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the Rodney Cook Memorial Charity
Rally—Part 2 !



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Welcome to issue Three of The Archaeology and Metal Detecting Magazine.

We have great stories from friends of archmdmag Digger Dawn , Andy Sampson , Tom Pisarek, Scotty Bea , Scott and Kimmie and the first part of a series of short stories by Barry Lawton called 'Adventures of a Treasure Hunter' - Thank you all for contributing.

A big thanks to all who contributed to this magazine—It is all still a learning curve but we could not do it without you !

Also a massive thanks to Pete Turrell of LP, Wiola Rutyna from Rutus, Dilek Gonulay of Nokta Makro and Gary Blackwell of XP. Your continued support of what we are trying to do is truly appreciated.

Myself and Luke would like to thank Gary and the other organisers of the event for allowing the magazine to be involved, its an honour and a privilege.

The magazine will be broadcasting LIVE on Spreaker on 'The Archaeology and Metal Detecting Magazine Weekly Newscast' Spreaker channel—look through episodes for 'the BIG UK Metal detecting podcast: RCM LIVE Iso please listen in if you are not in the fields detecting. We will keep you up to date on significant finds and news through the weekend and if you would like to come on the show as a guest please come and see us in the main marquee. Happy Hunting All—Dave and Luke.

Welcome to The Rodney Cook Memorial Rally—Part 2

Hello everyone and a very warm welcome to the 2nd Rodney Cook Memorial Rally. I know a few of you have come from all over the world like Australia, America, Canada and Europe, and of course all you locals from all over Britain.

I cannot believe it has come around again so fast and it's the 2nd rally! It has now been 2 years since I lost my father Rodney to cancer it is still so incredibly raw and I still sometimes cannot believe he is no longer with us. Cancer is quite simply an awful disease and holds no discrimination young, old, male, female, colour or gender it really does not care.

As many of you know last years rally raised an astounding £28,000 for the New Cancer Care Unit at The Bath Royal United Hospital. They were incredible in their care for my father during his battle. So much so, that I wanted to try and give a little back to repay their kindness not just to my dad but to hundreds of others who are going through the same thing and that was how the Rodney Cook Memorial Rally was born.

The Rally has grown from just an idea in my head to which I then duly shared with some of my closest friends, to this absolutely incredible event. The speed at which this rally has grown, its popularity and the support for it has literally blown me away. I was told recently that we are now possibly the 2nd largest metal detecting in the UK with over 650 attending and we have the best part of 700 acres to hit during the course of this weekend with different fields being made available on Sunday.

All you weekenders, do not forget you will be issued with your free raffle ticket during check in. The draw will take place after the Saturday raffle and the prize will be a full XP Deus kindly donated by Gary Blackwell from XP Metal Detectors.

There will be live entertainment in the main marquee on both Friday and Saturday night, with a disco after and do not forget the Hog Roast on Saturday Night plus hot food and stone baked pizza which will be available all weekend. You can wash it down with a cold pint from the bar or a nice specialist tea or coffee.

Within and around the main arena we will be joined by XP Metal Detectors, Leisure Promotions, Regtons, Treasure Hunting Magazine, Roman Remains, The NCMD, The Searcher Mag and of course the Archmdmag who will be on site broadcasting a live podcast during the course of the weekend so keep an eye out you may be interviewed live...

Now this year, we have decided to split the money raised between 3 charities. Again, we will be raising money for the Cancer Care Unit but we have included CLIC Sargent (Cancer and Leukaemia in Children) and Starlight a charity that provides children and their families with days out and trips as a rest bite from their treatment.

The grandson of one of my fellow organisers Ray Case is currently undergoing treatment for leukaemia his name is Luke and he truly is a very brave little boy, a real inspiration to us all. Hence why we are supporting CLIC Sargent, the charities will be on site all weekend helping out so please have a chat with them. We are hoping Luke will make an appearance with his family. My mum will also be about all weekend, if you see her please stop for a chat.

So, it only leaves me to thank everyone who has helped again this year from all my fellow organisers (well friends) and marshals to the landowners and the sponsors, Ashford Homes, Leisure Promotions and XP Metal Detectors. To companies like Regtons, JoanAllen, Minelab, Nokta Makro, Rutus, CScope, Green Light Publishing and many others who have donated raffle prizes.

Of course, a huge thank you to all of you for supporting us again this year, your support is simply amazing without you all, quite simply, we could not hold the event. I am truly humbled when I see the bookings roll in and from myself personally a huge thank you from the bottom of my heart.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all good luck this weekend and do not forget if you see me to say hello.

Kind Regards

Gary Cook and the Rodney Cook Memorial Rally Team.



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Detectorist who found a fake Roman gold coin hoard left behind by the BBC 'Detectorists' series finds the real thing !!

You might remember back in 2018 two Detectorists, Andy and Paul found a Hoard of 'gold' Roman coins on the Suffolk / Essex border – You can imagine how they felt – Shouting , jumping around and dancing in the field at the incredible Discovery.

"Paul was running around and shouting 'Roman Gold' it was like He was floating across the field rather than running and I thought he was winding me up"

In total the pair found 50 'gold' coins and pottery which they believed could be worth up to a quarter of a Million pounds and started to think about how they could spend the money.

But all was not as it seems, you see Paul and Andy had permission to Detect Farmer Bishops farm from the popular BBC Television series 'Detectorists' and it transpires that the coins in fact had been left behind reproduction props from the show.

Neither Andy nor Paul had in fact found Roman gold at all. That was until in early 2019 when Andy back on the same permission got a somewhat 'scratchy' signal , after unearthing the target He saw what , for a moment He assumed would be another coin left behind by the TV show but wiping away the soil with his thumb Andy was astounded to discover that this time around this was the real deal ! Congratulations on your find Andy ! - Well deserved. The full story and details on the coin can be heard on the Andy Sampson episode of The All Metal Mode UK Metal Detecting Podcast available on Spreker.



A stunning ring found by Tom Pisarek www.ukhistoryfinders.co.uk



It was a bright and sunny day , December 31st 2018 and I had recently joined a detecting club in Dorset as I wanted to end an already great detecting year on a high by attending a dig with some friends.

Never did I expect the day to end with a once in a lifetime find.

The land available for the day was vast and nice short grass, I decided to start up on the top of a hill but then saw that nearer the bottom of the fields stood an old Church. I was drawn towards it and started to detect my way down the hill.

The field by the church was full of other detectorists obviously all having the same thought as me and all aware a lot of good finds can come up next to old churches and within minutes of entering the field I got a crisp signal and it was a Edward I silver hammered penny. I thought 'wooooo' I am in the right field for sure !

After about another ten minutes I got another signal—A solid 75 on my XP Deus, I dig the hole and turned the clod and I could not believe my eyes ! It was a stunning ring with beautiful inscriptions around it and I knew instantly it was something rare and special.

The ring is one of My favourite finds and was a cracking end to a brilliant years detecting.

Toms group is www.ukhistoryfinders.co.uk and can also be found on facebook.



When XP assembled it's team in the united States being just good wasn't going to cut it.

Directing the team from the UK is Gary Blackwell , Media relations for XP Metal Detectors.

The team took many months to form and each member had his or her own skills to bring, The team is unique and each member has their own identity within XP but they all come together once a month to create a features TV quality show called 'XP Team USA' The shows are produced to a high standard and are not simply another detecting youtube video. These are produced and edited to professional standard.

The members take you on a journey through the mountains and deserts of the West Coast to the rural and urban areas of the Midwest.

Gary Blackwell speaks very highly of the team "Their work ethic and knowledge of XP makes them great ambassadors"

XP Team USA are on facebook and run regular competitions for members.

For more information on the team visit xpdeus-usa.com

ARCHAEOLOGY NEWS.....

Its been an incredible year so far in Archaeology arguably lead by a Detectorist, **Mike Smith** who discovered a buried **Celtic chariot** in wales in 2018 but excavations continue to this day revealing more and secrets and treasure. Mike can be heard on the archmdmag affiliated **All Metal Mode UK podcast** on Spreker discussing His find.

Also in the UK it is believed that tools used to help **build Stonehenge** have been discovered in Wales in the form of 15 sandstone wedges that would have been to break the stone off of the quarry bedrock. These date back to 3350-3000BC.

A discovery at **The Creswell Craggs** in Derbyshire saw hundreds of "apotropaic" carvings to ward off evil spirits, discovered by Hayley Clark and Ed Waters from **Subterranea Britannica**. The Craggs can be visited by the public. Info at creswellcraggs.org

Egypt's 4,000-year-old **Lahun pyramid** has opened its doors to the public for the first time, displaying a network of passageways and an ancient burial chamber. Exclusive pictures from inside the Pyramid are on archmdmag.com

It was announced that archaeologists will be excavating **Glen Co** looking the lost townships of Inverigan, Achnacon and Achtriochtan. Digs are currently underway and archmdmag will keep readers up to date with the very latest information and pictures.

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AREK RUTYNA : OWNER AND DESIGNER RUTUS METAL DETECTORS

10 years ago, my dad took me on my first search, and since then I have travelled all over Poland using various metal detectors. This is why I know what you as a fellow detectorist want from your detector, and how that detector should work.

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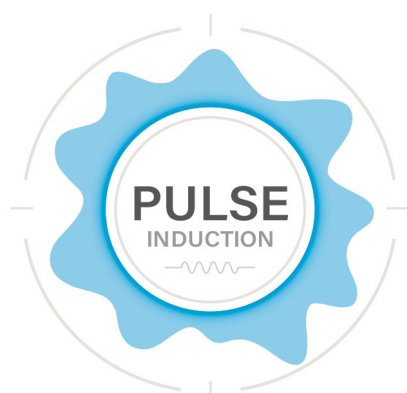


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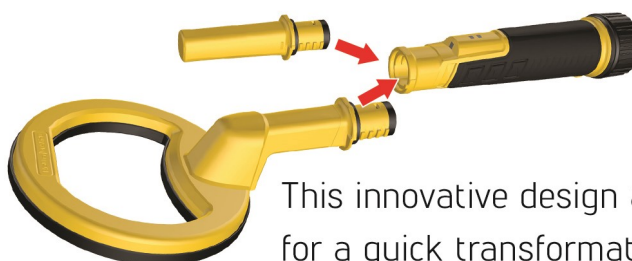
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I am proud to carry on where my parents started, helping our customers walk in to the field with the right machine, the best knowledge and having paid the best price.

My team are on hand to assist you with everything you need and with their vast knowledge you too can be recovering some history for yourself in no time at all.



BRONWEN OPERATIONS MANAGER

As the third generation in the family business I have grown up with metal detecting in my blood. From a very early age many of our loyal customers will recognise me from LP Club Digs, doing my best to learn the ropes but typically helping park cars!

Having joined LP as an Administration Apprentice I now take care of the logistics side of the business so once you make an order I ensure that it reaches you promptly and in a great condition.

I look forward to spending many more years assisting our customers with every aspect of their purchase from us.



LUKUS AKA THE GRIM BLEEPER CONTENT CREATOR

I make family friendly, fun metal detecting videos and you will find me on many fields, beaches and woods around England. I am part of the Europe NOMADS (Nokta Makro Metal Detectorists) so you will also see me at events across the globe.

For your weekly fix of finds and fun in the follow The Grim Bleeper on YouTube! I don't always find gold and silver but guaranteed to find a Buttonnnnn or two!



ASHLEY AKA ASH UNEARTHED CONTENT CREATOR

Metal detecting has become an addiction since I started 3 years ago. It started off as a bit of fun and quickly became something I couldn't get enough of.

My best find to date is my Roman silver coin hoard I found in 2018. At the beginning of 2019 I thought I would start my own YouTube channel for everyone to see what I was up to. I have recently started working for the Searcher Magazine as their videographer and reporter. So throw us a sub and if you find anything magazine worthy get in touch!



SCOTT AND KIMMIE AKA HUNTRESS KIMMIE AND CLODHOOPER SCOTT CONTENT CREATORS

We are a married couple who absolutely love metal detecting together, and all that this hobby has to offer. With recent technological advances this truly is an amazing time to be searching for history deep in the heart of Essex, UK. Whether we are making videos for our child friendly Youtube channel, teaching people about detecting, or keeping up with the latest equipment, finds, and news on our Dirt Diggers Facebook page, you can be assured there's always some incredible fun going on with us.

We are pleased to be part of the LP team at this point in our metal detecting venture, and look forward to the future of metal detecting with all of you. The best is yet to come! If you care to find out what the fuss is all about, simply click our image to join us.



MICK AND JULIE COMPANY FOUNDERS

Our detecting journey started some 40 years ago with our first shop opening in 1985. Over that time we have helped our customers with all aspects of the hobby, whether that is purchasing the right machine or finding land to detect on.

We started our LP with the focus always being on our customers and that is as relevant today as it was at day one.

You can find us both in our Berkshire Showroom every Saturday, why not come and say hi.



ASHLEY SALES MANAGER

With a true passion for history I started detecting 20 years ago and have never looked back!

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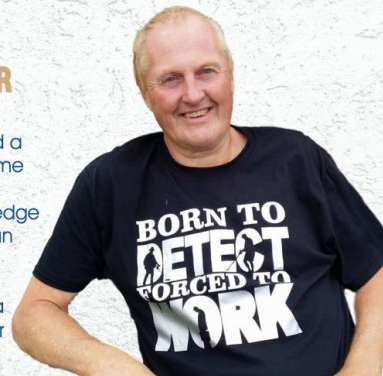
With the knowledge I have built up over the years I can assist you with purchasing the right machine the first time so you too can enjoy this hobby that all of us at LP have become addicted to.



CHRIS BAILEY STORE MANAGER – TREDEGAR

Having detected since the 1970's with my faithful C.Scope TR950D I have developed a great deal of experience which will allow me to assist you with all your detecting needs. Before joining LP I gained extensive knowledge in running organised detecting days so can help you with tips on how to approach landowners too.

Why not pop by the Wales Showroom for a chat when you are thinking of making your next purchase?



ARRON AKA SOUTH COAST DETECTING CONTENT CREATOR

Originally from Cheshire but now living on the south coast in Sussex. If I'm not at home recording Voice Overs you'll find me either down the beach, detecting the local parks or on my newest permission - the Led Zeppelin Mansion.

I never take myself too seriously and always try to make fun, light hearted detecting videos no matter what I find.

My channel is soon to have a new location added when I start detecting the Thames Foreshore and try my hand at Mud Larking. Who knows, maybe I'll find a 2p!

Head over to South Coast Detecting via Youtube and have a look, you might just like it. Let's dig!



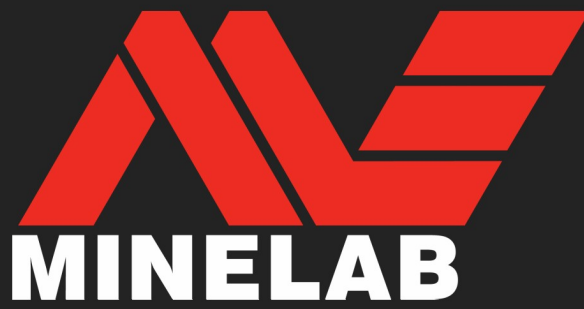
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Adventures of a Treasure Hunter Part 1 : The Centurion. (Part 2 will feature in archmdmag issue 4—Available at Detectival)

By Barry Lawton.

I had always been interested in history and was always rambling in the countryside picking up anything that looked interesting, old bottles, clay pipes and anything that looked interesting. All that changed one day in 1970 when I was watching the tea time news, a man called Ron Rowland was introduced, the next few moments changed my life. Ron walked over to a table with a bucket and tipped the contents out. Coins and rings spilled out onto the table and floor, Ron said he had found all this with a metal detector. What’s one of them? Where do you get one from? I had to find out.

I managed to find a shop that sold them in Twickenham and went down on the train to get one. It was very basic, but I was the proud owner of a metal detector. I took it out many times only to find just a few old pennies. I thought Roman coins were just a dream. Then things changed again, there appeared in the local paper an article about a treasure hunting club. I could not believe it, it was the first in the country and just up the road from me, but best of all the chairman was no other than Ron Rowland. I went to the next meeting and saw Ron talking to someone, he opened his hand and there were six Roman coins he had found at the weekend. I tried to ask him that many questions he laughed and said come to my house in the week. At Ron’s house I told him I knew nothing about treasure hunting and had found very little. Ron took me under his wing and took me all over the country showing me how and where. I don’t know how he knew everything , but he did. During this time I did manage to find a few Roman coins but not many. Ron used to write an article about treasure hunting in a magazine called Coin Monthly, and rang me to say come over as soon as you can. Ron told me he had just come back from Lincolnshire after interviewing a young lad with a detector who had been finding loads of Roman coins and Saxon artefacts. The young lad would not tell Ron exactly where he had been finding them. Ron said to get down there as soon as you can and look in any fields from Newark to Lincoln. Ron said he didn’t feel well enough to go on another adventure and that I should go alone.

I didn’t know at the time but Ron was dying. I set off for Lincolnshire for the weekend and booked into a b&b in Newark. I spent all day Saturday just looking at maps, it was a massive area. Ron always told me to follow my gut feeling. Sunday morning came and I had still not looked in any fields. I looked at the maps again and remembered what Ron said about gut feelings. I put the maps away and headed out towards Lincoln. I came across a place called Brough, and pulled off the main road, I went up a small lane and stopped the car. I was about two fields in from the main road. It was one of the biggest ploughed fields I had ever seen. As I looked over the five bar gate I could see someone on a tractor coming towards me. “What do you want” the old man asked, I asked him if I could look in his field with a metal detector. The old man said his name was Mr Waddington and said he wanted to show me something in the field. He took me to a large hollow in the ground and said a young lad with one of them detectors got a large signal here and came to find him, and asked if he had buried anything. Mr Waddington said he hadn’t and was puzzled at what it could be. Mr Waddington then went off and came back with two shovels, they started to dig and hit something hard, it was a long metal object with a lid. It turned out to be a Roman lead coffin. They pushed the lid off and inside was a skeleton and some artefacts. Mr Waddington rang Newark Museum and they sent an archaeologist to look at it. The writing inside confirmed it was a Roman Centurion who had died in a chariot race in Lincoln. The coffin was taken away and put on display in the Museum. Mr Waddington was fuming they didn’t give him any money for it, he told me they wouldn’t have the next one, and would rather use one as a horse trough. Mr Waddington wasn’t big on history! With that he let me on the field with strict instructions to shout him if I found something big. I had about an hours light left and I soon started to find things, I found about 18 Roman Coins, loads of Roman pottery a sword handle and a Saxon brooch but no more coffins!.

I made friends with three others from the Prospector club, Norman, Joe and Roger, we travelled the country together, and had many adventures.

Over the next couple of years I found over 600 Roman coins, Saxon artefacts and Medieval coins all in that field. Ron wrote a magazine article about me in which he said I had an uncanny knack of finding things.

Ron and I had travelled thousands of miles together and had thousands of laughs. When Ron could no longer come out because of his illness I always went to his house first before I went home to show him my new finds and tell him about new adventures I had planned, it was worth it to see him smile.

Sadly, Ron, Norman, Joe and Roger are no longer with us.
To my friends, wherever you are.....thank you. You made dreams come true, you were adventurers and an inspiration.

Barry Lawton.



Spreaker

The Archaeology & Metal Detecting Magazine—How to Listen to the LIVE RCM radio Show

To listen in LIVE to the happenings from The Rodney Cook Memorial Charity rally simply search for ‘Spreaker’ on your internet search engine, within Spreaker then search for ‘archmdmag weekly newscast’ and then within the list of episodes select ‘The BIG Metal Detecting Podcast: RCM’ We will be broadcasting LIVE through the event and have many special guests lined up including Pete Turrell of LP , Dilek Gonulay of Nokta Makro, Gary Blackwell of XP as well as podcast regulars Digger Dawn, Andy Sampson, Scott and Kimmie Dubay , Aaron Weedall, Dean Stainton, Richard Lincoln and more—We will also of course be speaking with Gary Cook , Dave Crisp and other who helped make the RCM rally possible as well as speaking to the Detectorists who attend the event. We will be keeping you up to date on the finds and happenings LIVE from the event as they happen.

Scott and Kimmie Dubai A Crazy Ride !!

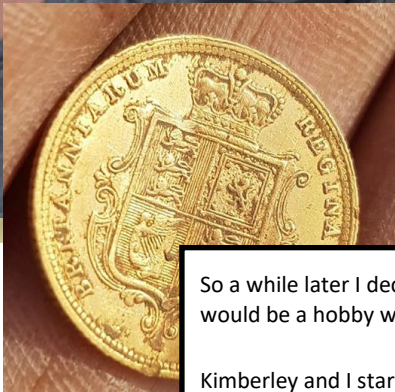


What a crazy ride it has been! Who knew that three years later it would still feel the same as the first day we began this insanely addictive hobby.

First of all let's go back, way back. To tell you how it all began... My name is Scott Dubai and I am American living in the United Kingdom in 2011 when I married my lovely bride, Kimberley. We resided in east London at first but then we moved to South Wales. The land of 1000's of farms and endless beaches. Deciding it was time to do something new for a hobby, that would be fun and outdoorsy, I said how about metal detecting? We are in some of the oldest occupied land in the world, so why not. One day while shopping in town, I walked into a charity shop, and in the back room, all dusty and in the corner, quite apparently neglected, was a metal detector. I haggled it down to a cheap price, got it home, put batteries in it, and turned it on, Beep! Beep! It sounded off, so it worked!

Not knowing a single thing about metal detecting, the next day I took it down to the beach. Swinging the detector around for a few minutes I really started getting into it, thinking of all the great treasure I might find, maybe even pirate treasure, or a knights sword. I was like a kid all over again. Then it happened, a signal came out of the box near my hand. Knowing that the next step was to dig it out, I began to dig with my anticipation spiralling out of control. Then something shiny broke the surface, it was a coin! From that point on I knew this was it, this is where I need to be, this is what I want to be doing. Metal Detecting.

A year had passed, and I metal detected very often, finding more and more each time. Even bringing part of a bomb home one day, not knowing what it was. Kim called the bomb squad that day and I received a stern warning from the authorities !



So a while later I decided to buy Kimberley a Metal Detector for her birthday , it would be a hobby we could both enjoy together. A common interest.

Kimberley and I started finding some really important items like hammered coins, Roman coins, gold jewellery. This began the whole other part of metal detecting, the research. Together we both started learning about the coins we found, in turn learning about the leaders of this country, and all that you could. We also started joining social media groups and started communicating with others of the same interest. Several people contacted us to do talk shows and podcasts as guests and we thought this was a great way to spread the word about metal detecting and help others learn. We send some of our significant finds photos to metal detecting magazines, who in turn have published our many of our finds. We thought hold on, there's another way to share our finds, let's create a Youtube channel, and we can share all of this with the world! We could teach people things about metal detecting that we had learned ourselves, kind of paying it forward for all the help we received when we started. Then it was launched, we had created the channel called Huntress Kimmie & Clodhopper Scott, now Dirt Diggers UK, and we are now up to 150 detecting adventures videos with a great following that we can share the history that we save with. We also have a facebook group called Dirt Diggers UK (all welcome to join)

Kimberley and I hold metal detecting in the highest regard, we closely follow the code of ethics and help anyone learn whenever we can. The community of people are second to none in this awesome hobby and we've met some amazing and wonderful people along the way. Thanks for taking the time to read about us. If you'd like to see more of us, definitely go to Youtube, search Dirt Diggers UK with Huntress Kimmie and Clodhopper Scott, click subscribe, and join in on the fun. We are always on the hunt and there's always something crazy going on !!





The XP ORX—By Kevin Whitmore

I Have been detecting on and off for thirty odd years now, and owned and used some fantastic Detectors. Starting Out with a Cscope which I used as a young lad for many years, then upgrading a few times along the way, Anyway forwarding on some 30 yrs and having just returned from living on a Greek mountain side, To a lovely part of the Suffolk countryside I wanted to get back into our Hobby a little bit more seriously , So begun the Gootube journey, a combo of google and YouTube trawling of metal detectors.

Then I was looking through the detecting mag and there was this New XP Machine with Deus DNA ,,, Looking all purposeful and sleek , I sat back and absorbed the ORX videos, Well that was it as far as I was concerned it's new and looks fantastic, I had to have one. Nine months later we are best buddies, We gelled pretty quick and the ORX comes with four Factory programmes all derived from the legendary Deus, Two of them Coin fast and coin Deep do exactly what they say, with the Ability to tweak and fine tune to suit your detecting requirements.

The audio tones are separated into three different levels, a low almost duck like sound indicates Iron.

The mid tone for low conductive items and a sweet high tone for highly conductive targets such as big Silver, both mid and high tones indicate you should probably dig. And the Optional coils XP have 5 coil choices all have their place, two white HF coils one of which is elliptical 13 – 80 Khz making it the perfect choice for nugget hunting, ideal for searching tight spaces and iron contaminated area's and the other available 9 inch round is a perfect all-rounder coil operating at between 13 to 50 something kHz a good choice for relics and small coins and the other three coils are the new X35 range covering from 3.7 to 28 kHz they come in 9", 11" & 11" x 13", any one of them is a great addition to the Orx experience.

So all in all the new light weight ORX style stem , wireless coils and headphones make my detecting a totally hassle free experience, I can focus valuable brain power on signals and spend more time in the field, as weight fatigue is a thing of the past with the ORX being the lightest machine out there and that means you can detect for hours without fatigue—just as well the batteries last for 15 hours.

The two Factory programmes are well proven from the Deus and “in the field” have proven quite fruitful, not just for me but lots of other ORX users, They really are getting a reputation for finding the Silver and Gold check out the XP blog , A lot of these are guys and girls from our Facebook group XP ORX UK Detecting , We Have members from all over the world, the ORX has quite a following across Europe , Ukraine, Russia , Australia and the USA.

In the last couple of weeks we have gained a few well known detecting celebrities including Harry from iDetect.

The versatility of this machine will and has proven popular for beginners right up to established Detectorists.

The unquestionably quality, ability & latest technology it offers make this metal detector a keeper and I believe it's up there with the best of them, check out Gary Blackwell's ORX tutorials from the Metal detecting Skill School channel on you tube it really is that good .

Gary Blackwell's Metal Detector Skill School channel offers the very latest XP product reviews and tuition.

The wide variety of videos offer easy to follow step by step instructions that makes light work of understanding your XP Deus.

Videos include :

How to set up your machine with custom programs.

ORX tutorials

Top tips, plus lots more all to make your metal detecting more successful.

Search for 'XP School School' on youtube or type in the channel name gardansolyn and make sure you subscribe and hit the notifications bell for regular updates.



NCMD ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear NCMD member, The NCMD Executive Committee is looking to fill a current vacancy and appoint a General Secretary to conduct the administrative business of the National Council.

This Officer has responsibility for all administrative arrangements of Executive Committee meetings and in addition has the following duties:

1. The provision of any documents or papers to Executive Committee members relating to items of business on meetings agendas.
2. Responsibility for dealing with all enquiries from press and other media on behalf of the NCMD.
3. Attendance at meetings on a casual basis when the needs arise at the direction of the Chair.
4. Co-ordinating the content and overseeing the publication of the NCMD's journal 'Digging Deep'.

The General Secretary may also be required to undertake other duties to represent the interests of the NCMD at the direction of the Chair.

This position is an opportunity to represent the interests of the hobby at the highest level and requires a candidate who has excellent communication skills, appropriate experience and understanding of hobby metal detecting. Preference will be given to members who have had suitable experience of administrative/secretarial responsibilities at club or Regional level in the NCMD and consideration will also be given to members with experience in a similar post which has been gained through membership of another hobby organisation or former/current work related duties. Closing date for expressions of interest in this position is 30th September 2019 and shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by Executive Committee members at a mutually convenient location and date.

This is a volunteer position for which appropriate out of pocket expenses will be paid.

Members who are interested this position should in the first instance contact the Chair, Clive Coleman (vacancy@glemsford.net) giving full details of age and relevant experience.



The best place to search for **UPCOMING EVENTS** is Gary Smith's Metal Detecting Rallies group, its a one stop shop for all the latest information on Metal Detection rallies in your area.

Updated daily through the day you never need miss a dig !

Search for '**Metal Detecting rallies**' on facebook and join up, it is updated with new events through the day everyday !



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will be near to the Historic Medieval Market towns of Burford & Charlbury in Oxfordshire on the 14th and 15th September.

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Team of Yorkshire has been established since 2013 and they are a very passionate group.

The group often takes part in projects in conjunction with Archaeologists.

Team of Yorkshire hold an annual weekend event and details can be found by searching for 'Team Of Yorkshire' on facebook.



We all have our bucket listers, the objects we dream of finding, the objects that keeps our imaginations excitedly anticipating that next hole. But the reality is that we may only find one of these bucket listers once in a year, sometimes its decades, sometimes it’s never, but as metal detectorists, even though the odds are stacked against us, we never give up the dream.

I myself have many bucket listers. I try to keep my dream finds as realistic as possible, with the hope that I might have a chance at finding at least one of them. Although I would love to find Boudicas long lost sword, or a Viking gold helmet encrusted with rubies, I know that is on par with winning the lottery, possible but highly unlikely.

My bucket listers are not connected with monetary value, but more with historical importance, especially from parts of history that I feel some connection with. Coming from Lancashire, I have a lot of historical knowledge of the industrial age, it was at this time that Lancashire changed from a poor farming community, to a place of innovation and cotton mills.



This is reflected in the finds I tend to find, for those of you that follow my YouTube channel, will know I have more George 3rd coppers and silvers than any other monarch. I have so many cartwheel pennies, I think I might now struggle to carry them all at once! So of course one of my bucket listers was a George 3rd Half crown. After dreaming and searching for 4 years, in April this year, I finally found one. The joy I felt actually moved me to tears as I held that fabulous chunk of a coin, my heart was pounding as I looked the exquisite detailing and design, Georgies, big bobbly eyes on the front, the beautiful shield on the reverse, “HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE” means "Shame on him who thinks evil of it” the coin is something I’ll never tire of looking at.

So what else do I hope to find in the next year? Obviously a gold George 3rd coin has to be my next dream, along with the full crown to complete my set.

I have high hopes of finding a bronze age axehead or spearhead, to find and hold something made 3000 years ago, something that has existed throughout time, something that has been an essential tool in the march of human progress. I am amazed at the sharpness these objects still possess after being buried in the ground for so long.

Other items that will send me into speechlessness are a silver thimble, a Queen Anne silver coin of any denomination, a Henry 8th fat head hammered, a Charles 1st half crown and a Roman silver denarii.

It can be disheartening as a beginner just starting metal detecting, seeing the Facebook finds people make every weekend, the finds you wish you could find, feeling inadequate with your bag full of mootubes and ring pulls and other bits of rubbish, but what you start to realise, is that those few posts of gold nobles and Celtic staters are one find in what has been probably thousands of hours of hunting. So keep hunting happily, keep dreaming, keep your buck lists achievable, and while you’re hunting for your dream, just enjoy the fresh air, the scenery and the exercise, because one day when you least expect it, your dream will be staring at you from inside that plug !

Dawn can be found on ‘the Digger Dawn metal detecting group’ on facebook and of course Digger Dawn on youtube.

Rodney Cook Rally facts !!

- 1, Due to the amount raised last year we will be having a Ward name after us in the new Cancer building at the RUH Hospital Bath.
- 2, We have people attending from Australia, Canada and the USA.
- 3, The Rodney Cook Rally will Return in 2020.
- 4, We raised £28,000 in one weekend last year the largest amount ever raised by a metal detecting rally.
- 5, Dave Crisp the events Co Ordinator is the same Dave Crisp who found the largest single hoard of roman coins ever found in the UK.
- 6, Lisa who everyone knows from their booking experience and their replies to emails is Gary’s wife and the late Rodney Cooks daughter in Law.
- 7, our amazing electric tombola which is in the shape of one of our nemesis a shotgun cartridge and was made by our very own fellow organiser Steve Murtie.



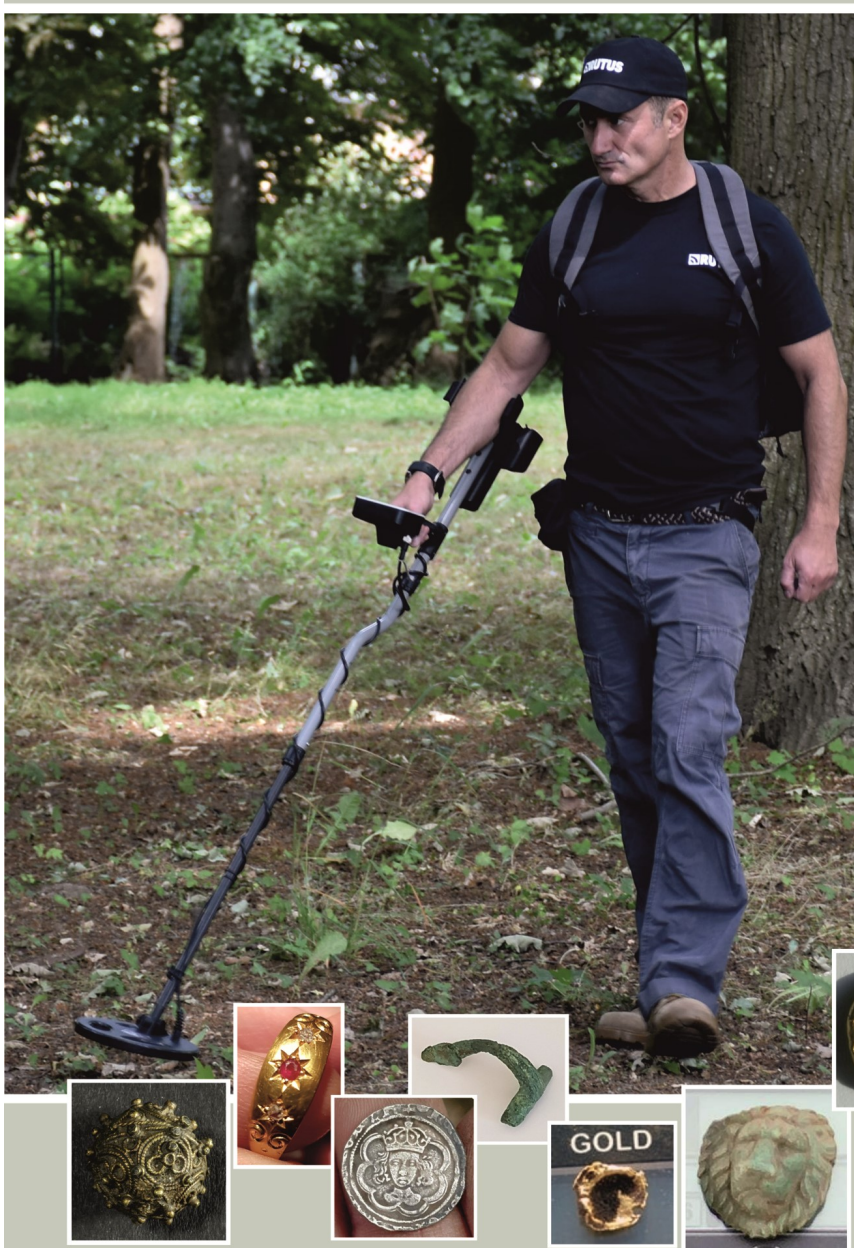
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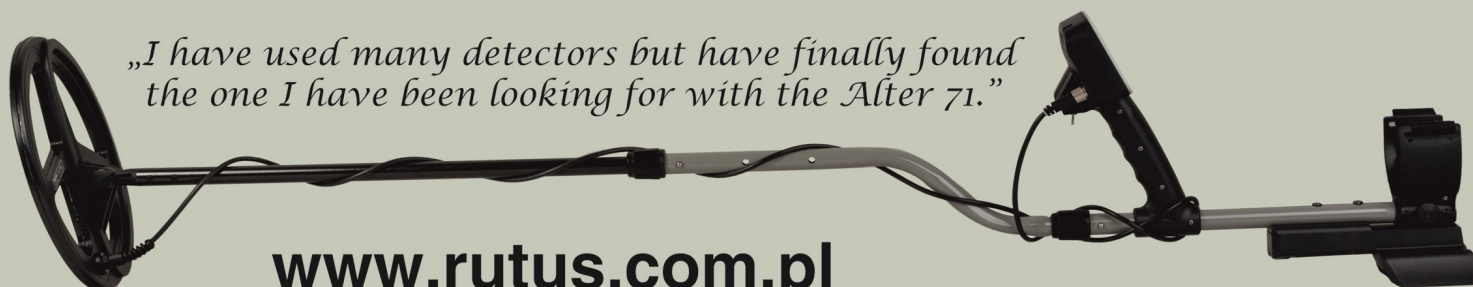
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Reader Stories : Scotty Bea

Scotty started metal detecting back in 2015 and it has so far been an incredible journey for Him .

From a suspected ‘human hand’ discovered on a beach to an extremely rare Newark siege shilling and the formation North Of The Tyne Detecting and subsequent hoard discoveries made by that group. It has been a heck of a start to the hobby for Scotty.

But its not all human remains , silver coins and hoards—one of Scotty’s favourite moments was finally finding one of those elusive cartwheel pennies ! Scotty tells his story below....

When I was a child at the age of 8 years old an old man who lived in my street who used to go shopping once a week , he was not well and very frail. I did not know what was up with him as a was a kid. But every week he used to give me these big coins and did not know what they were until my father told me they were old penny’s and half penny’s. I told My father that the shop would not let me spend them and my father chuckled and said ‘aye Son, I know’ and explained that the old man was confused and thought I could still spend them. My father used to swop them for new coins for me.

Anyway, I helped the old man once a week with his shopping and then one day just in from school I got off the bus with my mam to find this man lying on the pavement so me and my mam went over to see if he was ok to find out it was the old man who I helped with the shopping . he was asleep as he thought he was in bed so me and my mum took him home and put him to bed and the old man gave me this HUGE coin for helping him. It was a Cartwheel penny. In my tiny hand this coin was massive and heavy. The biggest I had ever seen. I ran home , coin held high to show my dad.

Off I went racing home but then I tripped over my laces and landed knees first the coin went flying off and rolled down a drain ! Words could not explain how I felt as an eight year old boy. I was devastated.

As I grew older I always remembered that coin and how excited I was to be given it and the disappointment of losing it.

Many years later after having detected for a few years and been involved in and having made some amazing finds Myself I still had one thing at the top of my bucket list. A cartwheel penny.

In early 2019 I was a guest on the GDA Metal detecting podcast and we discussed the fantastic Spring Detectival hoard which I was fortunate enough to be a part of and one of the listeners , Kimmie Dubay asked me what did I want to find above all else to which I replied ‘a Cartwheel penny’

A week or so after I was out detecting with my mate Andrew Winter and we set up our machines as normal wished each other good luck and headed out to the fields and after about an hour I found a silver sixpence but other than that the field appeared very quiet.

But then I got a signal that blew my ears off , it displayed a solid 33 on my Equinox and I called Andrew over. He said to me half jokingly ‘mate I reckon that’s your cartwheel penny’ I removed the clod and broke it up to reveal..... A button !

I knew that could not have been what gave the strong signal so I pushed around the hole with my pinpointter. Nothing. Picking up My machine I swung back over the hole and could still hear the solid 33 signal. Digging deeper I removed more soil and soon had another muddy ‘coin ball’ in my hand. Teasing myself slowly breaking away the mud I saw it !! That unmistakable coin edge !! I quickly broke away the rest of the clod and soon had in my hand a cartwheel penny !! BOOM ! After all these years I had finally done it !

I was jumping around and dancing and anyone would have thought I had found gold—But to Me this was treasure and just as important a find as any of My Roman and Medieval artefacts and coins.

I remembered Myself standing upset with grazed knees seeing that coin roll into the drain. I had My cartwheel back and with it memories of the kind old man and childhood. - Although not gold or silver that cartwheel ranks as one of my favourite finds !



The Cartwheel penny are coinage minted in 1797. All previous pennies had been made of silver. Big and heavy it is tough to imagine a pocket full of them and seems even more unlikely that one could drop from your pocket without noticing ! The unique rim of the coins earnt them the name ‘cartwheels’

The coins had such a weight to them that many came to be used as counter weights. The weight of these coins also made them ideal as substitutes for weights in measuring produce, a task for which they were intentionally designed. (source cointalk.com)

The cartwheel was the first coin in England to be minted using a steam powered press designed by steam pioneers Matthew Boulton and James Watt.

The first copper penny to be circulated in Britain, the cartwheel penny was designed to combat counterfeiting. Designed to weigh its exact value in copper.

King George III will be remembered as ‘the mad king’ but also in the mind of the coin collector and detectorist as the Monarch who surpassed all others in size of coinage !!

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