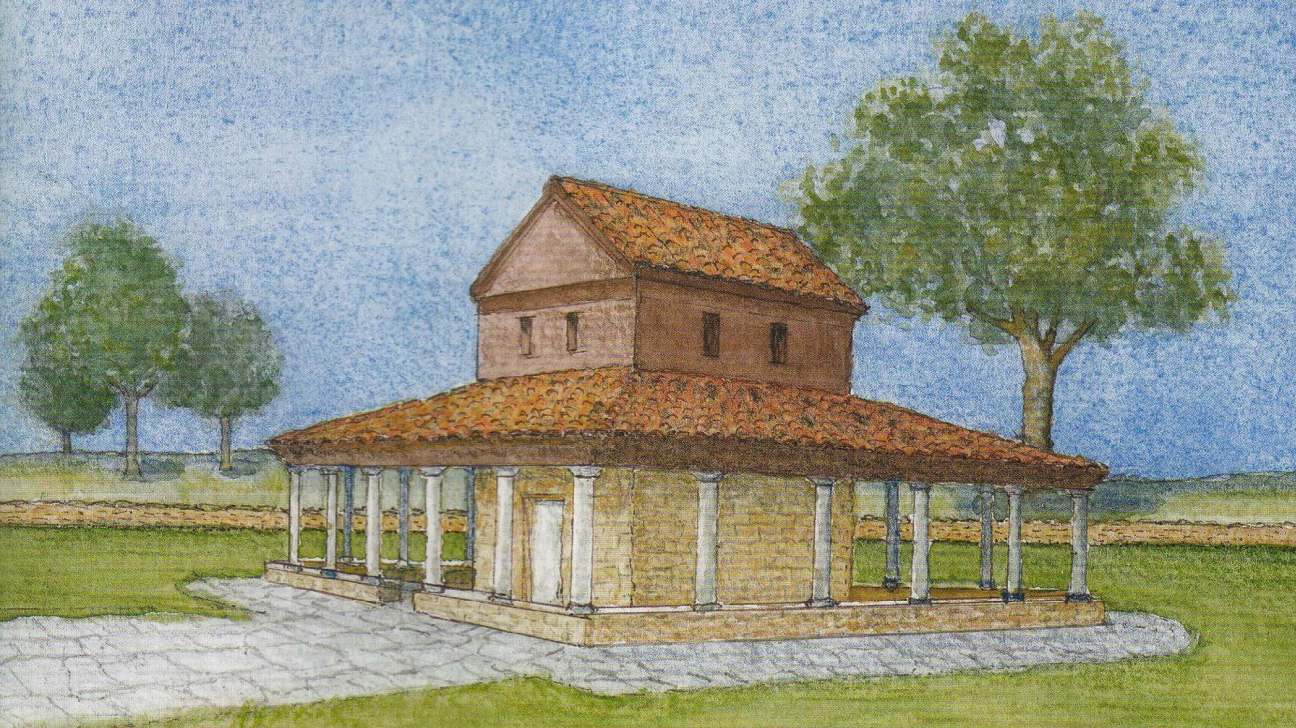


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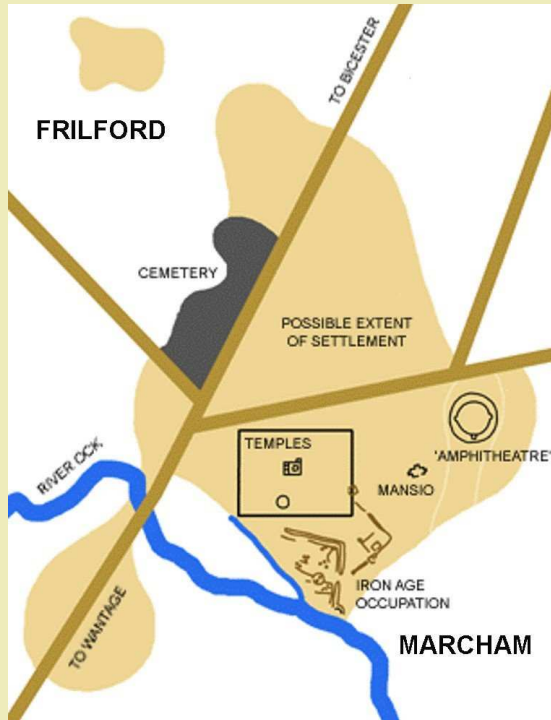
an ancient temple site at Marcham



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Coins from 1st and 2nd centuries AD
found during the Trendles excavations
on Manor Farm, Marcham

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READING THE ABBREVIATIONS ON THE COINS



IMP: IMPERATOR - Emperor.

AVG: AUGUSTUS - The name of the first emperor bestowed upon him by the Senate in 27 BC. It became a title for all successive emperors. During the later empire, senior emperors were called the "Augustus" while junior emperors were the "Caesar."

CAES: CAESAR - The family name of the first imperial dynasty, it became a title used by later emperors.

PM: PONTIFEX MAXIMUS - Highest priest of the Roman religion. This title once conferred was held for life.

TRP: TRIBUNICIA POTESTATE - Tribune of the Roman people, literally the representative of the people in the government. This title was held for one year and is often followed by a numeral which indicates which term as Tribune the emperor was then serving.

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PP: PATER PATRIAE - Father of his country

COS: CONSUL - The consul was the chief magistrates of the Roman government. Two were appointed each year. This title is often followed by a numeral which indicates the number of times the emperor had held this position.

CENS: CENSOR - A title often held for life. The Censor determined the size of the Senate.

GERM, BRIT, etc: GERMANICUS, BRITANNICUS etc - Conqueror of the Germans, Britons et cetera.

DN: DOMINUS NOSTER - Our Lord.

NOB: NOBILISSIMUS - Noble.

IVN: JUNIOR - The younger.

PIVS, PF: PIUS FELIX - Dutiful, patriotic.

FIL: FILIUS - Son of...

OPT: OPTIMO PRINCIPI - The greatest ruler.

VC: VIR CLARISSIMUS - The most illustrious ruler.

SC: SENATUS CONSULTO - Usually appears on the reverse of bronze coins of the early empire. Bronze coins were issued under the authority of the Senate while gold and silver was issued under imperial authority.

'Pre-Claudian'

67 BC - 43 AD

There are over 350 known Republican 'moneyers' who created coins dating from the third century BC through to Julius Caesar's time. These Republican coins are found in significant numbers in Britain, around 660 recorded to date in the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS). They are evidence of early Roman military and trading activity before the arrival of Claudius in 43 AD.

In this country Iron Age (Celtic) coins are far more numerous and the Oxford University Celtic Coin Index holds over 40,000 examples.

At least five Iron Age coins have been found on Manor Farm as stray finds outside the University excavations and these were recorded in the PAS.

This gold Stater of the 'Atrebates' was registered in 2003 under reference 03-1091*



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MFNA09, 7027, SF 397 (obv)
67 BC - Republican denarius
Laurelled Head of Apollo



MFNA09, 7027, SF 39 (rev)
Horseman galloping right, holding palm
L. PISO FRVGI (Lucius Calpurnius Piso Frugi)



MF03, 18055, SF 1950 (obv)
Cynobelins Rex
(Cunobelin 20-43 AD)



MF03, 18055, SF 195 (rev)
TASC
Bull Bating

'Claudian Dynasty'

41 - 68 AD

Claudius

(41 - 54 AD)

Tiberius Claudius Caesar Augustus Germanicus

Nero

(54 - 68 AD)

Nero Claudius Caesar Augustus Germanicus

69 AD

'The Year of the Four Emperors'
Galba, Otho, Vitellius, Vespasian

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MFNAo8, 1000, SF 5 (obv)
TI CLAVDIUS CAESAR AVG PM TR P IMP
(Claudius 41-54AD)



MFNAo8, 1000, SF 5 (rev)
S-C Minerva advancing with spear and shield



MFNAo6, 22000, SF 4224 (obv)
TI CLAVDIUS CAESAR AVG P M TR IMP
(Claudius 41-54AD)



MFNAo6, 22000, SF 4224 (rev)
S-C
Minerva advancing with spear and shield

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MF09, 36000 , SF 5874 (obv)
(Claudius 41-54 AD?)



MF09, 36000 , SF 5874 (rev)
Ceres seated



MFNAo8, 1017 , SF 56 (obv)
TI CLAUDIVS CAESAR AVG PM TR P IMP
(Claudius 41-54 AD)



MFNAo8, 1017 , SF 56 (rev)
S-C
Minerva advancing with spear and shield

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MFP10, 3084, SF 157 (obv)
IMP NERO CAESAR AVG P M



MFP10, 3084, SF 157 (rev)
GENIO AVGVSTI - S-C
Cornucopiae - Altar



MFo6, 30002, SF 4369 (obv)
IMP NERO CAESAR AVG PM TR POT PP
(Nero 54-68 AD)



MFo6, 30002, SF 4369 (rev)
ARA PACIS - S-C
Altar of Augustan Peace, 66 AD

'Flavian Dynasty'

69 - 96 AD

Vespasian

69-79 AD

Imperator Caesar Vespasianus Augustus

Titus

79 – 81 AD

Imperator Titus Caesar Vespasianus Augustus

Domitian

81 – 96 AD

Imperator Caesar Domitianus Augustus

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MF05, 18335, SF 3978 (obv)
IMP CAESAR VESPASIAN AVG COS IIII
(Vespasian 72-73 AD)



MF05, 18335, SF 3978 (rev)
FORTVNAE REDVCI S-C
Fortuna standing holding cornucopiae



MF07, 14000, SF 5056 (obv)
IMP CAES VESPASIAN AVG COS VIII
(Vespasian 78-79 AD)



MF07, 14000, SF 5056 (rev)
S-C
Victory with SPQR on shield

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MF07, 32000, SF 5133 (obv)
T CAES IMP AVG F PONTRP COS VI CENSOR
(Titus 77-78 AD, Caesar under Vespasian)



MF07, 32000, SF 5133 (rev)
ROMA S-C
Rome holding Victory on globe and spear



MFNAo8, 1015, SF 62 (obv)
CAESAR AVG F DOMITIANVS COS V
(Domitian 77-78 AD, Caesar under Vespasian)



MFNAo8, 1015, SF 62 (rev)
S-C
Spes advancing left

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MF01, 45000, SF 993 (obv)
T CAESAR IMP VESPASIANVS
(Titus 78-79 AD, Caesar) - denarius



MF01, 45000, SF 993 (rev)
TR POT VIII COS VII
Venus leaning on cippus with helmet and spear



MF06, 30002, SF 4368 (obv)
T CAES IMP AVG F TR P COS VI CENSOR
(Titus 77-78 AD, Caesar under Vespasian)



MF06, 30002, SF 4368 (rev)
FELICITAS PVBLICA S-C
Felicitas holding caduceus and cornucopiae

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MF05, 24039, SF 4035 (obv)
IMP CAES DOMIT AVG GERM COS XIII
CENS PER P P (Domitian 87 AD)



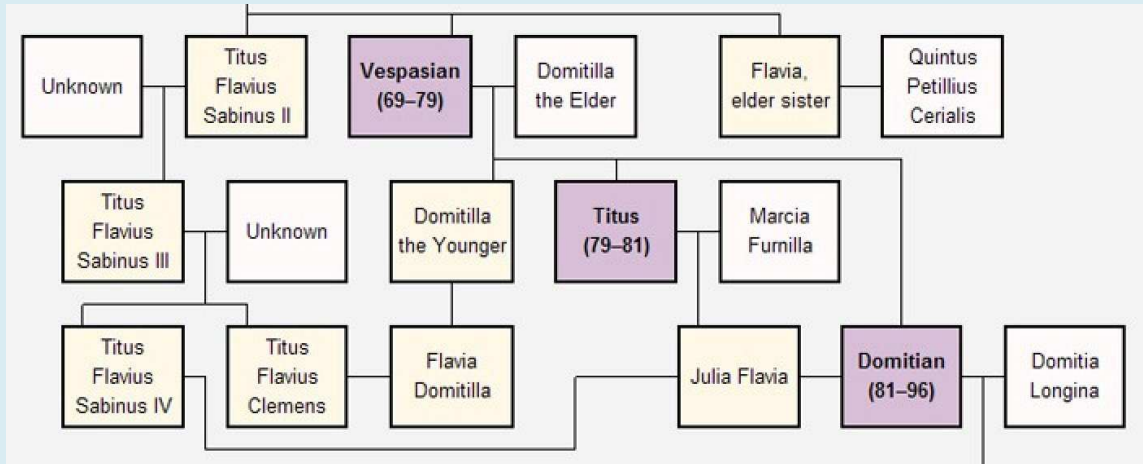
MF05, 24039, SF 4035 (rev)
MONETA AVGVSTI S-C
Moneta holding scales and cornucopiae



MF06, 24067, SF 4509 (obv)
IMP CAES DOMIT AVG GERM PM TR P XV
(Domitian 95-96 AD) - denarius



MF06, 24067, SF 4509 (rev)
IMP XXII COS XVII CENS P P P
Minerva on capital of column, owl at foot



The Flavian family tree

The Flavians initiated economic and cultural reforms. Under Vespasian, new taxes were devised to restore the Empire's finances, while Domitian revalued the Roman coinage by increasing its silver content.

A massive building programme was enacted by Titus, to celebrate the ascent of the Flavian dynasty, leaving multiple enduring landmarks in the city of Rome, the most spectacular of which was the Flavian Amphitheatre, better known as the Colosseum.

'Nerva – Antonine dynasty' 96 - 180 AD

Nerva

96 – 98 AD

Imperator Nerva Caesar Augustus

Trajan

98-117 AD

Imperator Caesar Nerva Traianus Augustus

Hadrian

117 – 138 AD

Imperator Caesar Traianus Hadrianus Augustus

Antoninus Pius

138 – 161 AD

Imperator Caesar Titus Aelius Hadrianus Antoninus Augustus Pius

Marcus Aurelius

161-180 AD

Imperator Caesar Marcus Aurelius Antoninus Augustus

Trendles Coins 1



MFP09, 2010, SF 81 (obv)
IMP CAES NERVAE TRAIANO AVG GER DAC
(Trajan 98-117 AD)



MFP09, 2010, SF 81 (rev)
FELICITAS AVGVST S-C
Felicitas holding caduceus and cornucopiae



MFP10, 3149, SF 223 (obv)
IMP CAES NERVAE TRAIANO AVG GER DAC
PM TRP COS V PP (Trajan 98-117 AD)



MFP10, 3149, SF 223 (rev)
SPQR OPTIMO PRINCIPI S-C
Abundantia with child

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MF03, 8512, SF 2245 (obv)
IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC PM TRP
(Trajan 108 AD) - denarius



MF03, 8512, SF 2245 (rev)
COS V P P S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIP
Victory holding wreath and palm



MF03, 18092, SF 2064 (obv)
IMP CAES NER TRAIANO OPTIMO AVG GER
DAC PARTHICO P M TR P COS VI PP



MF03, 18092, SF 2064 (rev)
PROVIDENTIA AVGVSTI SPQR
(Trajan 112-117 AD) - Sestertius

Trajan, 98–117

GERM: Germanicus ("victorious in Germania"), October 97

DAC: Dacicus ("victorious in Dacia"), 102

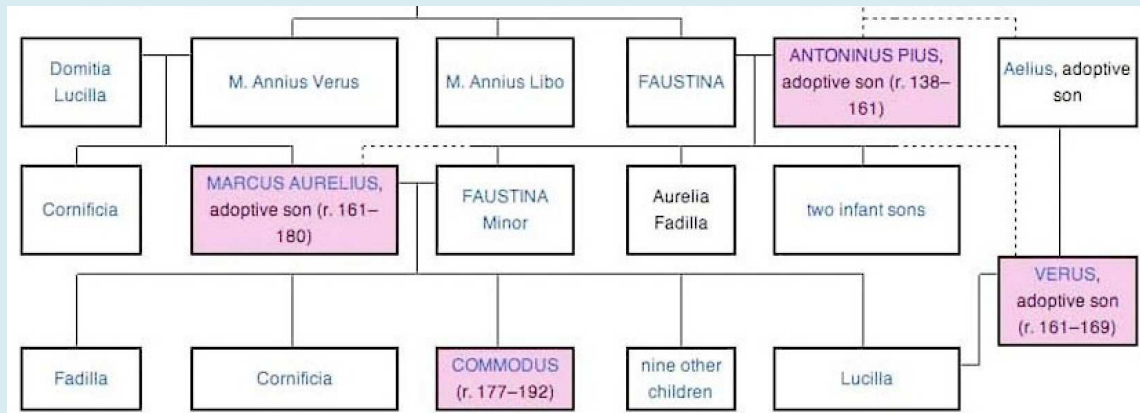
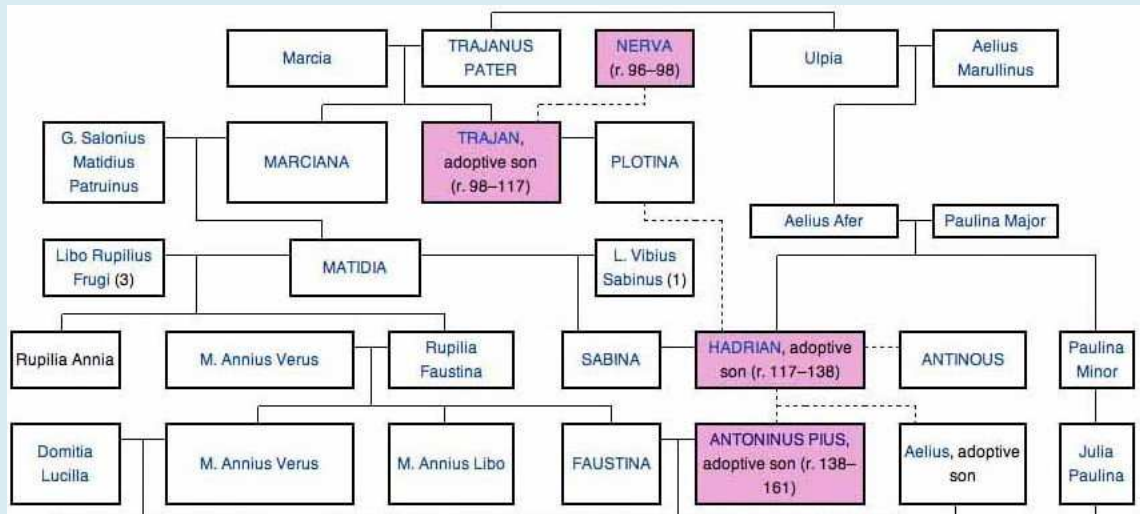
PARTH: Parthicus ("victorious in Parthia"), 114

OPT: Optimus ("Best"), 114



MFP01, 9005 , SF 436 (obv)
IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC PM TRP
COS V PP SPQR OPTIMO PRINC
(Trajan 106 AD) Denarius

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MFo7, 14292, SF 5185 (obv)
ANTONINVS AVG PIVS PP
 (Antoninus Pius 139 AD) Sestertius



MFo7, 14292, SF 5185 (rev)
TR POT COS II S-C
 Pax holding branch and cornucopiae



MFo6, 21000, SF 4472 (obv)
DIVA AVG FAVSTINA denarius,
 (Faustina I, posthumous, after 141 AD)



MFo6, 21000, SF 4472 (rev)
AVGVSTA Venus holding apple and shield
Faustina I, wife of Antonius Pius

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MF06, 31002, SF 4405 (obv)
DIVA AVG FAVSTINA denarius,
(Faustina I, posthumous, after 141 AD)



MF06, 31002, SF 4405 (rev)
PIETAS AVG
Pietas dropping incense on altar



MF07, 24070, SF 5074 (obv)
DIVA FAVSTINA denarius,
(Faustina I, posthumous, after 141 AD)



MF07, 24070, SF 5074 (rev)
AETERNITAS
Aeternitas holding globe

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MF05, 24027, SF 3733 (obv)
AVRELIVS CAESAR AVG PII F COS II
 (145 AD Marcus Aurelius, as Caesar)



MF05, 24027, SF 3733 (rev)
 Minerva brandishing javelin, S-C
 Sestertius



MF05, 9304, SF 3242 (obv)
M ANTONINVS AVG TRP XXV
 (Marcus Aurelius 171-172 AD) dupondius



MF05, 9304, SF 3242 (rev)
 Victory inscribing 'VIC GER' on Shield S-C
 Victory over the Germans

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MF02, 18000, SF 1763 (obv)
FAVSTINA AVGVSTA
(Faustina II 145 - 175 AD Sestertius)



MF02, 18000, SF 1763 (rev)
VENVS VICTRIX SC, Venus holding victory
Wife of Marcus Aurelius



MF07, 15230, SF 5261 (obv)
LVCILLAE AVGVSTINAE
(Lucilla 164-168 AD)



MF07, 15230, SF 5261 (rev)
*Lucilla, daughter of Marcus Aurelius, sister of
Commodus and wife of Lucius Verus*



MF03, 2000, SF 1858 (obv)
M ANTONINVS AVG GERM SARM (175 AD)

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, 161–180 AD

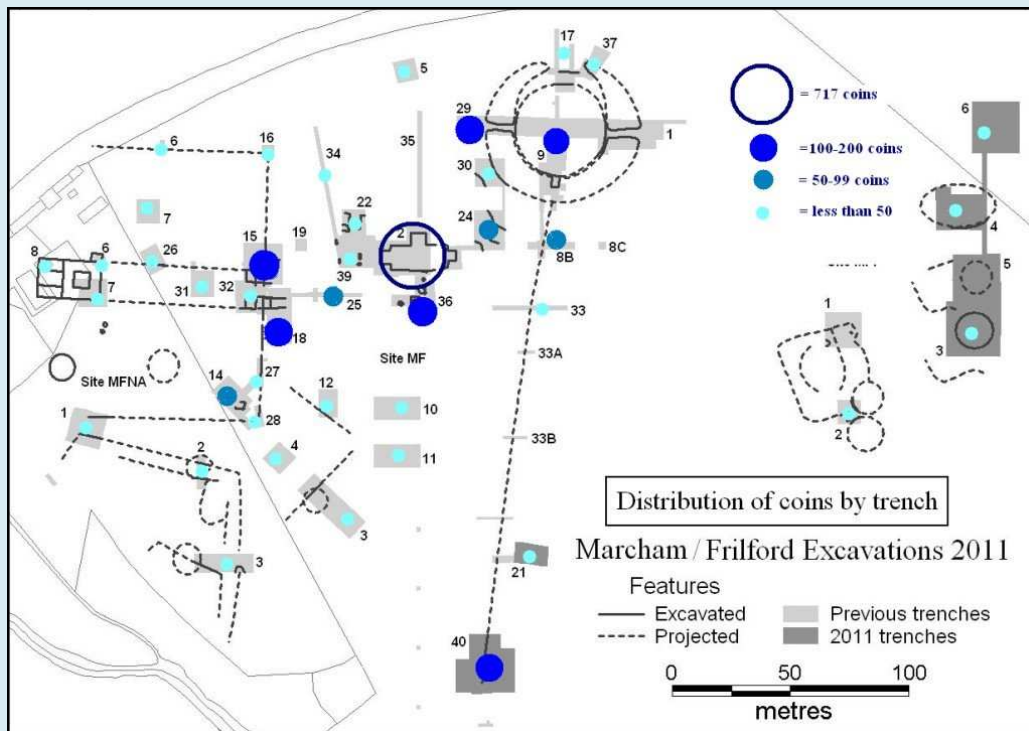
ARM: Armeniacus ("victorious in Armenia"), 164

PARTH MAX: Parthicus Maximus ("great victor in Parthia"), 166

GERM: Germanicus ("victorious in Germania"), 172

SARM: Sarmaticus ("victorious in Sarmatia"), 175

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The distribution of all Roman coins by location

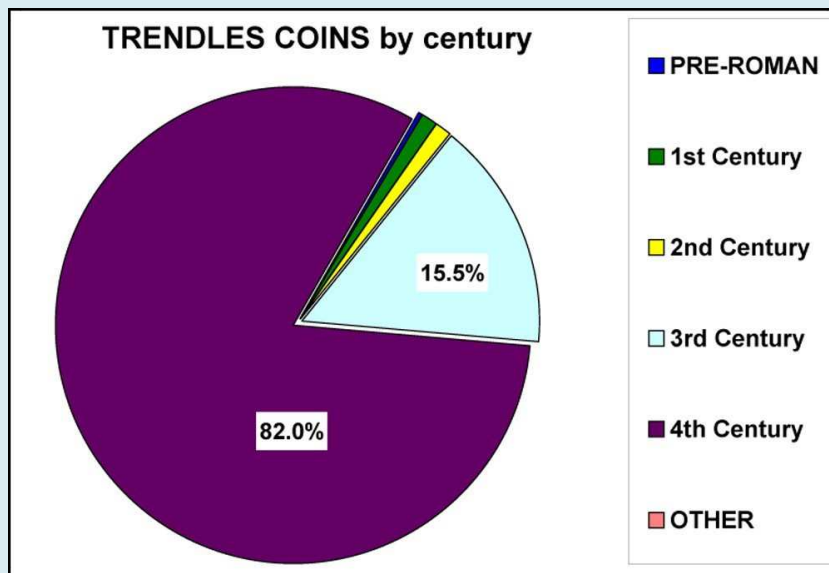
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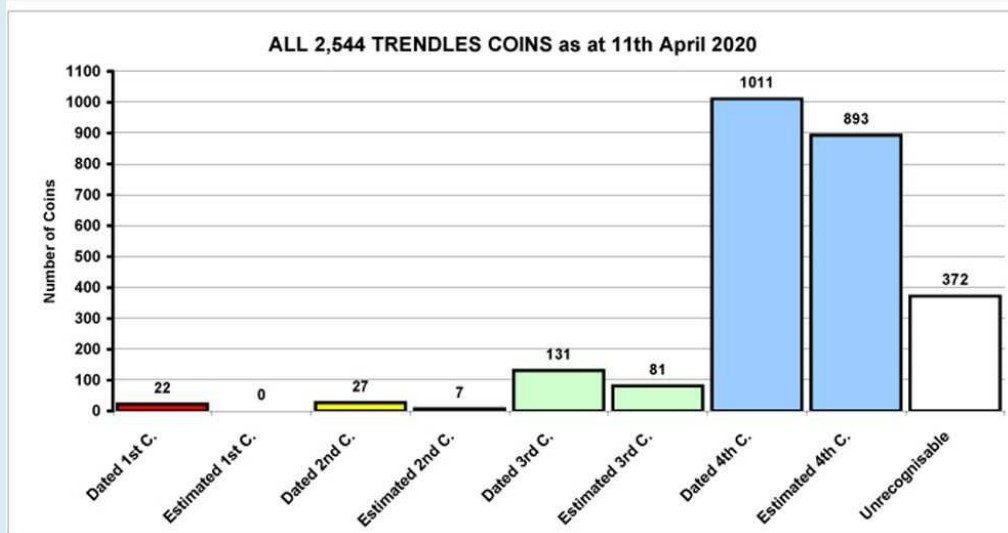
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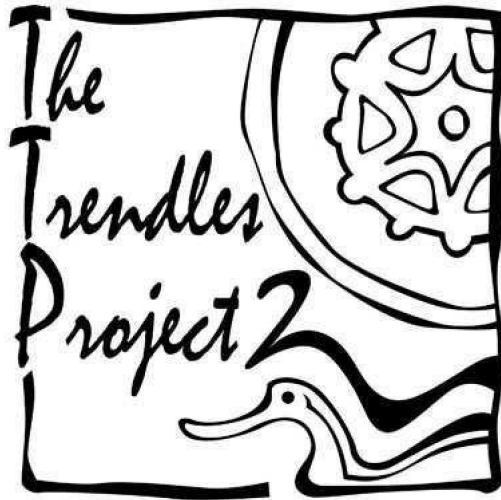
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Proportion of all Roman coins across the Trendles site by period

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22	0	27	7	131	81	1011	893	372	2544





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