

Club Round-Up



Brighton & District MDC

In May we had a visit from Robin Hodgkinson of the Independent Historical Research Group with some interesting proposals about club members joining a pool of detectorists to support local archaeological work. We also held the **Find of the Year** competition which turned out to be a clean sweep for club member John Eason.

Artefact of the Year - a Bronze Age looped palstave axe head in super condition, John Eason

Coin of the Year - A pristine gold stater of the Ambiani tribe, John Eason

Following these finds John has been stalked by club members on every dig for months!

The May Artefact of the Month was won by Dave Southwell with a superb 2nd century Roman plate brooch

featuring what appears to be an owl motif as part of the design.

June

Coin of the Month - Long cross crockard coin, Sarah Hope

Artefact of the Month - Type 1 medieval heraldic pendant, Dave Southwell

Non-Club Coin - Saxon penny of Eadberht, Dave Southwell

Our July meeting was a FLO session but due to holidays and horrendous weather our normal meeting was deferred. However, it didn't stop a depleted audience being treated to a very interesting talk by Geoff Egan on the subject of lead-tin artefacts. We would like to extend special thanks to Laura and Geoff for making it despite the very inclement weather.



Bronze Age looped palstave axe head.



Ambiani gold stater.



Silver finger ring.



Toy cannon.



Type 1 medieval heraldic pendant emblazoned with a red dragon.

Roman plate brooch.

Saxon penny of Eadberht, Bishop of London c.AD 789.

On 12 July an open dig was held courtesy of Dave Gray and Peter Abbott at one of their private permission sites. A range of interesting artefacts were found including two silver rings and a toy cannon.

We are busy organising several events - firstly an exhibition of finds at The Bentley

Classic Motor Show in East Sussex in July. This is a first for us and bespoke display cabinets have been made by our resident professional chippy Gordon Browne and secondly our Club Rally on 6 September at Plumpton near Lewes, which will be advertised separately in the magazine.

Garry Crace

Our June meeting was well attended and we had the pleasure of welcoming guests and local residents for our annual mini auction. There were over 100 items for sale in the auction including a few detectors and a beautiful pocket watch collection.

Once again the find of the month table displayed some fine items and Jennifer Jackson, the Kent FLO, was in attendance. She was kept busy initially as members were looking

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for quick identifications before entering their items for the competition. I was especially proud of the hobby and our club members when Jennifer informed me every item entered for this month's competition had also been submitted to her for recording.

On the finds table this month was as a fantastically detailed

Herennius Etruscus coin from his reign in AD 227-251 when he and his father who had jointly ruled, died together in battle on the same day being the first two emperors to be killed in battle by a foreign enemy.

Once again our very successful detectorist Clive Richardson won both places in the artefact and coin categories.

Coin of the Month

1st - A beautiful Constantine *siliqua*, Clive Richardson

2nd - A well preserved George III Bull Head shilling, John McArthur

Artefact of the Month

1st - Roman bow brooch, Clive Richardson

2nd - swan head belt buckle, John McArthur

We were lucky enough to view a fantastic artefact that had been brought in by Joan Castle; it was a very rare Urnes style Viking dragon mount found last autumn. Joan had brought the item to show alongside a fantastic artistic sketch by David Williams the Surrey FLO. Joan explained how fortunate she had been to find the item as she had just retrieved it and replaced the soil when the farmer came along to ask her not to detect that particular field for a while as it had just been sown.

I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Torquay detecting club for making our club member Chrissie Mowl very welcome during her visit while she was on holiday.

Steve Hawthorne



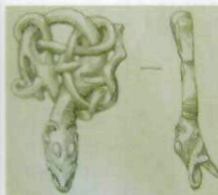
Constantine *siliqua*.



Roman bow brooch.



Swan head belt buckle.



Viking mount and the archaeological drawing.



George III Bull Head shilling.

Herennius Etruscus coin.



Clive Richardson with his awards.

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