



# Ipswich & District Detector Club

(Affiliated to the National Council for Metal Detecting)

## Monthly newsletter September 2021

The next meeting to be held on Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at The Rosery Club Bramford Road Ipswich

This is our famous auction evening, where members can auction any unwanted items, coins books, bric-a-brac or more serious collectables. Rob North will be selling property from the late Phil Macgregor on his wife's behalf. There will be a list available on the night. There is no buyer's premium and only 10% for sellers, good value and a win, win situation.

August Meeting, this was our first meeting for eighteen months due to the restrictions caused by the pandemic. We had a good turnout of about 40 to 50 people including some new members and guests.

Our guest speaker was Natasha Harlow who eloquently spoke on "The Caistor Roman Project".

This was the excavations of Venta Icenorum near Norwich, thought to be one of the largest Roman military forts known. The name meaning "Market Place of the Iceni". In 1928 RAF ariel photos revealed hidden buildings, and in 1929 local people were employed with archaeologists in excavating a large area revealing the Forum and Basilica. Natasha's excellent presentation of slides from those earlier days up to the present showed the importance of this historic site. Natasha pointed out very few burials had been found at the site, unusual for such a large complex. She went on to say many small artefacts had been unearthed consisting of brooches, bracelets, metal, bone hairpins, and perhaps the best coin a Gold Clacton type Stater. Two Temple buildings were discovered richly decorated with painted plaster and a tessellated floor. The Caistor Project started in 2006 and is ongoing, recently a stone terminal wall was uncovered enclosing the whole complex. After a few questions from members Natasha was warmly applauded for a most enlightening insight into this important site of Venta Icenorum.

### Find of the Month Competition

No 1 Celtic Fob Tangler

No 2 Georgian Pipe Tamper

No 3 Medieval Sword Hanger

No 4 King John Silver Penny

No 5 Saxon Cruciform Brooch

No 6 Square head brooch frag

No 7 Roman Pin

The winners are No 2 the Georgian Pipe tamper found by Rob Webster, and No 4 King John Penny also found by Rob, a clean sweep you might say. Well, done to everyone who put finds on the table.

Kelvin Gage presenting Rob with the winning trophy.



## Waldringfield Day out Detecting

This was held on 39 acres of meadow land adjacent to the river Deben, only about two miles from Sutton - Hoo. The land had never been metal detected, so expectations were naturally excitable.

I am indebted to a great many people, most notably Clive Butcher, his wife, Clive's Mum, brother, and sister. Without their permission it simply couldn't happen.

Clive had erected a small tent for registration and from about 9.00 onwards people started arriving. 59 detectorists soon filled the small meadow in anticipation and at 10 o'clock were let loose on the meadows. The ground was hard but with a little effort was diggable. During the morning finds started to come in, several pre-decimal coins, some World War II mortar fins, bullets from the period, however the best find was a gold signet ring found by Rob Goodwin, followed by a medieval strap-end and silver cut-half medieval coin of foreign influence discovered by Andrew Cable. I have listed all the finds for convenience below with the contributors who found them.

9 Carat gold signet ring Rob Goodwin, 1921 Penny and wren farthing Don Sparrow, 1943 Penny Shaun Warren, Georgian coin illegible Dave Watkins, 1948 Florin Steve Nicolls, Two teaspoons Mel Goddard, Lead Palm Guard Alan Diggins, Silver cut half and a medieval Strap-end Andrew Cable, 1949 Ship Halfpenny David Smith, a selection of Ships nails, 2 musket balls and a harness fitting Phil Brummitt, 1944 Ship Halfpenny and a French 10 Centimes Dave Watkins, 1965 Penny, 1952 Brass Three pence, and a Georgian coin Brian Hines, 1941 Three pence, Copper alloy Shilling, and a Edward VII 1910 Penny, Derek Hayes. 1938 Three pence, Wartime Lighter Pawel Sobolewski, 1954 and a 1957 Sixpence Martin Smith, 1902 Penny found by Jay Brummitt, 1959 Three pence Andy Andrews, Phil Brummitt was probably the last to leave the field finding a yellow Flashlight, 1952 Three pence and a spoon. Phil was just like a ferret wouldn't give up, that's dedication.

The sun shined relentlessly, and a great day was enjoyed by all, lastly a special thanks to Sue and Mick Seager in helping with the registration and other duties. The total raised for the Hospice was £625.00. Pictures below.

Gold signet ring found by Rob Goodwin.



59 Intrepid Detectorists ready for the off.