

RALLY NEWS

ROMAN GOLD! Geoff Deus

I've only been detecting for about 12 months but because I have a serious debilitating back injury I cannot detect for long periods or on a regular basis. So a find like this makes it all worthwhile.

I was on a Lets Go Digging (LGD) dig at Moreton in Marsh, Gloucestershire only about 25 miles from home, so not far for me to drive. The machine of choice is an XP Deus as it's light and was using the 9" HF coil supplied by Leisure Promotions. I set it up on 30kHz and was using Iain Crozza's Viper 4 program.

The morning had been a little quiet but some finds were surfacing. We gathered together at lunch for a raffle draw and were told by Paul and Chris from LGD that a new field would be

available after lunch.

During lunch I had a relaxing rest and sat in car. However, the weather turned and it absolutely poured down. Had I had enough I was asking myself? My back would be more painful tomorrow if I get soaked today.

Some of the cars moved off and were being directed to the new field just along road. I followed but was in two minds as just to go home. At that point the cars turned into a gateway of a field and I thought I'd sit the rain out.

Half an hour later I was back out detecting and suddenly had an unmissable signal 93 on the display and tones were beautiful. I gently dug and to my amazement only about 3" down



something shone in the sunlight. I picked it up and couldn't believe my eyes, heart was racing and I was shaking!

One of the Admin (Vic) was quite close, so I showed him. Amongst much excitement, handshakes and pictures were taken. A beautiful Roman Tiberius (Aureus) dated AD 14 – 37. I'll never forget that moment and have since correctly recorded it with FLO and PAS have published it on their site.

My thanks to LGD and Leisure Promotions, who advised and supported me throughout as I'm a relatively new to the hobby.