



Ipswich & District Detector Club

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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 27th August 2019

July Meeting

James Bond, Spys and Escapes this was the intriguing title of July's talk illustrated and narrated by Bob Pearson. Bob has obviously studied and delved into the world of espionage and enthralled members with his vast knowledge of the subject matter. So who was James Bond, well Bob has suggested a number of real-life inspirations for James Bond the fictional character created in 1953 by British author, journalist and Naval Intelligence officer Ian Fleming. Bond appeared in twelve novels and nine short stories by Fleming, as well as a number of continuation novels and twenty-six films, with seven actors playing the role of Bond.

Although the stories and characters were fictional, a number of elements had a real-life background, taken from people whom Fleming knew or events he was aware of. These included the spy's name, which Fleming took from the American ornithologist James Bond, and the code number—007—which referred to the breaking of a World War I German diplomatic code. Some aspects of Bond's character and tastes replicate those of Fleming himself. Bob illustrated his presentation with many vintage photos of Norwegian places frequented by our agents. In particular a picture of a V1 rocket launch site disguised as a farmhouse.

It is not James Bond but a real Second World War hero who has now been identified as the inspiration behind Ian Fleming's fictional creation.

A new biography of Wing Commander Forest "Tommy" Yeo-Thomas, one of Britain's greatest secret agents of the war, claims the writer based the character of 007 on the spy and recreated many of his real life experiences in his novels. Yeo-Thomas, who was known by the code name White Rabbit, was parachuted into occupied France three times – after one mission reporting back directly to Winston Churchill – before being captured and tortured by the Gestapo. He was taken to Buchenwald concentration camp but managed to escape and reach the Allied lines.

So as you can see it's an amazing topic, still unresolved but Bob has endeavoured to delve into a dark and misty time of spies, James Bond and escapes and was warmly applauded for a first rate talk and presentation, after of course a few telling questions

**The next meeting to be held on Tuesday August 27th
We have John Norman talking about Orfordness.**

Details and the date of the forthcoming Rally will be given out at The August Meeting. This will be The David Cummings Memorial Trophy.

Trip to the British Museum

On Saturday 6th July, 19 intrepid club members and friends made their way down to the B.M. by coach. The weather was favourable and a good day out was enjoyed by all. I believe some went to Bloomsbury Auction and made some interesting purchases, others visited china town etc. Well worth the effort and thanks go out to Sue and Mick Seager for arranging and seeing to every one's needs.

Find of the month

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

- 1 George III Farthing 1799
- 2 Dutch Coin - 1653
- 3 2 Medieval Buckles
- 4 Saxon Leather Fitting
- 5 Saxon Strap End
- 6 Stirrup End Fragment, Late Saxon
- 7 Wilfred Bridge Rifle Volunteers Belt Buckle – 1880
- 8 Petrol Lighter – Coronation June 1953
- 9 Boy Bishop Token

The worthy winners were:

Best Artefact: No. 5

Paul Adams

Saxon Strap End



Best Coin: No.2

John Hunt

Dutch Coin - 1653

