

31. Julian II (360–361), *siliqua*, mint of Lyons. *Obv.* DNFLCLIVLIANVSPPAVG, Draped and diademed bust r. *Rev.* VOT/X/MVLT/XX in wreath, PLVG in exergue. Weight 1.88g. Scole 39960.

Medieval English coins

32. Henry III (1216–1272), short cross penny, mint of Durham, Class 7. *Obv.* hENRICVSR EX. *Rev.* PIERESONDVR. Weight 1.38g. Cawston.
33. Edward III (1327–1377), halfpenny, mint of Berwick, North 1090. *Obv.* [EDWARDVS?] DI GRA. *Rev.* VILLA BERVICI, Bear's head in two quarters. Weight 0.46g. Emneth 39619.
34. Henry V (1413–1422), half noble, later class C, North 1377. *Obv.* HenRlcDI GRAREXAnGLZF. *Rev.* DOMInE nEInFVRORE ARGVAS ME. Weight 3.45g. Postwick 31087. Plate 1.
35. Henry V (1413–1422) quarter noble, North 1383. *Obv.* HEEnRICDIGRAREX AnGL. *Rev.* EXALTABITVRINGLORIA. Weight 1.74g. Cawston 19522. Plate 1.
36. Henry VI/Edward IV (1422–1483), muled penny, mint of Durham, see North 1467. *Obv.* hEnRICVS[pinecone?] REX AnGL Apparently no field marks. *Rev.* CIVITAS DVnO LMI. Weight 0.85g. Scarning 2874.
37. Edward IV (1461–1483) heavily clipped penny, mint of Durham. *Obv.* EDWARD[...], roses and suns by bust. *Rev.* CIVITAS DVR[...] Rose at centre, suns and roses in quarters. Weight 0.53g. Oxborough 2634. Plate 1.

Medieval European coins

38. Louis IX (1226–1270), gros tournois, Duplessy no. 190. *Obv.* LVDOVICVS REX, around cross. *Rev.* TVRONVS CIVIS, Castle of Tournai. Gilded on obverse. Weight 3.62g. Bixley 29810 (found 1995).
39. John of Avesnes, Count of Hainaut (1280–1304), sterling imitation, mint of Valenciennes, Mayhew no. 32. *Obv.* +ICOMESHANONIE, pellet on breast. *Rev.* VALENChENENS. Weight 1.09g. Sandringham 3257.
40. John II of Brabant (1294–1312), sterling imitation, mint of Brussels/Louvain, Mayhew no. 48ff. *Obv.* I:DVX:LIMBURGIE. *Rev.* DVX/BRA/BAnTIE. Weight 1.31g. Kenninghall 19545. Plate 1.

Post-medieval coins

41. Commonwealth (1649–1660), plated imitation of a half crown, North 2724/5. *Obv.* Illegible. *Rev.* Shields of England and Ireland, pierced at centre. Weight 9.56g. Happisburgh 39961.
42. James II (1685–1690), 'gunmoney' shilling, mint of Dublin (May 1690). *Obv.* IACO [...] Laureate head l. *Rev.* MAG BRFRA ET HIB REX, Date unclear (May). Weight 2.94g. Mattishall 36629.

Tokens

43. Boy bishop token (14th–15th century), uncertain East Anglian mint (Bury?). *Obv.* Mitre encircled by legend composed of vertical strokes. *Rev.* Long cross encircled by legend composed of vertical strokes. Weight 11.42g. Carbrooke 40120.

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MEDIEVAL SEAL MATRICES FROM NORFOLK, 2003

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This paper is the sixth part in a consecutive annual catalogue of medieval seal matrices to be published in this journal. As usual, impressions of all the matrices contained in this catalogue are available for study at Norwich Castle Museum.

The catalogue is divided into sections headed thus: official secular, official religious; personal seals with arms; personal seals with names; personal seals with mottoes; with initials only; without inscription; illegible. As far as possible entries are in alphabetical order.

The organisation of the catalogue entries is as follows. Material, overall shape of matrix. Shape of die, and size. Central motif. Surrounding inscription (and translation). Any reference or supporting information. Parish name and HER number.

The inscriptions of the impressions have been rendered as faithfully as possible, with illegible letters thus: Inferred letters have been put in square brackets. Some spaces have been added to make the reading clearer. There is no full stop added after the inscription, to avoid confusion with any dot contained within the inscription itself.

Official secular seals

No seal matrices in this category were reported during 2003.

Official religious seals

1. Copper alloy, hexagonally faceted conical handle with broken pierced quatrefoil terminal, incised lines around edges and vertical lines and shell-shaped casting flaw on facets, star near outside edge for orientation of top of impression. Circular, 21–2mm. Tonsured and robed standing figure with palm in right hand, book in left hand and cross on both shoulders, within cusped circle with trefoil within each cusp. + S · E · CVRATI · DE · SEQVEhART (Seal of E, Priest of Sequehart). Sequehart lies 10km NNE of St Quentin in the Département of Aisne in Picardie, France. Frettenham 39911. Fig. 1.

Personal seals with arms

2. Copper alloy, nicely cast hexagonally faceted conical handle with elaborate triple-collared pierced quatrefoil terminal surmounted by a suspension-loop, transverse ridge on both sides of quatrefoil, incised saltire near outside edge for orientation of top of impression. Circular, 21mm. A shield bearing: *A vine with bunches of grapes springing from a grassy knoll in base* (the vine is elaborate and naturalistic). A female figure with an elaborate hairstyle stands behind the shield as a supporter, her head and breasts emerging above the upper edge and her arms and hands extended to hold both corners. s : henry le vigneron (Seal of Henry le Vigneron. The black-letter inscription begins after the head of the female figure and a large sprig of foliage; there is a smaller sprig as a spacer between the y and the l). Colney 9332. Fig. 1.

Personal seals with names

3. Copper alloy, flat with cast pin with transverse rib, from annular buckle, soldered onto reverse to act as pierced lug, traces of solder visible. Pointed oval, 28 x 18mm. Equal-ended fleur-de-lis. + S · ADE · FILII · PETRI DE MOST · S (Seal of Adam son of Peter De Most[...?]s). Postwick 30931. Plate 1.
4. Lead, flat, pierced lug at top, bent double, edges and reverse with many stabbed grooves, so perhaps cancelled. Circular, 36mm. Saltire on cross. + S · ALAN · FIL · ROB · DE SCOL · (Seal of Alan son of Robert of Scole). Scole 39960.
5. Copper alloy, flat with pierced lug on reverse. Pointed oval, 31 x 19mm. Bird standing facing right with branch in beak. + S · ALANI · FIL · ROGERI (Seal of Alan son of Roger). Old Hunstanton 1270.



Plate 1. Reverse of seal from Postwick (3), with cast pin from annular buckle soldered onto reverse to act as pierced lug. Traces of solder are visible. Scale 1:1



Figure 1. Impressions taken from seal matrices. 1: Frettenham. 2: Colney. 27: Haddiscoe. 46: Snettisham. 47: Newton Flotman. Scale 1:1

6. Lead, flat, about half surviving in battered condition. Pointed oval c. 50 x 35mm, first and last parts of legend missing. Fleur-de-lis. S [EMME FILIE · S] ([Seal of] Emma daughter of S...). Fincham 39647.
7. Lead, flat, cracked and slightly distorted, transversely pierced lug at top. Circular, 40mm. Fleur de lis. + SIGILL' GALFRIDI (inverted A with double cross bar). (Seal of Geoffrey ...). The inverted A, acting as a filler at the end of the inscription, is of uncertain meaning. Binham 29339.
8. Lead, flat with short lug projecting from top and incised fleur-de-lis on reverse. Circular, 37mm. An octofoil. + S' : GALFRIDI . FIL' : Ad : LECK : (Seal of Geoffrey son of ?Adam Leck. The letters Ad are smaller and less heavily incised, and the d could possibly be a retrograde G). The surname Leck (or Leek) derived from OE *leac*, is metonymic for Leaker 'a seller of leeks' (Reaney and Wilson 1991, 274). An Agnes Leck is recorded in the Norfolk Lay Subsidies of 1327 and 1332, in Egmere and Quarles, in the only entry for this form of the surname (Hawes 2000-2, 339). Alderford 39623.
9. Lead, flat with moulded equal-armed cross on reverse, stub of missing lug projecting from edge at top. Circular, 29mm. Elaborate quatrefoil. + S' hENRICI BEL' (Seal of Henry Bele or Bell). Quidham 35174.
10. Copper alloy, flat with loop on reverse. Shield-shaped, 18 x 22mm. Stags head attired with cross between tines. * S' hVGOmS-STORM (Seal of Hugh Storm) A Hugh Storm appears amongst Wiveton taxpayers in the 1327 and 1332 Lay Subsidy assessments (Hawes 2000-2, 259). Wiveton 33820.
11. Lead, flat with incised lines of cross on saltire on reverse, and short (?broken) lug at top. Circular, 26 mm. Fleur-de-lis. + S' IOh'IS · LE TENTVR (Seal of John Tainter. The N is retrograde). The surname Tainter is derived from the Old French *teinturier* 'dyer' (Reaney and Wilson 1991, 438). It occurs twice, as *Le Teyntirer* and *Le Teyntour*, in the 1332 Norfolk Lay Subsidy Assessments, in North Burlingham and Letheringsett (Hawes 2000-2, 671). Tunstead 39952.
12. Lead, flat, upper end bent forward and short projecting lug bent over onto back. Pointed oval 32mm (40mm including lug) x 19mm, unfolded. Quatrefoil. + S' : IULIAN' : FIL' : THOM' (Seal of Juliana daughter of Thomas). Wereham 23156.
13. Lead, flat with broken lug at top. Pointed oval, 44 x 25mm. Octofoil. + S' MARGARET ' VXOR TOM (Seal of Margaret wife of Thomas). It is interesting to note that the engraver, aware that he was running out of space, has ligatured the OR, written TOM instead of more usual THOM for Thomas and squeezed the M at the end of the inscription. Norwich 26496.
14. Lead, flat with oblique break across body, simple cast foliate decoration springing from central rib ending in un-pierced lug on reverse. Pointed oval, less than half survives (at least) 25 x 21mm. Fleur-de-lis. * S' M[.....]ESCOT: (Seal of ??). Shipdham 37201.

15. Lead, flat with small pierced lug projecting from top. Circular, 24mm. Octofoil. + S' RADVLF I : DAGGARO (Seal of Ralph Daggaro). Carbrooke 39360.
16. Lead, flat with slightly oblique vertical bend and recent damage, pierced lug projecting from top. Circular, 40mm. Bearded bust facing right. + SIGILL' RADV[LF]I P[.....]SER (Seal of Ralph ?). Tacolneston 35023.
17. Lead, flat with rectangular-sectioned off-centre projection on reverse. Circular, 27mm. Plain. + SIG' ROB'TI (Seal of Robert). The unfinished inscription has letters clumsily engraved the right way round on the matrix which appear retrograde on the seal impression. Ormesby St Michael 39263.
18. Lead, flat, cracked across centre and in friable condition, un-pierced lug projecting from top. Circular, 35mm. Octofoil. [+] SIGILL' ROBERTI CA...ETIAN (Seal of Robert ?). Sandringham 3257.
19. Lead, flat with relief central dot and three concentric ribs alternating with lines of pellets and pierced lug at top on reverse. Circular, 32mm. An octofoil. + S' RICARDI : F : ROGERI LIRI (Seal of Richard son of Roger ?). Grimston 11790.
20. Lead, flat with un-pierced lug at top. Circular, 22mm. Circle. + S ROGERI FIL' I (seal of Roger son of [almost certainly] John). Runhall 36067.
21. Lead alloy/pewter, flat with break on upper edge where projecting lug is missing. Circular, 39mm. Naturalistic standing eagle to dexter regardant with wings spread. + S' · ROGERI · PLVMBATORIS (Seal of Roger Plummer, or lead-worker (OFR *plomb* 'lead', Reaney and Wilson 1991, 355)). The choice of metal for the matrix may be significant here. Grimston 11789.
22. Lead, flat. Circular, 36mm. Octofoil. + SIG ROGERI TOLI (Seal of Roger Toli, normal modern spelling Tooley). Wymondham 37262.
23. Lead, flat with median rib ending in damaged remains of lug at top on reverse. Pointed oval, 31 x 20mm. Octofoil. * S' SEMAN F' WILL' · (Seal of Seman son of William). Seman is recorded in Domesday and is derived from the OE S?mann 'sea-man' (Reaney and Wilson 1991, 397); it was still in use as a personal name in the early 14th century: Hawes 2000-2, vol. VI, 656. Upwell 29193.
24. Lead, flat with pierced lug on reverse. Circular, 28mm. Octofoil. * S' SIMONIS D' LAVSILL' (Seal of Simon of Lausill). Lawsill is perhaps Lawshall in Suffolk; in records of 1194 this is spelled Laweshell, but in the Lay Subsidy of 1327 it is spelled Lausele. Roudham 39642.¹
25. Lead, flat without lug or handle. Circular, 36mm. Central dot from compass used for marking out lines for inscription. + SIGILL' · VIMERI · BRVNI (Seal of *Wimerus*/Wymer Brown). The seal is unfinished, the inscription is not deeply-cut and the V and M are very faintly inscribed. Happisburgh 39913.
26. Copper alloy, flat with median rib ending in pierced lug at top on reverse. Pointed oval, 29 x 18mm. Eagle close facing left with star above. + S' WALTERI · DE · MERING · (Seal of Walter de Mering). Meering is in Nottinghamshire (Ekwall 1960, 320). Wymondham 38086.
27. Lead, flat with pierced lug on upper edge. Circular, 31mm. Fleur-de-lis. + S' WILL'I FIL' hVGN' · LE FRANCEYS · (Seal of William son of Hugh the Frenchman, the last four letters of the inscription appear in the central field above the fleur-de-lis). Haddiscoe 40023. Fig. 1.

Personal seals with mottoes

28. Copper alloy hexagonally faceted conical handle with double-collared lozengiform pierced terminal. Circular, 18mm. A stag lodged. * AIASVEEIIIV (meaning unknown, ?a hunting cry). Surlingham 35077.
29. Copper alloy, hexagonally faceted conical handle with collared pierced trefoil terminal. Circular, 18mm. Lamb and Flag. + ECCE AGNVS DE · (Behold the Lamb of God). The initial cross surmounts the flag. The N is retrograde. Norfolk 39657.
30. Copper alloy, hexagonally faceted conical handle with triple-collared damaged lozengiform pierced terminal, traces of tinning or silvering. Circular, edge damaged, 17mm. Lamb and banner. + ECCE AGNVS DEI (Behold the lamb of God; the cross-shaped finial interrupts and begins the inscription). Grimston 11789.
31. Copper alloy, hexagonally faceted conical handle with collared pointed pierced terminal. Circular, 17mm. Cross on gable end at beginning of inscription above IHC. EST AMOR M ([Jesus] is my love). IHC = the first three letters of the name Jesus in Greek. Frettenham 39911.
32. Copper alloy, flat with median rib ending in pierced lug at top on reverse. Pointed oval, 30 x 20mm. Elaborate naturalistic flower. * SFRAnGE LEGE LECTA TEGE (Break, read, conceal when read; quatrefoil comprising four dots used as filler at end of inscription). Repps with Bastwick 35318.
33. Copper alloy, hexagonally faceted conical handle with pointed pierced terminal. Circular, 21mm. Cross on gable end at beginning of inscription above IHC. PRIVE SV' (I am private). IHC = the first three letters of the name Jesus in Greek. Bradenham 30636.
34. Copper alloy hexagonally faceted conical handle with pierced trefoil terminal. Circular, 22mm. Eagle of St John displayed with elaborate cusped border. · In PRInCIPIO ERAT VE (In the beginning was the word: John 1.1). Burlingham 39940.

35. Copper alloy hexagonally faceted conical handle with narrowed pierced terminal. Circular, 17mm. Clasped hands with a bird above. * LEL AMI AVET (You have a loyal friend). Buxton-with-Lammas 7625.
36. Copper alloy hexagonally faceted conical handle with collared narrowed pierced terminal. Circular, 18mm. Quatrefoil with engraved veins on each foil. * LEL AMI AVET (You have a loyal friend). Norwich 38129.
37. Copper alloy, flat with median rib with transverse rib and loop at one end. Oval, 30 x 19mm. Virgin and Child above stylised stalls and tonsured figure of praying monk. ORA P FAMVLO SC MARIA TVO (Holy Mary pray for your servant). Thurlton 39383.
38. Copper alloy, hexagonally faceted conical handle with broken pierced terminal. Circular, 14mm. A bird reguardant, wing extended, walking to dexter. * PRIVE SV · (I am private). Halvergate 35199.
39. Copper alloy hexagonally faceted conical handle with lozengiform pierced terminal. Circular, 16mm. Fleur-de-lis above star. * PRIVE SV followed by a letter-sized branch motif as a filler (I am private). North Creake 11707.
40. Copper alloy hexagonally faceted conical handle with pointed pierced terminal. Circular, 17mm. Cross on gable end at beginning of inscription above IhC. PRIVE SV (I am private). Wiveton 39543.

With initials

41. Copper alloy hexagonal faceted conical handle with pierced pointed terminal. Circular, 15mm. Letter I between branches below and to either side. Swafeld 39537.
42. Copper alloy hexagonally faceted conical handle with pierced narrowed pointed terminal. Circular, 14mm. Crowned W with branches below and to either side. Sall 31178.

Without inscription

43. Lead, flat with un-pierced lug projecting from one end and a median rib and less substantial transverse and oblique ribs on reverse. Pointed oval, 35mm (including lug) x 16mm. Face blank. Unengraved and unfinished. The face is blank (a short curving groove is the result of recent damage). Colkirk. 37130.
44. Lead, flat with bent lug near upper edge on reverse. Shield-shaped, 23 x 26mm. Face blank. This appears to be an un-engraved and unfinished seal matrix. However, only three shield-shaped matrices have been recorded from the county since 1996 (Rogerson and Ashley 2003, 352), all of which are copper alloy. Foulsham 39711.
45. Copper alloy hexagonally faceted pointed conical handle with pointed pierced terminal (tiny, height 16mm). Circular, 10mm. ?Dragon reguardant. Bressingham 39297.
46. Copper alloy, flat with rib ending in pierced lug on reverse. Pointed oval, 42 x 31mm. Border of running scroll with bunches of grapes within which a lion passant, below a branch with four vine leaves, treads on grapes. No legend. Snettisham 39656. Fig. 1.

Illegible

47. Lead, flat with broken lug at foot. pointed oval, 47 x 29mm. Cross with globular terminals. Further cross with globular terminals at start of pseudo-inscription that is formed by linking impressed dots with short lines. Newton Flotman 39310. Fig. 1.
48. Copper alloy, flat, reverse has irregular scratches and filing marks. Circular with damaged edge, c. 21mm. *A talbot passant to sinister gorged*. Damaged letters visible around three-quarters of inscription, the end of which and part of field have been cancelled by being hammered flat:]ALDI NA[(largely illegible). Tivetshall St Mary 39697.
49. Lead, flat with oblique break across body, median rib without lug on reverse of surviving half. Pointed oval, 26 (at least) x 24 mm. ?Foil. · S' · [.....]LOT (largely illegible). Emneth 22401.
50. Lead, flat, reverse with relief vertical pointed oval with rectangular-sectioned un-pierced lug. Circular, c. 38mm. Fleur-de-lis. Lower central section of legend cancelled by means of irregular hammered marks, with letters visible at beginning and end: + SIGI[.....]DAM (largely illegible). Postwick 31194.
51. Lead, flat with transverse break across centre of body, no lug on surviving half. Pointed oval, 22mm (at least) x 25mm. ?Foil. + SIGI[.....]LA : (largely illegible). Bintree/Foulsham 30979.
52. Lead, flat, in very poor and friable condition with incomplete pierced lug on reverse. Circular, 23mm. Octofoil. +.....S NIS'ER.... (the N is retrograde, largely illegible). Barton Bendish 20399.
53. Lead, flat with break in body, squashed pierced lug at top. Circular, 26mm. Sexfoil.]RVAOD[(largely illegible). Bunwell 38062.
54. Lead, flat fragment (13 x 20mm). Probably circular, c. 26 mm. Elaborate quatrefoil.]TIDEPA[(largely illegible). Great Witchingham 39541.
55. Lead, flat; two crudely chopped edges, just over one third survives with unsuccessful chop marks immediately inside both edges, two horizontal on the face, one vertical on reverse, un-pierced lug on upper edge. Circular, c. 35mm. ?Fleur-de-lis. + S' : WI].....[O (much of inscription missing). Starston 39359.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS IN NORFOLK IN 2003

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This is a selection of important finds from an estimated total of around 17,000 objects seen and recorded by the Norfolk Museums & Archaeology Service's Identification and Recording Service for Archaeological Finds, and details of which have been entered on to the Norfolk Historic Environment Record (formerly the Norfolk Sites and Monuments Record) during 2003. The Norfolk HER is maintained by Norfolk Landscape Archaeology at Gressenhall and may be consulted by appointment (tel: 01362 869281/2 or email smr.mus@norfolk.gov.uk).

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The entries are arranged by period and, within each period, by parish alphabetically. The number after the parish name is the Norfolk HER number. Grid references have been omitted at the request of finders. Metal artefacts are of copper alloy (bronze) unless otherwise stated. Bold text indicates that an object is illustrated.

Norfolk finds are being added to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport's Portable Antiquities website at www.finds.org.uk. Details of Middle Saxon, Late Saxon and medieval coins are submitted to the Fitzwilliam Museum's *Early Medieval Corpus, Single Finds of Coins in the British Isles, 410–1180*, which can be consulted online at www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/coins/emc.html. A selection of numismatic finds and seal matrices are presented elsewhere (this volume).

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