

# An Interesting Over date / Die-Sinkers Error For 1561 Threepence's

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Within the series of coins struck under Elizabeth I the date on the reverse is of particular importance. For the threepence's there are numerous alterations of the date on the die converting the year to next calendar year and also die sinking errors in the date notation. Notable date alterations are the 156Z/1, 1563/2, 1566/5, 1568/7, 1572/ , 1574/3, 1575/4, 1576/5, 1577/5, 1577/6, 1577/6/5, 1578/7/5, Die sinking errors usually entering the wrong numeral and subsequently correcting it are less common, 15665 (sic), 158/10, 158/70, 158/72.

A coin of the first threepence of Elizabeth (Large flan with 15 mm inner circles Spink 2564) recently appeared on eBay with the first numeral being entered in to the die, by mistake, as the number 5 this has been corrected by over striking the 5 with the correct number -1. This coin is now in the author's collection. This has been included in the unpublished update to

'The Galata Guide to Hammered and Milled Threepenny Pieces 1551 - 1662', published in 2016 by Galata Print. It is noted as 1561 (large flan) reverse D. The obverse somewhat poorly struck comes from the obverse die 1561 ( Large flan) 2ii,

A copy of the new entry appears below.

## Reverse

### DIG IM Legend

A	↓	POSVI / DEV .? AD / IVTORE / M : MEV .?
B	↓	POSVI / DEV .? AD / IVTORE / M : MEV .?
C	↓	POSVI / DEV .? AD / IVTORE / M • MEV .?
D	↓	POSVI / DEV .? AD / IVTORE / M : MEV .?

### Spink 2564, North 1998, B.C.W.

Nine dies all similar, see below.

Small AD in ADIVTOREM.

Pellet after ADIVTOREM.

First 1 in date over struck on a 5

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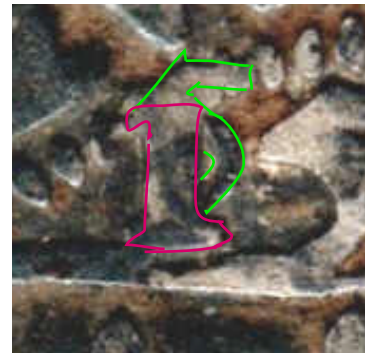
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DIG 2ii/D  
Rn 356  
1.31g



Enlargements of date area showing the over striking to the first numeral of the date.