

MONEY & MEDALS

The digital newsletter of the Money and Medals Network



WELCOME TO THE NEW *MONEY & MEDALS* NEWSLETTER

For more than three decades, Money & Medals has helped share news, research, exhibitions, events and practical advice with people working with numismatic collections across the UK. First published in 1992, the printed newsletter continued until 2024, thanks in very large part to the work and dedication of Richard Kelleher.



We offer our sincere thanks to Rich for everything he has done for the MMN over the years. This new newsletter builds upon the foundations he and so many others established.

From this issue onwards, Money & Medals is becoming a digital-only publication. with a new format designed to make it easier to share news, practical resources and opportunities

The purpose remains much the same – an information exchange for anyone working with, researching or interested in coins, medals and numismatic collections.

TRAINING DAY REPORT: PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO CONSERVING, INTERPRETING AND EXHIBITING COINS

MMN Training Day, University of Leeds | 18 June 2026



PRACTICAL SESSIONS

Learned how to create protective sink mounts for damaged coins and how Vivak can be shaped to make custom, reusable exhibition mounts.



PHOTOGRAPHING COINS

Eddie James demonstrated a simple axial lighting setup to capture sharp, balanced images – from lighting to editing.



IN THE TREASURE GALLERY

Dr Lucy Moore showed us inspiring coin displays, including plaster cast volunteer's hands holding favourite coins with personal stories behind them.



BEHIND THE EXHIBITION

Kat Baxter took us behind the scenes of *Money Talks*, exploring how a numismatic collection becomes an engaging exhibition.



WHY DO COINS CORRODE?

Jemima Cowey explained corrosion types and processes, and why good conservation practice matters.

WHAT ATTENDEES SAID



"My biggest takeaway is conservation techniques. I loved doing the practical sessions and increasing my understanding of why metals corrode — it was so helpful. I'll be making changes soon!"

"The practical applications were excellent because I can see how they can be applied in the museum/collection."

"It has been a really useful day and an enjoyable experience. I made some useful contacts and met lovely people."

COMING IN A FUTURE ISSUE

Step-by-step guides to making protective sink mounts and reusable Vivak coin mounts.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CONSERVATION?

In this session, Maxim Chesnokov discusses some of the conservation processes applied to coins, medals, and Treasure at the British Museum. The talk explores common conservation challenges faced by large numismatic collections, including the effects of storage conditions and burial environments on metallic objects.



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 **LIVE COIN TALK | 28 OCTOBER**



What do you want to know about metal analysis?

Join Dr George Green for a live Coin Talk shaped around your questions. Send us what you'd most like him to cover — from analytical techniques to interpreting results and understanding the limits of metal analysis.

**SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS
HERE →**

COIN TALK: NUMISMATICS ON DEMAND



Since 2024, Coin Talk has delivered 24 online talks with live Q&A, covering a wide range of numismatic topics.

Now you can watch recordings on our YouTube channel.

COMING SOON

11 SEP

Conserving Money, Medals and Treasure at the British Museum (Maxim Chesnokov)

25 SEP

The First World War Next-of-Kin Memorial Plaque (Giles Penman)

9 OCT

An Introduction to the Coin Collection at the University of Leeds (Dr Lucy Moore)

23 OCT

Coins, Conquest and Collaboration at the Beginnings of Roman Britain: The Worcestershire Conquest Hoard (Dr Murray Andrews)



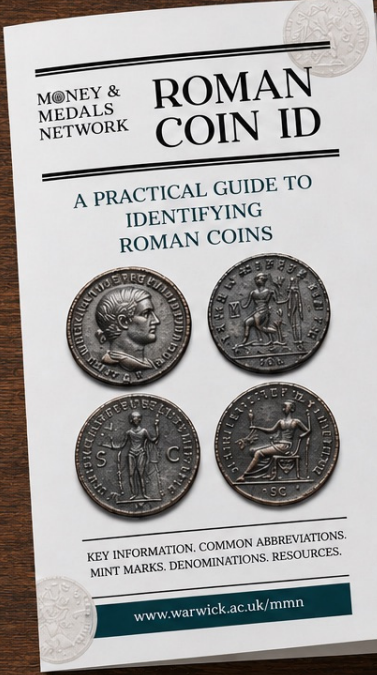
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A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO IDENTIFYING ROMAN COINS

Our new A4 guide is a quick reference for identifying and recording Imperial Roman coins.

- What to record and how to describe a coin
- Key terms and abbreviations
- Legends and what they mean
- Denominations
- Late Imperial mint marks
- Recommended resources – with QR code to OCRE



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ROMAN COIN ID

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO IDENTIFYING ROMAN COINS

KEY INFORMATION, COMMON ABBREVIATIONS, MINT MARKS, DENOMINATIONS, RESOURCES.

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Late Imperial Mint Marks

ALE = Alexandria	L, LN, LON, AVG = London
AMB = Ambianum	LA, LD, LG, LVG = Lugdunum
AN, ANT = Antioch	MD = Milan
AQ = Aquileia	N, NIK = Nicomedia
AR, ARL = Arelate	OST = Ostia
CON, CONT, CONST = Arelate	RV = Ravenna
KA, KONT, KONSTAN = Arelate / Constantina	R, RM, ROM, ROMA = Rome
B, BA = Barcino	SD, SER = Serdica
K, KART = Carthage	SIR, SIRM, SM = Sirmium
C, CL = Colchester	SIS, SISC = Siscia
C, CONS, CP, CN = Constantinople	TE, TES, THES, THS = Thessalonika
C, CVZ, K, KV = Cyzicus	T = Ticinum
H, HE = Heraclea	TR = Trier

Denominations

Early Imperial Coinage (c. AD 1)

Aureus – Gold – 25 denarii – 7.85 g – 20 mm

Quinarius – Gold – 12.5 denarii – 4 g – 15 mm

Denarius – Silver – 16 asses – 3.8 g – 19 mm

Quinarius – Silver – 8 asses – 2 g – 15 mm

Sestertius – Brass – 4 asses – 25–30 g – 25–35 mm

Dupondius – Brass – 2 asses – 12 g – 28 mm

As – Copper – Basic unit – 11 g – 24–28 mm

Semis – Brass – ½ as – 3–4 g – 18 mm

Quadrans – Copper – ¼ as – 3 g – 15 mm

Diocletian's Reform Coinage (c. AD 305)

Aureus – Gold

Argentus – Silver

Follis – Silvered bronze

Radiate – Bronze

Constantine's Coinage (AD 310s–330s)

Solidus – Gold – 4.5 g

Semissis – Gold – ½ solidus

1½ Sripulum – Gold – ¾ solidus

Miliarensis – Silver

Siliqua – Silver

Late Roman Bronze Sizes

AE1 – 25 mm+

AE2 – 21–25 mm

AE3 – 17–21 mm

AE4 – Under 17 mm



Resources

Roman Republican coins Roman Republican Coinage (RRC)

Roman Imperial coins Roman Imperial Coinage (RIC)

Coinage of the Roman Republic Online (CRRO): <http://numismatics.org/crro/>

Coins of the Roman Empire (OCRE): <http://numismatics.org/ocre/>

Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS): <https://finds.org.uk/database>

CoinArchives (assembles coins from dealers): <https://www.coinarchives.com/u/>

Roman Economy project, Coin hoards of the Roman Empire Project: http://oxrep.classics.ox.ac.uk/coin_hoards_of_the_roman_empire_project/

Ashmolean: <https://her.ashmus.ox.ac.uk/>

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Common Abbreviations

These are the abbreviations that appear constantly in RIC, Sear, auction catalogues, and museum records.

• AE = bronze coin	• diad. = diademed bust
• AR = silver coin	• cuir. = cuirassed bust
• AU/AV = gold coin	• dr. = draped bust
• Obv. = obverse (front)	• l. = facing left
• Rev. = reverse (back)	• r. = facing right
• ex. = exergue	• std. = seated
• laur. = laureate bust	• stg. = standing
• rad. = radiate bust	

Desired Information

This is the standard amount of information that should be captured for each coin:

Emperor (regnal dates), denomination (metal abbreviation, diameter, weight, die axis), mint, production date (if known), Obverse Legend; Obverse type description, Reverse Legend; Reverse type description, Reference.

NEW RESOURCE

A Practical Guide to Identifying Roman Coins

A handy A4 guide to help you record, describe and identify Roman coins with confidence – in the museum or in the field.

WHAT'S INSIDE?

- ✓ What information to record
- ✓ How to describe and measure coins
- ✓ Common abbreviations and legends explained
- ✓ Late Imperial mint marks and bronze sizes
- ✓ Denominations and coinage reforms
- ✓ Links to essential online resources

Download your copy from the MMN website and start using it today!

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WHAT'S ON

Exhibitions and Displays

26 June–26 June 2027

‘Tides of Treasure’, National Waterfront Museum

Oystermouth Road, Maritime Quarter, Swansea SA1 3RD

museum.wales/swansea/

18 July–11 April 2027

‘Timeless Treasures’, Museum of Chelmsford

Oaklands Park, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford CM2 9AQ

www.museumofchelmsford.co.uk

28 July–30 July 2028 (online only)

‘Money in a Time of Crisis’, Manchester Museum Online

www.museum.manchester.ac.uk

6 December 2025–29 November 2026

Restoring Rome: Roman Oxfordshire through Coins

Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2PH

www.ashmolean.org/display/roman-oxfordshire-coins-display

AUCTION DIARY

5–6 September – London Coins

4–6 Upper Street South, New Ash Green, Kent DA3 8JJ

www.londoncoins.co.uk

8 September – Noonans

16–17 Bolton Street, Mayfair, London W1J 8BQ

www.noonans.co.uk

15 September – Hosker Haynes

Thistle Hotel, Holborn, London

www.hoskerhaynes.com

16 September – Postiljonen

Hans Michelsensgatan 9, SE-211 20 Malmö, Sweden

www.postiljonen.se

16–17 September – Noonans

16–17 Bolton Street, Mayfair, London W1J 8BQ

www.noonans.co.uk

(The Gary Oddie Collection of English Shillings – 17 September)

18 September – Heinrich Köhler

Hasengartenstraße 25, 65189 Wiesbaden, Germany

heinrich-koehler.de

18 September – Mowbray

West Plaza Hotel, Wellington, New Zealand

www.mowbrays.co.nz

20 September – Chris Rudd

PO Box 1500, Norwich NR10 5WS

celticcoins.com

22 September – Sovereign Rarities

17–19 Maddox Street, London W1S 2QH

www.sovr.co.uk

22–23 September – Lockdales

52 Barrack Square, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 3RF

www.lockdales.com

23 September – St James's

10 Charles II Street, St James's, London SW1Y 4AA

stjauctions.com

24, 29 September – Spink

67–69 Southampton Row, Bloomsbury, London WC1B 4ET

www.spink.com

(Coinex – 24 September)

25 September – St James's

The Biltmore Mayfair, 44 Grosvenor Square, London W1K 2HP

stjauctions.com

(Coinex)

29–30 September – Noonans

16–17 Bolton Street, Mayfair, London W1J 8BQ

www.noonans.co.uk

(The Chelsea Collection of World Gold Coins, the Eric Hodge Collection of Merchant Coins and the Nosuch Collection of British, European Coins – 29 September)

8 October – Spink

67–69 Southampton Row, Bloomsbury, London WC1B 4ET

www.spink.com

(The Nicholas Rhodes Collection of Nepalese Coins Part II)

12 October – SGB

399 Strand, London WC2R 0LX

sgbaldwins.com

12–16 October – Christoph Gärtner

Steinbeisstraße 6+8, 74321 Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany

www.auktionen-gaertner.de

14 October – T&T

New Barn, The Estate Yard, Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells TN3 9JR

tandtauctions.com

14 October – Toovey's

Spring Gardens, Washington, West Sussex RH20 3BS

www.tooveys.com

27 October – St James's

10 Charles II Street, St James's, London SW1Y 4AA

stjauctions.com

(The Opera Collection of Indian Coins)

OVER TO YOU

Tell us what you're doing. Have you opened a new display? Identified something unusual in your collection? Developed a useful way of storing or displaying coins? Published some research? Have an event coming up? Or simply have a numismatic question that you haven't been able to answer?

Write to us at **MMN@warwick.ac.uk** with material to include in the next newsletter.



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