



Ipswich & District Detector Club

(Affiliated to the National Council for Metal Detecting)

Monthly Newsletter by e-mail

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Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at The Rosary Conservative club,
172 Bramford Road, Ipswich IP1 4AB starting at 7.30pm.
Next meeting is on Tuesday 29th August 2017

July Meeting

July Meeting we had a first for the club, two speakers, not by design, but fate.

Firstly Robert and Pearl Simper spoke about History of Suffolk Fields.

Robert went into great detail to illustrate the beginnings of how fields were initially small and required large labour forces to work the land.

The pictures showed people working from dawn to dusk with only sickles and scythes reaping the crops. In some instances the whole family helped. It must have been very, hard to do a days work.

Everything depended on the horse, ploughing, drilling the crops, harvesting and for nearly every task. Horses had to be looked after properly watered and fed and most likely working six days a week.

Robert demonstrated that with the advent of mechanical machines ,tractors etc. the fields could be made bigger and needed less labour. It was noted that Ransoms and Rapiers of Ipswich were the first to produce such equipment.

Robert and Pearl were warmly applauded.

We had a ten minute break which was followed by a talk on the Ipswich Mint by John Sadler. Johns enthusiasm came across as he demonstrated a lifetimes study of The Ipswich Mint with pages of hand drawn coins taking up the room of five large tables.

John mentioned how the rarity of coin is known and subsequently its commercial worth can only be known from books, this knowledge comes from scholars like John whose passion for the subject matter shines through.

We are indeed lucky to have John as a friend of our club as he's there at every meeting and he will always give of his time freely to identify our coins.

John was applauded for a most informative talk.

Find of the month

The entries in the July find of the month competition were as follows;

- 1 Henry I Penny, Hereford Mint, Fleury Type
- 2 13th Century Medieval Buckle
- 3 Walpoole Token 1670
- 4 2 x Angle Saxon Stirrup Terminals
- 5 Edward III Groat, London Mint

The worthy winners were:

Best Artefact: No. 2 Chris Harvey



13th Century Medieval Buckle



Best Coin: No.1 Rob Webster



Henry I Penny, Hereford Mint, Fleury Type



August Meeting

The next meeting to be held Tuesday 29th August,

We have the return of Adrian Marsdon who's talk is entitled "Copies of Coins".