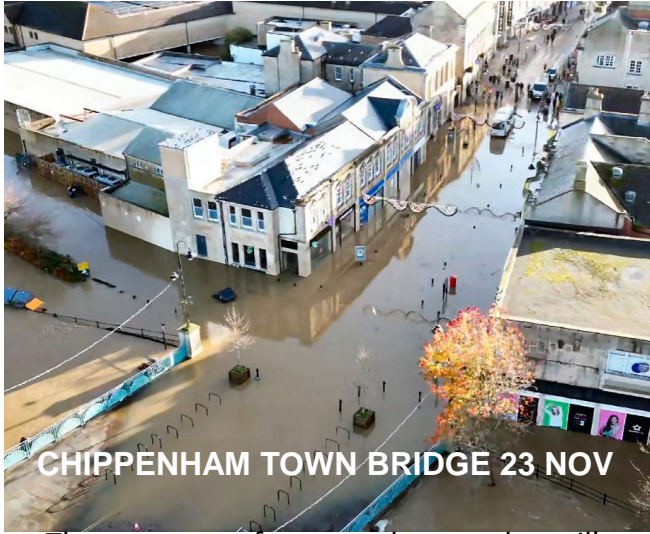




Sorry Terry, I wasn't concentrating, what do moist conditions mean?



CHIPPENHAM TOWN BRIDGE 23 NOV

The presence of water enhances the soil's ability to conduct electricity, which helps electromagnetic fields (EMF) from the detector reach far deeper. However, too much water can also be a hindrance.

DOG TAGS (continued from last month)
Continuing from the last newsletter article on Dog Tags "STANLEYS" dog tag was recently discovered on Langley Burrell Common.. Stanley is a 10-year-old Springdor with a playful spirit, convinced he's still a young pup at heart. His owners mentioned that there's no need to return the tag since he has several new ones, so as PAS would say "Returned to the finder"



TREASURE FIND THIS MONTH



"Mimzy" won T2 Artefact of the month with this 15thC iconic finger ring (above) very similar to one that Simon Morgan found in October 2023 (right)

CDMDC CHRISTMAS DINNER

The club dinner took place on November 23 at the Pheasant pub in Chippenham, and it was a great turnout. Cathereign the deer hosted a Christmas-themed quiz and teamed up with Michelle Thomas to run the raffle. Jon Baker took home the quiz victory, while Simon Morgan's wife snagged the top raffle prize, a £50 B&M voucher. Thankfully, there were no reports of food poisoning or any brawls, so everyone had a fantastic time!



THE TUDORS

A few club members have had dealings with all the Tudors this month bar Henry Tudor who seized the crown from Richard III on 22 August 1485 at the battle of Bosworth.



HENRY VIII. 22 April 1509 – 28 January 1547

Unfortunately, not found this month. This coin is owned by Tom Claridge and has been misplaced. If anyone happens to come across it among their finds, please let us know. The last time Tom remembers seeing it was in September 2023. The coin, a Laker D groat, seems to have been turned into a lucky charm at some point in life.



EDWARD VI. 28 January 1547 – 6 July 1553

Found by Simon Morgan at a rally on a field at Little Sodbury, this silver fine sixpence, has the mint mark Tun and indicates that it was issued at the Tower Mint in London during his reign. The "tun" is a small barrel that appears in the coin's legend.

Edward VI introduced the sixpence in 1551



MARY. July 1553–17 November 1558

Mary Tudor, also known as "Bloody Mary" by her Protestant opponents married Phillip II of Spain in 1554. This groat fragment found by Terry Kearton should read, PHILIP.ET.MARIA.D G. REX.ET.REGINA on the obverse and POSUIMUS DEUM ADIUTO NOS "We have made God our helpers" on the reverse.



ELIZABETH I. 17 Nov 1558 –24 March 1603

Found by Jon Baker this three halfpence is a silver coin worth 1+1/2d, and was introduced in Elizabeth I's third and fourth coinages (1561–1582) as part of a plan to produce large quantities of coins of varying denominations with high silver content. This one is dated 1574.



This Penny found by Anthony Mims "Mimzy" While looking for a lost ring was minted in 1560-1561 (cross crosslet mintmark). Elizabethan pennies are very small, and are often found creased or bent. The obverse bears the legend E D G ROSA SINE SPINA — Elizabeth by the grace of God a rose without a thorn.