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to our 101st issue, launched at the start of what we hope will be another successful detecting year. Christmas and 2016's New Year festivities are just about over at launch date, and we are all probably a little bit jaded after all the festive over indulgences. Over the next few days we will be brushing off the cobwebs, dusting down our detectors, and attempting to get out for a few hours, if the weather allows us to.

We had a fantastic response to the UKDN 2015 Christmas Draw. We raised £874.25 which has now been sent to Macmillan Cancer Care and a picture of the cheque will be posted on to the forum very soon. Details of all the lucky winners can be found inside this issue. The Team at UKDN would like to thank you all for all the generous donations you made, which enabled us to raise a huge amount of money for a very worthy cause.

This issue contains all the usual features, including your monthly competition results, Latest News & Views, New Members List, and a special long-term feature at the back of the magazine entitled "Local Heroes". This section will contain PAS features, stories of detectorists helping in the local community, useful websites, and details of new members. It will be a compilation of features already in your Word magazine plus some new ones, but gathered together in one section. We hope you will like this new feature.

This month also sees the first of a series of articles by John Fargher about silver - a series that's likely to be very popular indeed. And, OGJ has a thought provoking article in this issue, in addition to his third place story in our popular 500 words competition from earlier this year.

Don't forget that in the next week or so the forum will be holding the monthly competitions as well as the Annual competitions for Coin and Artefact of the Year. Please look in when prompted by the bulk email we send out, as your votes will help decide the winners.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a Happy New Year and may we all make some great finds during 2016.



Christmas Draw results

***Ruslan with the 1st Prize
- an XP Deus Full.***

UKDN Christmas draw raises £874.25 for Macmillan Cancer Support

We held another successful Christmas Draw this December. The draw ran from 1st December until 16th December and Nigel Ingram from Regton did the draw and placed the video on Youtube. You can see the video by going to [YouTube link here](#)

Below is the full list of prize winners:

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Deus | Ruslan |
| 2. CS1MX | John 32 |
| 3. Go-Find 20 | Cabbie Man |
| 4. Garrett Pro-Pointer | TE Tracker |
| 5. TH Mag | Any Metal John |
| 6. TH Mag | Chunky 5211 |
| 7. White's phones | Grumpy Grandpa |
| 8. 6 x Staters | Lobolad |
| 9. Book | JPD103 |
| 10. Beanie hat | Puffin |
| 11. Beanie hat | Greagsbey |



Did you See

With almost 500 members visiting every single day and 100's of new posts every day it is so easy for you, the members of UKDN, to miss out on some very interesting posts. So, each month in the magazine we will bring to your attention some posts that you might have missed like.....click on the link

<i>My first roman gold coin</i>	<i>Stonehenge may have been first erected in Wales</i>
<i>Ceolwulf coin</i>	<i>Rare Saxon coin found in Wiltshire</i>
<i>The Watlington Hoard</i>	<i>Medieval Annular Ring Brooch today</i>
<i>Key Ring??</i>	<i>Some Nice Roman Coins & Iron Age Loom Weights</i>
<i>Never Delay Searching A New Permission</i>	<i>Coin Cleaning</i>
<i>Roman silver</i>	<i>Roman ???</i>
<i>Florin</i>	<i>Do you run a club or r involved in a club?</i>
<i>Another 4 Denari from the Roman field!</i>	<i>MY CTX PROGRAMMES FREE FOR DOWNLOAD.. MERRY X-MAS</i>
<i>Three Wise Men - Joyful & Triumphant - 46 Roman</i>	<i>Dress hook? for info</i>
<i>8 gold pieces found by 8 different detectorists</i>	<i>Took about 5 years to get this identified!!</i>

Coin of The Month

Winner - Plodite Trajan Denarius



I've been a member of my club for just over two years now and it's a great little club. I like the warmth and friendliness the more experienced members show towards the newbies, and how they are always willing to share their wealth of knowledge and experience. One of the things we all share is information and finds in the field as they happen.

So on a dig you will hear shouts of 'hammered' or 'Roman' as members start to make finds. This is really useful as it helps everyone locate those elusive 'hotspots' that can be very productive. This was the case on this dig. The club had detected this land before; it's a large farm with many acres of land to detect.

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MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

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The only problem is it's a long way from where we are based, with most members travelling in excess of 2 hours to get there. This can have an effect on how many turn up I think. I mean who wants to travel 2 hours to find very little when you can drive 15 mins from your house and find the same?

A lovely Celtic unit

The previous week only three members had attended. This had been a new field and they found a hotspot. They duly informed the rest of us they had come away with a number of decent Roman bronzes and a lovely Celtic silver unit. Needless to say there quite a few more attending the following week, which was scheduled to be the same large field.

Put the world to rights

The weather forecast was rain and high winds for most of the day as it had been for a few days previous. They were not wrong. I was prepared. I had my fishing waders and thermal underwear to hand. The weather wasn't gonna put me off. It was an early start for me and my mate, leaving home shortly after 6am. It rained heavily all the 2 and a half hour journey there and strong winds buffeted my little 1L car.

We passed the time by putting the world to rights, discussing everything from politics to celebrity jungle.

My name is on it

Inevitably the conversation comes to the dig in question. What's been found before? What you hope to find etc. I said 'Today there is a Denarius or a silver unit with my name on it' Then again I have said something similar most weekends for the last 5 years and hadn't had either as yet. I was thinking if I don't come home with at least 1 half decent Roman bronze then I will be disappointed. Little did I know.

May come across a hoard

We arrived on site in good time and set about getting kitted up. This normally takes me some time, as I am one of those who likes to be prepared for any eventuality. This changes with the seasons but in winter means extra clothes, gloves, socks, burner for hot soup and just in case various hats, scarves and hand warmers. I take an old copy of Spink and even a roll of cling film (well you never know when you may come across a hoard).

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MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

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Duly kitted up we set off to the field in question. Before starting, the 3 lads who attended last week pointed out where they had found the hotspot, which was on the far side of the field.

We all set off at our own pace heading for that area. I tend to detect quite slowly and knowing this was a productive site was using one of the hot programmes for the Deus best suited for mineralised ground.

Already at the hotspot

After about 15 mins I had dug just 3 signals - two shotty caps and a piece of scrap copper. I also noticed the lack of iron in the ground. It was at this point that I saw some members were already at the hotspot and perhaps a change of pace was called for to get to the mineralised areas,

Stopped my in my tracks

I duly picked up the pace of my swing. I took about 10 steps and had a strong high tone. This stopped me in my tracks. That's a definite digger I thought. I dug out a spade full of soggy wet mud and checked the hole. No signal. Checked the clod. Same strong signal. Detector down, pinpointer out, I quickly found the target.

As I gently teased it out from beneath the mud I could see what appeared to be a silver coin. At that point I tried to contain my excitement as too many times before I thought I may have something nice only to finally reveal a bottle top or an obscure piece of food wrapper.

Cautiously I continued to clean away the mud until there was no denying it anymore. I had found my first denarius. I was stunned; just couldn't believe it. Bursting with excitement I called over to the nearest members to me and shouted "Denarius".

Members were speculating

They came over to have a look and were almost as pleased for me as I was for myself. Soon the word had spread and everyone gathered to have a look. Some members were speculating as to which emperor it was, but ID was difficult because it still had plenty of mud on it which I refused to clean off until I got home.

Moved into the known hotspot

One person did say Trajan though, which turned out to be correct. I continued to detect in that area but to no avail and eventually moved into the known hotspot. I did manage a Roman grot later in the day.

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MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

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Other members had found several Roman bronzes and a couple of hammered by the end of the day.

It was dark by the time we left the site but the journey home didn't seem as long as the journey there somehow.

The dig was on a Saturday, and on Sunday I proudly recorded both of my Roman coins on PAS. By Tuesday they had been published with a full ID. It's so important to record your finds, even the most poorly conditioned Roman grots. Every little helps us understand our incredible history

(c) Plodite December 2015



Artefact of the Month

Winner - Gooner Papal Bulla of Pope Innocent VI 1352-1362



On the 15th November this year myself and four others had decided to detect a farm that we've had some success with in the past with the usual buckles, strapends and the odd hammered turning up.

Past finds also included the vast amounts of WW11 shrapnel that we are used to in this particular village in Kent.

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Artefact of the Month

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As it was the same village where I'd found the Cnut penny in September albeit a different farm at the other end of this tranquil little hamlet I was more than happy to return.

A couple of distinct hotspots

The first field has a couple of distinct hotspots that we headed for and the first few digs I had were buttons, lead dross and shrapnel but Dave had three jettons within the first half hour so I thought it was going to be his day. Then Martin pulled out a damaged Lizzy halfgroat and Dave had a Lizzy sixpence, "Definitely not my day" I thought as I trundled off to the next field which we thought had a possible house site in it.

Exactly the same time

In the past I have found an annular brooch pin and a Henry V1 annulet penny and earlier this year at exactly the same time Dave had a lovely spectacle buckle.

Martin had a Saxon open work strap-end and I had a cut quarter, very weird when three people all look up at the same time and we all had a find !

Pretty hard going

On this occasion I was the only one on the field and it was pretty hard going then completely out of the blue just as these things tend to be a huge signal jolted me back into life and as I looked down I could see the rim of a lead object just showing through the soil.

Never in my wildest dreams

I first thought before I'd retrieved it from the ground it was going to be a homemade lead weight that I've found in the past, but the second it was out I knew what it was. As I said when I posted it on the forum I've never had it on my wish list as I never thought in my wildest dreams I would find a Papal Bulla!

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Treasure hunting

BRITAIN'S BEST SELLING
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Artefact of the Month

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It certainly surprised me when I cleaned it and saw the condition it was in. I really think I stared at it for a couple of minutes before I took a photo and sent it to the other guys. It turns out to be a Papal Bulla of Pope Innocent VI 1352-1362 a truly once in a lifetime find.

The Bulla is now in the hands of Tim Pestell the curator of Archaeology at Norwich museum who has a passion for Bullas and is going to record it and see if he can determine what it came from, in fact he's now had it longer than I have !

(c) Gooner December 2015



Treasure hunting

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Monthly Competitions Runners up



***Midhurst
Charles II Penny***

***Stubble Hunter
Republican Denarius
Of M. Sergius Silus***



***Tinner
Richard I Penny***



Monthly Competitions Runners up



***Above: Dendro Tom - Saxon
Equal Arm Brooch
Left: topdog son - Silver Gilt
Artefact***



***Above: Ocker - Celtic Fastener
Above Right: Arfrape - Roman T-shape
Brooch***



***Bottom Left: Ridgyman - Anglo-
Saxon 8th/9th C Brooch pin
Bottom Right: Tinner - Silver Thimble***



News and Views from December 2015

Barrow detectorist's third treasure discovery

Roman Hoard Found

Viking Hoard Found By Man With Metal Detector

Bus driver's delight after discovering WW1 Medal

Lost treasure from the Last Kingdom.

The Watlington Hoard

Such a shame when friends fall out

Stonehenge may have been first erected in Wales

Austria boy finds euro banknotes in Danube

Rare Saxon coin found in Wiltshire

PAS Conference 2015 registration

Oscar Pistorius

Update on Lenborough hoard

500 WORD'S

C O M P E T I T I O N

My First Foray By Old Git John (Our 3rd Place Entry - sorry it's late !!)

My first foray into metal detecting was around ten years ago, not long before I joined UKDN.

I had gone to Bristol, to visit one of my two brothers, whom I had not seen for over thirty years. It was to say the least an odd occasion which could have gone either way, but, he asked me if I would like go detecting on one of his sites, offering to loan me one of his machines, which turned out to be a Minelab Explorer XS.

We travelled about 20 miles to a large farm, and after he had had a chat with the farmer, headed for a deeply sloping field, laid to grass. It was long and narrow, and, by the time I was about a third of the way up the steep slope, "Tony" was near to the top. I got a belter of a signal in the headphones, and started to dig, and, at around 9" down uncovered what turned out to be an Edward 1st penny, in reasonable condition. I was now well and truly hooked.

When it came time for me to return home, my brother suggested that I take the detector with me, to see how I liked it. The result found me out every possible day, somewhere. On day two I went to a beach, several miles away, and found just one coin, a modern sixpence, which I have still got.

Within a short time I attended my first rally, the very last Thornham one, a round trip of about 800 miles, all for a couple of grotty halfpennies, and a bunch of new friends , most of whom are still friends.

All in all, this hobby changed my life for evermore, and I do not know where I would turn if ever I have to give it up.

UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Winner - Coenwolf

Fieldfare riding out storm Barney



Runners Up Featured Overleaf

UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Runners-up -



***Chris Hall - The Sussex Weald
Olympus OM-D E-M1 + 7-14mm Pro lens***



Puffin - Late evening, Canon 450D

UKDN FUN DSLR - Camera PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Runners-up -



***Jimmytheferret - I Want That One.
Nikon D300S plus Tamron 150-600***



Restyler - Fruit

UKDN FUN POINT, PRESS & PRAY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Winner - Casa-Dos

Lone Leaf.....Fuji HS 10



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ARE YOU SAVVY ABOUT SILVER ?

Pt 1 - IN PURSUIT OF A NEW PASSION

BY JOHN FARGHER

Long gone are the days when I was able to rise at five, be on the road by six, be unpacking my detector by seven thirty, and then carry on to do a full day's detecting. For more years than I care to remember, this Sunday timetable was as regular as a well-oiled clock and I would not arrive back home until my evening meal was burnt to a crisp in the oven, and the wife was wearing "one of those faces". Then, with a bit of luck, and the wind blowing in the right direction, she would go into Silent Mode for a couple of days, which would allow me to quietly sort out, identify, and clean up my Sunday's finds without insult or interruption!

By this time next year I will have passed the eighty year mark and, although fortunate enough to have missed major health problems so far, I have to admit that my once plentiful energy levels have dwindled dramatically.

I have already smashed through the "Short Drive and Half a Day Detecting" barrier and reached the "Someone else Driving – One hour on the Field – Two hours Asleep in Hedge" point in my detecting career. And it just won't do!

I desperately want to go back in time. Back to the early days of the 1980's, when Liverpool's Victorian parks were virgin territory and producing pocketsful of coins, jewellery, badges, buttons, and other tasty trinkets at every visit. Not possible, I fear!

My Productive Parks period was followed by ten years of balmy Sundays spent in Barmby Moor, North Humberside, on huge farm fields and in the company of my three regular detecting friends and partners from Blackpool and beyond. Halcyon Days, indeed!

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Not silver but one of my favourite finds.

Or perhaps I could re-visit those glorious twenty five years or so during which I would travel across to East Anglia, three or four times each year, to meet up with another band of field-furtling brothers who would introduce me to some wonderfully productive sites across three counties, while we all behaved like naughty schoolboys on holiday.

These epic week long stints, tiring though they were, were an experience not to be missed.....and the major contributors to my personal collection of coins and antiquities. Oh, How I enjoyed them!

To complete my Metal Detecting CV, I must remember to give full acknowledgement to Brian and Mo' Cross for the occasions when they took me with them to 'foreign parts', to dress up in dry suits like demented red-faced strangefish and dredge warm Mediterranean waters in pursuit of the casual losses of countless careless holidaymakers from a score of different countries. We three have been the closest of friends for over thirty years and, without doubt, these were the most pleasurable, laughter-filled, days we have spent together. Lucky ol' me !



A Hallmarked Thimble

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Parks were always kind to me

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Close friends they may be but, whenever I dare to complain loudly about being unable to get out detecting as often or for as long as I would like, Brian and Mo quickly remind me that, in detecting terms, I have "Been there....Seen it....Done it... And have the tee shirt (quite literally) to prove it", and that I should rejoice in the fact, rather than moan.

To be honest, they are perfectly correct, for my slimline diary and ever-shortening Christmas card list are constant reminders that many of my happiest and most productive detecting days were spent in the company of friends who are no longer with us, but are sadly missed. I am, indeed, the lucky one!



John & Mick - The Ipswich Two

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*A Farm Find - Silver Pocket Watch -
Cleaned Up*

Perhaps I may be forgiven for my fully acknowledged selfish attitude, though, as the hobby of Metal Detecting has been my lifelong passion and, quite suddenly, I began to see my role in it disappearing and dying before my eyes. A life without passion has never been an option for me so, a few years back, when age began to catch up with me, people started to make comment that I should no longer be let out alone, and the neighbours won the injunction banning me from my nightly bagpipe recitals, I decided that, if I could no longer pursue my metal detecting passion to the extent that I would

like, then I would need to find another passion to fill the gap..... And that is what I have done.

With far fewer physical requirements, and no need for seasonal or weather conditions to be taken into account, I have managed to replace antiquities with antiques.....or, rather, extend my passion from one to the other. I now collect small items of silver.....card cases, snuff boxes, vinaigrettes, vesta cases, sovereign holders, and suchlike.



More East Anglian Friends

Going to auctions, antique fairs, junk shops, and car boot sales undoubtedly requires a lot less physical effort than a day on a rough ploughed field, but it is also true to say that it is nowhere near as pleasurable.

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Above: After a fortnight in the water

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Easier on the joints and muscles it may be, but it can sometimes prove to be more than a tad painful in the pocket department. But, as with metal detecting's much prized artefacts and coins, there is inbuilt 'history' in these little silver "objects of vertu", lots and lots of room for research, and some half decent display skills are required to show off a collection to best effect.



You can see why I'm smiling

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One of my favourite fields

Although recognising that there are plenty of other passions available to Over The Hill detector users like me, including stamp collecting, train spotting, fog knitting, and similar sleep inducing pastimes, I think there is an almost direct connection between metal detecting and silver collecting. For me, it is a marriage of passions, the like of which has never been seen since Debbie did Dallas. So, given the space on the page and the tolerance of both the Admin Staff and the readers, over the next few issues of Word, I would like to share a little of my new passion with my old compatriots and, in the process, highlight some of the points at which my two interests come together.

As I have never been known as someone who writes "serious stuff" it is likely that, at times, I will use far too many words, ramble on quite a bit, go off the point completely when I shouldn't, unintentionally get some **f a c t s w r o n g** , unashamedly reminisce about times past, and bore some totally disinterested people to death for good measure. But, for those who stick with it, I hope to produce some helpful and interesting words that are of use to them while pursuing their primary passion.....for Metal Detecting.



*Left: A
Gorgeous
Silver Spoon*

*Below: The
Spoon's
Hallmark*



Next Month : Pt. 2. What does a Hallmark tell you ?

Losing a site need not be the end of it.

By Old Git John

About 8 or 9 years ago, I went for a drive, which in part took me near to Penzance. I found myself going down a made up lane, not knowing to where it would take me, and then onto an unmade muddy track, which passed a large farmhouse, before coming to what turned out to be four large fields. Two well away from the house, one directly behind it, and the other slightly offset, behind it.



***Edward II Ind Penny
Found on these fields***

I decided to turn around and go chance my arm, by asking for permission to detect there. That became in a way a comedy situation, as, the first person I spoke to, who was the owner, was profoundly deaf, and, in order for him to understand me, he

almost needed to stand on my toes, his face less than six inches from mine. I eventually managed to make myself understood, and was given his reply, which was, "You better go ask - ----, if he says yes, tis awrite with me, he's down yonder road", with that pointing a little further west, but clear enough to guide me to a point about two miles away.



***Imitation gold guinea
"In Memory of the good
old days"***

Within a few minutes I entered the farmyard, and was greeted by two young lads on quad bikes, who ask who I wanted, I explained, and was told by one, "He's not here but, he's my dad, I'll ring him".

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Georgian halfpenny

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Not long thereafter the farmer arrived, and I gave him the details, his reply being, "You'll need to ask --- -, he owns the land, I only rent it, if he says yes 'twill be OK with me". I was being told to ask the owner, from whom I had just come, and so returned, to let him know that I had been given the OK.

My time on the site was initially restricted to one week, due to crops having to be planted. I was there, every day for that week, and deciding to concentrate on the "house field".



Tiny button

It turned out to be very interesting, with a good number of finds coming up, using my Explorer XS. None of the finds were spectacular, but all were interesting, ranging from two flint tools identified as one Neolithic, and one Mesolithic scraper, as well as a variety spread over numerous years, a few of which are shown here.



Paris Button

It came to be that I did not detect on the land again, due to a couple of health issues requiring operations, but, I did return to take a photo album over, which I had put together, to show finds which had come from their field, plus some from elsewhere. Sadly Mr farmer had passed away without my knowing, he was a lovely man.

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Square-ended watch key

The images were a bit like handing over a lottery win, by the reaction. I decided to leave, feeling that now was not the right time to ask about going back on.

However, about two weeks ago I did go to visit, and took the opportunity to enquire, ----, looked very apologetic in her refusal, but explained, "We have to think about our grand children" I said not to worry, and that it was understandable, promising to see her again soon.

That came around in less than a week, when I was told that the dear lady had decided to buy a detector for the grandson, asking for my advice, which I duly gave, leaving her with half a dozen copies of Searcher magazine for the lad, now a 12 year old.

Imagine my surprise at getting a call a couple of days later, to let me know that 24 hours after I had been over a brand new Ace 250 had been delivered from Regtons.

It was what followed, which really prompted this article, which nearly floored me, and made me realise just how important our relationships, whether it be with members of the farming community we rely on so very much, or those with every other person we will ever meet, (or maybe not meet)



Serpent clasp

It came last week when ---- asked if I would do her a huge favour, (not my words). it was this, "John, would you be so kind as to come over, and teach my grandson to use his detector, and how to detect properly?" Would you refuse a request like that ? I couldn't, and all is arranged.

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Silvered Button



Clothing Fastener



Gilded Mount

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Now, the point of all this;- A refusal must never be allowed to spoil a friendship. I have only lost a tiny amount of land, on which to detect on my own, I have however hung onto that friendship and trust, gained from going down a lane to somewhere I did not know was there waiting for me.

GOOD HUNTING. OGJ



Small Brooch

WHAT IS THE OUTLOOK FOR ARABLE AND FEED MARKETS IN 2016?

NEWS

29 DEC 2015

BY JOEL DURKIN

SHARE

After a tough year for grain markets, Joel Durkin looks ahead to what farmers can expect in 2016

Farmers must manage the price risk of their crops amid a difficult period for grain marketing.

That was the claim from Jonathan Lane, Gleadell trading director, reflecting on a challenging year for the arable sector.



He said the US and Europe had retained a defensive price outlook and there remained the possibility prices could see further falls.

He said: "In the US, wheat prices have continued to slide following another good harvest.

"This, combined with the market's failure to find enough export outlets, maintains the defensive price outlook for one of the world's largest exporters well into 2016.

"With an eye to new crop, we have witnessed a steady improvement in US winter wheat crop ratings, with reports putting the crop at 55 per cent good-excellent, up 6 per cent points from the start of December."

Mr Lane also explored the new Argentine government's plan to cut export taxes on wheat and corn.

"The drop in tax could open up Argentina to increasing grain exports, which could in turn cut into potential demand for US hard red winter wheat, especially to Brazil. The tax cut could also encourage Argentine farmers to increase wheat or corn production," he said.





HERITAGE CRIME

What are heritage crimes?

Heritage crimes are, first of all, offences that damage the historic environment – so things like vandalism, graffiti, arson and theft.

Why should the public care about heritage crimes?

Heritage crimes are criminal activities, which can have serious effect on neighbourhoods and society.

Things like arson, graffiti, and criminal damage scar beautiful buildings. Anti-social behaviour such as substance misuse debase the places we live and enjoy visiting; theft and illegal metal detecting take away the physical evidence valuable to our understanding of the past. On top of that, all of these can incur financial loss on property owners.

If heritage crimes are not tackled better we all stand to lose something of our history and well-being.

How serious are these crimes?

There is **no national statistics on heritage crime** by the police so the true extent is difficult to ascertain. Through our work in the regions and our experience with many sites across the country, we know the crimes are widespread and they tend to be under-reported by victims.

A recent assessment identified that arson, architectural theft, removal of artifacts from protected sites and vehicle nuisance pose the greatest threat.

Illegal metal detecting in Lincolnshire is growing and reported cases are only the tip of the iceberg.

The level of **metal theft** is also of great concern.

- In 2005, there were 84 metal theft claims from churches totalling £325,326. In 2010, this has soared to 1763 claims costing £3,310,488 (data from Ecclesiastical)
- In 2010 Manchester diocese tops the list of metal theft claims with more than 90 claims recorded up to the end of November. It is closely followed by Lincoln, with more than 70 claims

Our understanding of the volume and extent of crime in the historic environment continues to develop. Neighbourhood Policing and local involvement will contribute considerably to gathering intelligence and data on the ground. We will also be developing systems that will allow us to accurately record crimes and ASB and thereby place our resources in the right place at the right time.

For crimes in progress - call 999

More action, less crime. It all adds up.

For crimes that have happened - report to your local Police
[click here for the non emergency reporting number](#)

LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

[Click here to take part in the English Heritage Crime Survey](#)

policing with PRIDE

Local Heroes

Detectorists are seen by the public as portrayed in the media, dare I say as the good, the bad and the ugly, ie;

- Those who are recovering our history for the benefit of future generations by following [the code of practice for responsible metal detecting in England and Wales](#) agreed by all parties including the NCMD, the NFU and English Heritage, by helping in the community and recording their finds.

And by reporting all finds as [Treasure Trove in Scotland](#).

- Those who are depriving future generations of our history by not following the code of practice and not recording their finds even though [recording is mandatory in the countryside stewardship landowners agreement](#).

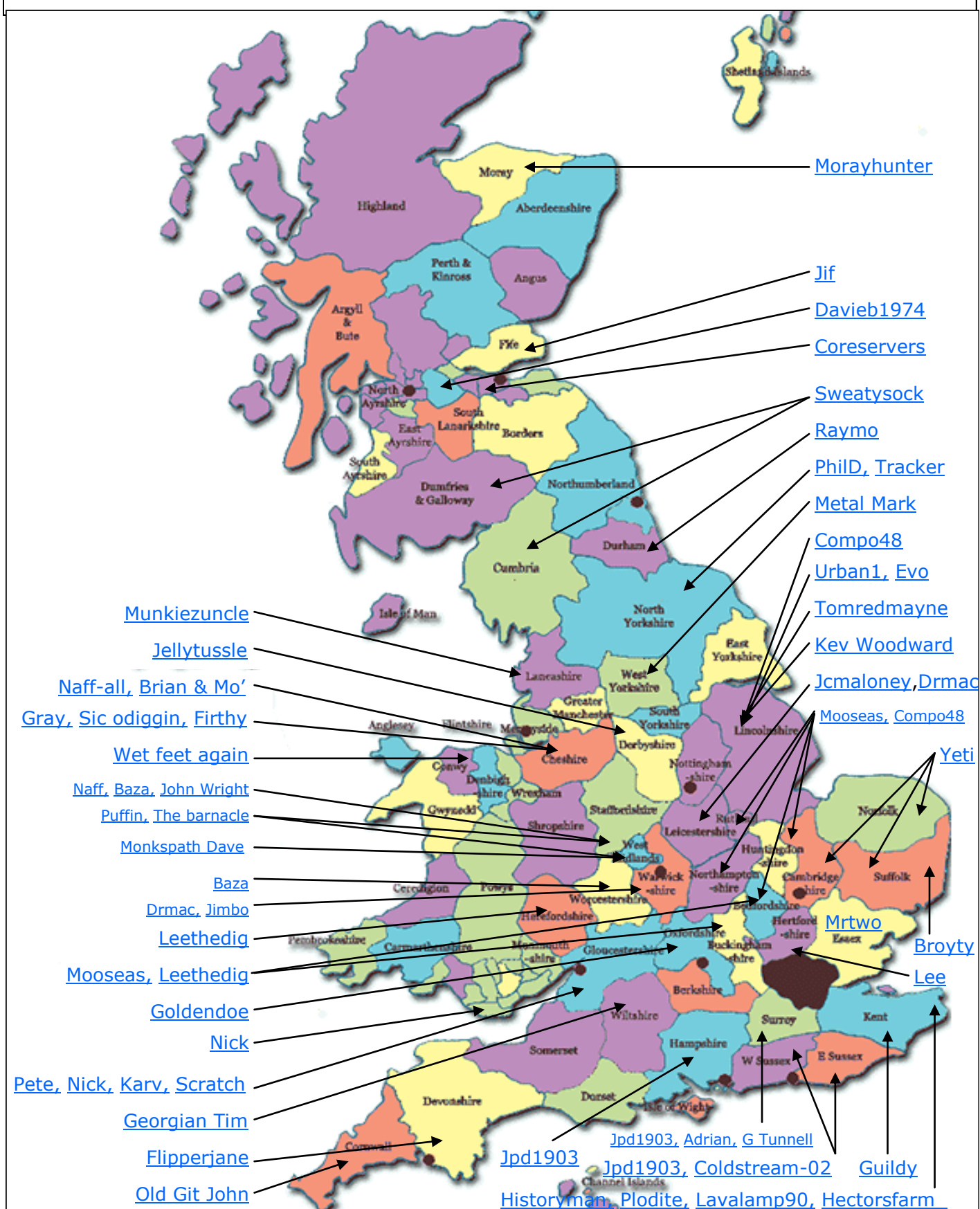
- Those who are thieves who use detectors to steal from farmland and Scheduled monuments.

This new section of the magazine is to promote good practice and is dedicated to the ambassadors of the hobby of whom we are so proud. Their deeds have in the past been spread throughout the magazine but are now brought together to improve their presentation.



Click on the names for more information

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Ways we can help the PAS

PAS funding has been reduced leading to fewer FLO's and so the PAS is looking for better ways to manage their work load as they are working at full capacity;

<https://finds.org.uk/getinvolved/guides/pressures>

They are taking on volunteer recorders;

<https://finds.org.uk/getinvolved/volunteering/role/id/12>

And are promoting self recording;

<https://finds.org.uk/counties/leicestershire/tag/british-museum/>

I would welcome any suggestions on how we can help PAS and the hobby get through this period of austerity.

My thoughts are that we can all help by having information available when recording, the more help we can give the PAS the better I.e. By;

1. Have a National Grid Reference of your find spot ready when you see the FLO, this saves getting a map out and finding the NGR. If you can give a 10 figure reference using a GPS it would be much appreciated;

http://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_1/276-8734508-8923167?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=garmin+etrex&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Agarmin+etrex

Or download the Grid Reference App to your Android phone (set it for 10 figs);

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.blerg&hl=en_GB

Or use the Grid Reference Finder website;

<http://www.gridreferencefinder.com/>

2. If you can fill in the details of your find on a "Finds recording sheet" in advance this will save precious PAS time.

Basic info; <http://atoz.forumukdetectornet.co.uk/PAS%20find%20recording%20labels.doc>

More info; <http://atoz.forumukdetectornet.co.uk/PAS%20finds%20recording%20sheet.pdf>

3. Better still if you are willing to purchase a set of jewelers scales;

http://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_i_4_8?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=jewelers+scales&srefix=jewelers%2Caps%2C188&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Ajewelers+scales

And a digital caliper;

http://www.amazon.co.uk/?ie=UTF8&keywords=caliper+measure&tag=googhhydr-21&index=aps&hvadid=48450325458&hvpos=1t1&hvexid=&hvnetw=g&hvrاند=5959077009827215455&hvpone=&hvpstwo=&hvgmt=b&hvdev=c&ref=pd_sl_9rw416xiuq_b

The weights and dimensions of the finds would be much appreciated saving even more time.

4. Or you can go the whole hog and self record, this requires you to undertake an initial meeting with your FLO to assess your level of ability and then up to 5 training sessions with PAS to ensure you are competent to do this as you would need to take quality images of the finds and ID them accurately as per others on the PAS database and enter them correctly, although not all sessions are necessary if you can demonstrate that you are able to self record to the PAS standard. Your FLO is only an email or phone call away to help and guide you if you are unsure of a particular aspect of self recording.

Volunteers guide to recording objects;

<https://finds.org.uk/volunteerrecording>

Flow of objects;

<https://finds.org.uk/documents/guide.pdf#page=7>

Please feel free to share this information to assist the PAS and strengthen our hobby.

Flickr link for PAS images;

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/finds/albums>

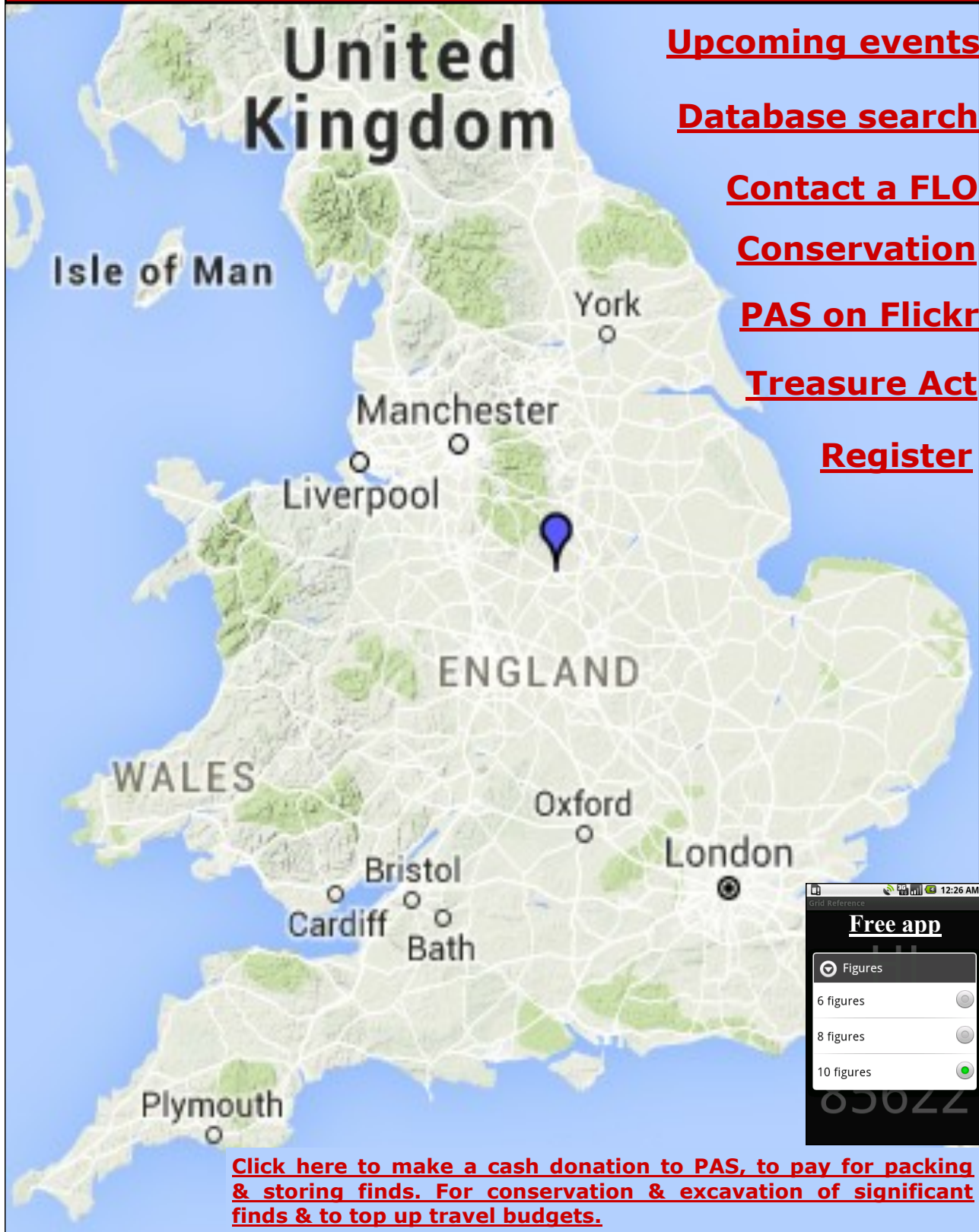
Local Heroes theme song;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5maW-BTJ2LE>



PAS Upcoming Events

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[Click here to make a cash donation to PAS, to pay for packing & storing finds. For conservation & excavation of significant finds & to top up travel budgets.](#)

Grid Reference

Free app

Figures

6 figures

8 figures

10 figures

Precious ring finds its way home over four decades after it was lost.

A gold ring lost on the sands of St Andrews more than four decades ago is safely back in family hands after its remarkable discovery on the Angus seashore miles across the Tay. Thanks to TheCourier.co.uk

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/local/angus-the-mearns/precious-ring-finds-its-way-home-over-four-decades-after-it-was-lost-1.915174>



Woman's lost bracelet is returned 40 years on after being found in field by metal detector

A woman has been reunited with her childhood christening bracelet more than forty years after she lost it in a field as a child. Thanks to SWNS.com

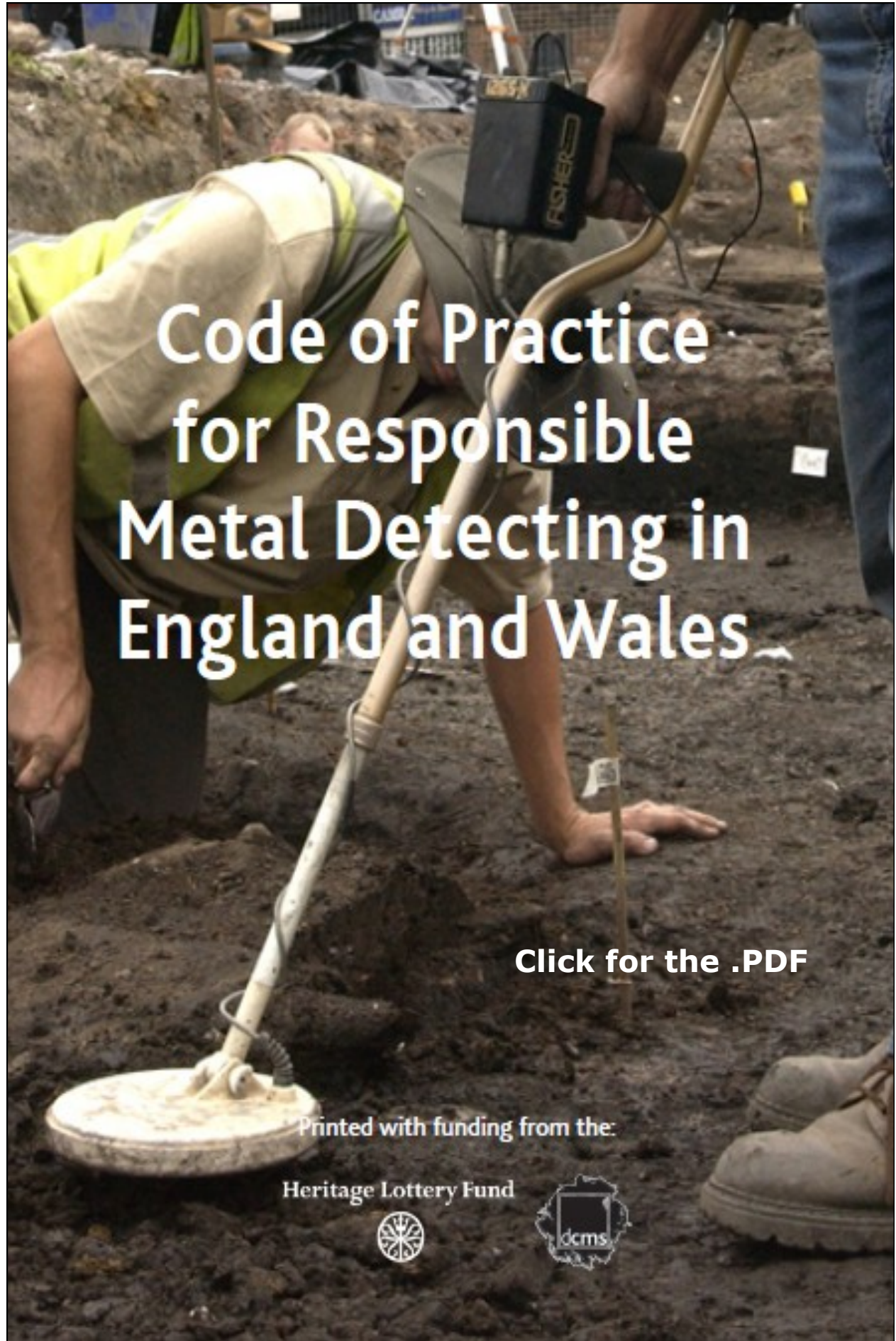
<http://swns.com/news/womans-lost-bracelet-is-returned-40-years-on-after-being-found-in-field-by-metal-detector-69753/>



Hoard of Roman silver coins found in welsh field

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/earth/environment/archaeology/12020410/Hoard-of-Roman-silver-coins-found-buried-in-Welsh-field.html>





Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting in England and Wales

[Click for the .PDF](#)

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<i>Definition of Treasure</i>
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New members in December 2015

Brian and Mo and the team would like to thank and extend a warm welcome to all the new members listed below who have joined UKDN in the last month. Please introduce yourselves so that the members can welcome you aboard and make you feel at home. [Click here to introduce yourself](#)

If you are not already registered with UKDN you can register by clicking on this link and see what you are missing [Click here to register](#)

frankkevin	Les bentley
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Bigste	DougB
DiggerDude	Nigthenog
Floyd749	Petrol_head29
ROB67	Mark240z
velvia999	Telavon
STB	Ivanhoe
MrCool	Jimtump
King Cnut	dbjukCTX
Frodo	Tony C
Russ37	Robin
Wetknees	Erthun
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andy fraggle	Bailey
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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.

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enquiry@ukdetectornet.co.uk

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If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please contact either UKDN as above or PhilD via PM,.

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 magazine, which is distributed to, and read by, our membership and beyond. The magazine 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 practice' 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 detectorists 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 magazine.