

Roman Britain

- 55BC** Julius Ceasar lands at Deal
- AD 43** Emperor Claudius sends four legions to invade Britain. They land at Richborough
- 51** The Romans capture Caractacus, chieftain of the Catuvellauni, and take him to Rome as a pisoner
- 60** Boudicca leads a revolt against Roman authority. She is defeated and commits suicide shortly afterwards
- 63** Joseph of Arimathea's Christian mission to Britain
- 85** Roman forces under Agricola circumnavigate the British Isles
- 98** Spanish born governor Trajan's becomes Emperor.
- 117** Rome's power is awesome, ruling 50 million people in some 5,000 administrative units including England and Wales.
- 122** The construction of Hadrian's Wall begins, completed in 128 AD
- 143** The Antonine Wall was completed, it was abandoned in 164 AD
- 184** Lucius Artorius Castus, a Roman commander takes his troops from Britain to defeat a Gaullish revolt. Some believe this man to be the start of the King Arthur tradition.
- 208** Severus arrives to defend Britain and repair Hadrian's Wall
- 210** Peace is made with the Scots
- 235** Military anarchy takes over in Rome and in a 50-year period there are almost 20 different Emperors
- 287** Carausius, Admiral of the Roman British navy revolts and declares himself Emperor of Britain and Northern Gaul
- 306** Constantine I declared Emperor at York
- 313** Christianity made legal in the Roman Empire
- 324** Constantine founds Constantinople, the new imperial capital at Byzantium
- 337** Constantine dies and his three sons take control
- 353** Constantine II becomes sole emperor
- 360** Sometime in this decade Pictish forces invade the empire from Scotland
- 395** Theodosius I dies, he will be the last Emperor to rule an undivided Empire

- 397** More Roman troops sent to Britain to repel attacks from Pictish forces
- 402** Roman legions are taken from Britain back to Rome to defend against the attacks of the Alaric and the Visigoths
- 407** Constantine III, declared Emperor by his own troops, leaves Britain to retake Rome's lost lands in Gaul
- 410** AD the Goths sack Rome.
- 440** Roman Britain is in turmoil and a return to tribal rule is inevitable.
- 444** Attila becomes king of the Huns



Roman bracelet fragment

Principal Roman Emperors

Augustus	31 BC-14 AD	Tacitus	275-276
Tiberius	14-37	Probus	276-282
Caligula	37-41	Carus	282-282
Claudius	41-54	Carinus	283-285
Nero	54-68	Diocletian	284-305
Vespasian	69-79	Maximian	286-305
Titus	79-81	Maximinus Daza	305-313
Domitian	81-96	Maxentius	306-312
Nerva	96-98	Constantine I	306-337
Trajan	98-117	Constantine II	337-340
Hadrian	117-138	Constans	337-350
Antoninus Pius	138-161	Constantius II	337-361
Marcus Aurelius	161-180	Julian	361-363
Commodus	180-192	Jovian	363-364
Septimius Severus	193-211	Valentinian I	364-375
Caracalla	211-217	Valens	364-378
Macrinus	217-218	Gratian	367-383
Elagabalus	218-222	Theodosius I	379-395
Severus Alexander	222-235	Honorius	395-423
Maximinus	235-238	Johannes	423-425
Gordian III	238-244	Vatentinian III	425-455
Philip	244-249	Avitus:	455-456
Trajan Decius	249-251	Majorian	457-461
Trebonianus Gallus:	251-253	Libius Severus	461-465
Valerian	253-260	Anthemius	467-472
Gallienus	253-268	Glycerius	473-474
Claudius II	268-270	Julius Nepos	474-475
Aurelian	270-275	Romulus	475-476