crash William's was ejected and his parachute opened but he was unfortunately already dead. When the plane touched the ground for the final time, it exploded in a fireball of orange, yellow and black colours.

Mr Roger Machin, inhabitant of Jaulgonne is reaping a field near the crash place. "The plane was pulverised and we had to shake the trusses of corn to shake out the pieces of metal from the plane."

Lt. Ivan flew around the crash scene but didn't see anything moving. He went back to England and was killed two months later on 14th Sept 1944.

The inhabitants of Jaulgonne ran to the crash scene and Mr Montatlant, Mayor of Jaulgonne, took William's body to the cellar of the town hall. Williams' papers were taken by a Mr Mousseron.

The Germans from Varennes also ran to the crash site and they were body searching people. They had found a wreck without a pilot. Brutally the Germans were pushing away the people of Jaulgonne who were eager to find the parachute to make clothes because, in 1944, material of this quality is rare and very expensive.

The body of Williams was at the town hall. The local Resistance wanted to do a 'patriotic' burial. A Mr Plaie, joiner in Jaulgonne, made a coffin for William. The veterans of WW1 were leaving flowers and were looking after William's body.

The Germans went back to the crash site and took away the biggest pieces of the aircraft because this metal was also rare and expensive at this time. Then, they went to the town hall and took the coffin with William inside and insulted the Mayor of the town Mr Montatlant.

They threw the coffin on top of a heap of metal in a truck.

The Germans sent Williams body to Reims where he was be buried in the western civilian cemetery.

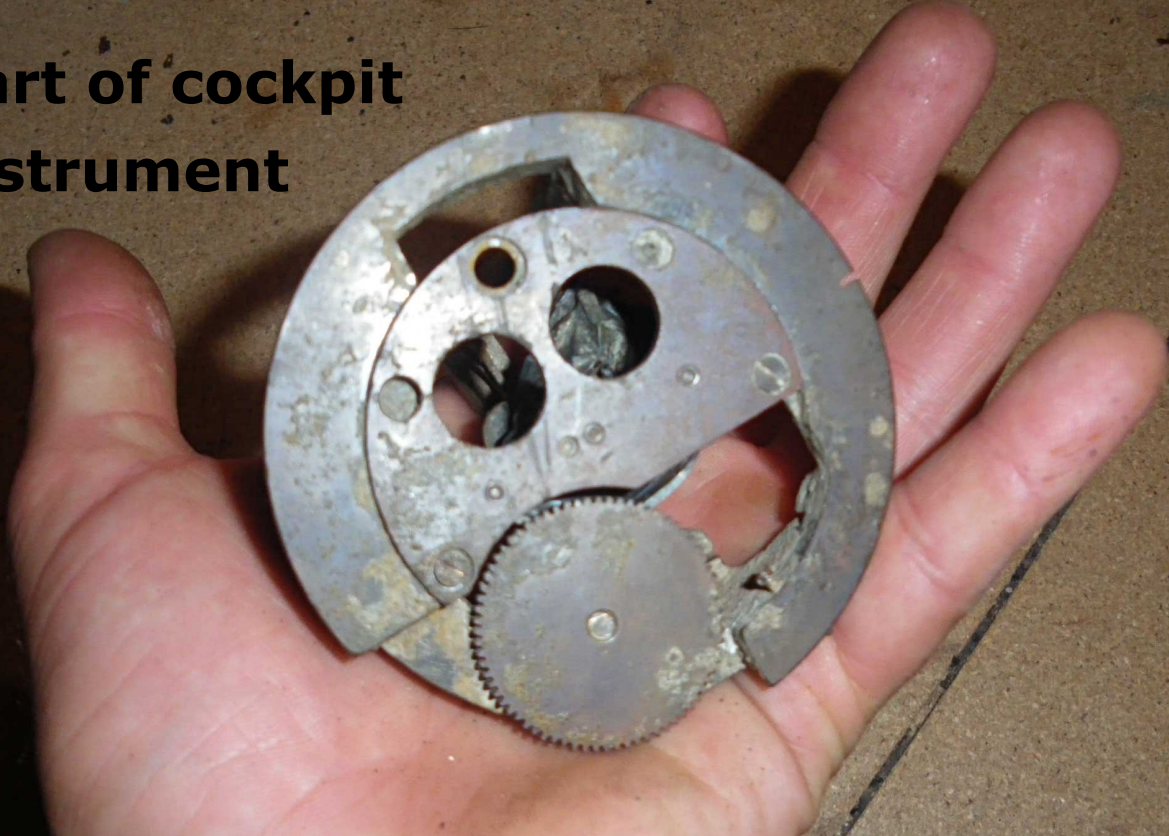
After the Liberation, the Americans exhumed Williams and reburied him in the provisional American cemetery in Champigneul, near Chalons/Marne.

After the war, Mary Louise, William's wife had William's body sent back to the USA. William's body arrived on November 4th 1948 at Shelbyville, Tennessee where he lived before the war.

William Brown McKay body now rests in the familial cemetery of Willow Mount at Shelbyville, TN.

A Rescued WW2 Sacrifice ...

**Part of cockpit
instrument**



**Mass of parts found which includes
hydraulic pipes, compass parts, fuel
pressure guage, electric cables etc**



A Rescued WW2 Sacrifice ...

50mm and 20 mm ammunition



unidentified part



If Anglo-Saxon England was this rich, no wonder the Vikings raided it for centuries!

I think most of us have now heard about Terry Herbert's amazing find of Anglo-Saxon Gold and silver and most of us have seen the informative website <http://www.staffordshirehoard.org>. and the images of a number of the finds on flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/finds/sets/72157622378376316/>

It will be years before all the implications of this fantastic find are worked out, and no doubt the debates will rumble on indefinitely - but the speed at which this find has been declared Treasure, the key information made available online and the story released to Joe Public and the press takes some beating - as does some of the wild press speculation which followed.

It certainly has caught the public's imagination and the newspapers and the internet have been full of the story some good – and some not so good, but it has certainly brought the hobby of metal detecting into the limelight and no doubt will have encouraged a number of people to take up this hobby.

But would you know what to do if you made a discovery like Terry's?

It is vital that you seek expert help *as soon* you discover something large below the ploughsoil, or a concentration of finds (like the ones Terry discovered) . You need to ensure that the landowner/occupier's permission is obtained before you seek this help.

Who do you ask to help? Well, your local Finds Liaison Officer may be able to help or if not (highly unlikely!) will be able to advise of an appropriate person. Reporting the find before its all removed doesn't change your rights of discovery or affect any reward, but will result in far more archaeological evidence being discovered by allowing the archaeologists to excavate the site properly. They will often involve you in this excavation by working together to gather the maximum amount of information about a find and its context.

What is Treasure?

For your find to qualify as Treasure it just means that it has to be made of at least one tenth silver or gold and be more than 300 years old.

Really old finds that are more than 2100 years old do not have to be made of gold or silver to count as Treasure. Any metal objects, even ones that are made of bronze /copper alloy can be Treasure.

Coins as well as objects can be Treasure. If the finds are a group of coins then they have a special set of treasure rules. They are Treasure if there are two or more gold or silver coins or 10 or more copper alloy coins.

If you find any of these Treasure finds, you have to tell either a Finds Liaison Officer (FLO), or the local area Coroner. (The FLO will do all the leg work for you)

You need to report these within 14 days from when you realized that the find might be treasure to the FLO or the Coroner by law.

Finally—Take lots of photos of the find before you hand it over as you will not normally have the opportunity to handle the item again.

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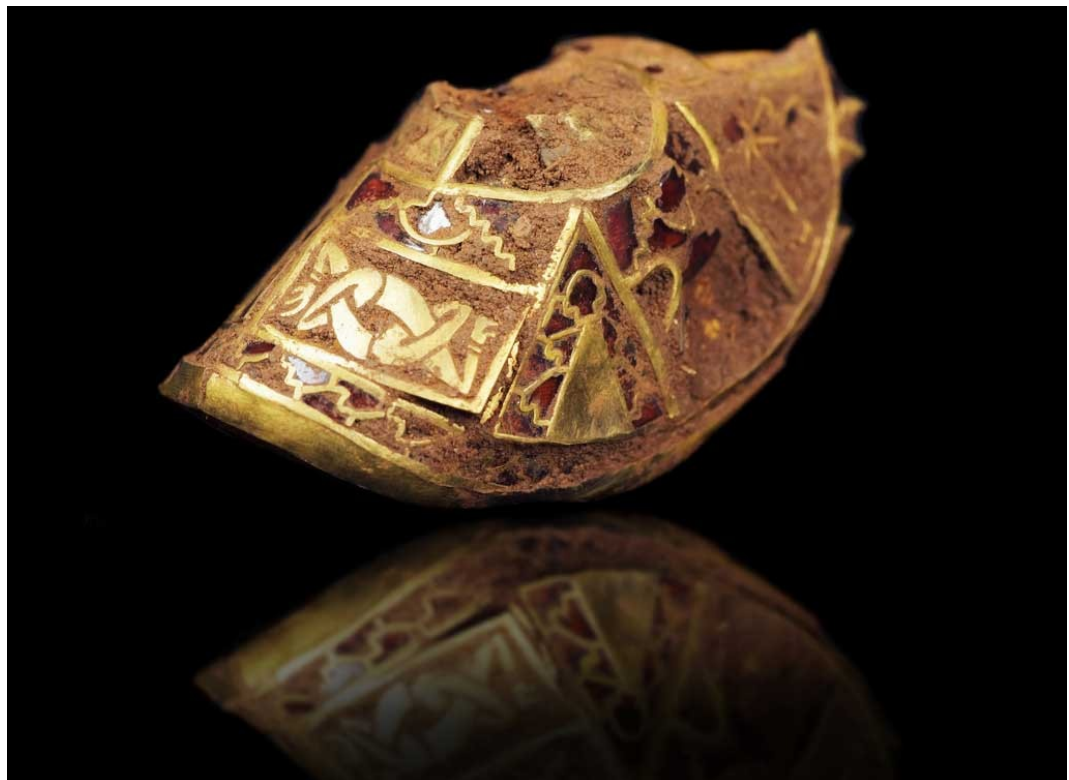
Above : Hilt collar from a type of single-edged sword . The settings are missing from the ends but are surrounded by filigree. Some of the sword fittings in the hoard exhibit a running artwork known as Salin's Style II.

This style of animal-related artwork showed elongated beasts which are intertwined in complex, symmetrical patterns. Examples of this style were also found at Sutton Hoo.

71 sword hilt collars have been identified so far. They would have adorned a sword or seax (short sword or knife). Their elaborate and expensive decoration - many are made of gold and inlaid with garnets - suggests the weapons were once the property of the highest echelons of nobility.

Right :

Despite its damage and uncleaned state this is a stunning gold mount (it has also been suggested it may be a brooch) covered with garnet cloisonné decoration.



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**Left:**

Gold sword hilt collar with garnet cloisonné and Zoomorphic design - note the recent plough damage (the other side is even more damaged). This would have fitted around the grip of a sword

Right:

Pyramidal fittings were functional and were attached to the suspension straps of a sword or seax scabbard as a form of toggle where they tightened the scabbard suspension loop

The one on the left is Cloissonné Foil-backed Geometric design with Garnets

The one on the right is Cloissonné Foil-backed Zoomorphic design with Garnet with with on each of the four faces



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Recording an Anglo-Saxon story

Right:

Terminal ending in an animal's head, back curved suggesting that it is the terminal of a helmet crest. Gilt Incised Zoomorphic



Left:

Helmet Cheek Piece.

D shaped plate covered in style II animals, Incised Niello with Zoomorphic designs



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Below:

Millefiori Stud

Setting containing a glass gem with a black and white chequer board



Above:

Scabbard Boss

Cloisonné gold button , geometric design and garnets



Left:

Gold plate in the form of two Style II eagles, opposed to each other and separated by fish, bent and damaged. Blue glass eyes.

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Right:

A strip of gold with an inscription on both faces.

It has an animal head terminal at one end, other ends in a setting.

The inscription reads: 'surge d[omi]ne [et] dissepentur (for dissipentur) inimici tui et fugent (for fugiant) qui oderunt te a facie tua'

('rise up, o Lord, and may thy enemies be scattered and those who hate thee be driven from thy face'). Numbers 10.35 (Vulgate).



Left:

Gold Cross bearing five roundels and a D shaped plate, three of the lateral roundels are fitted with ears. Rivet holes for fittings (some of which were found) are present.

It is folded but other than the loss of the settings used to decorate it (some of which, containing glass or gems are present, but detached) it appears complete.

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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

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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.

Saxon Brooches

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Types



Annular



Applied Disc



Bird



Button



Cruciform



Disc



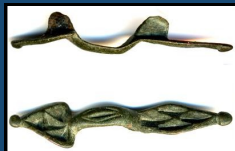
Equal Armed



Penannular



Quoit



Radiate Headed



Saucer



Small Long



Square Headed

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Who wore them, what are the different types & why are they decorated? 5th & 6th C Brooches & Pins

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Translating animal art (click on text & images .pdf) Cruciform, Square Headed & Small Long Umbonate

Survey of Florid type Cruciform

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