



# Ipswich & District Detector Club

(Affiliated to the National Council for Metal Detecting)

## Monthly Newsletter by e-mail

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Club Website <http://www.ipswich-detector-club.co.uk/>

**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 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

### November Meeting

This was our Christmas meeting and our thanks go to Kelvin for his tremendous effort in organizing this scrumptious banquet. Our thanks too for all the helpers arranging and putting out the food for all of us to enjoy

We had Faye Minter talking about the Rendlesham finds, Faye's excellent presentation revealed many aspects about this mysterious area near the famous Sutton Hoo.

Faye clearly pointed out the Geographical relationship with The Great Ship Burial has highlighted the value of metal detecting a large area. Four detectorists known as the "Rendlesham four", have unearthed hundreds of metal items from all periods, most importantly the Anglo-Saxon era.

Gold coins, fragments of jewelry and a piece of gold from the 7th Century have been found close to an area experts think was once home to the "village of the kings" – one of the period's largest and richest settlements. These coins are thought to be the first issued after the Roman withdrawal during the late fourth century

Faye demonstrated using maps, how this large area is part of the Sandlings, due to the geology of the sandy soil. This study of this important area is on going and is hoped that further studies analyzing the composition of metal work, along with artifacts from other sites can be compared.

Faye was warmly applauded for what was an illuminating insight into the Rendlesham area.

## **Raffle**

Our thanks to all club members who generously donated prizes for the raffle, at least £150.00 worth of goodies were up for grabs, members certainly didn't disappoint with record takings of well over £130.00 for the club. for my own part, I did win three packs of mince pies, need-les to say they have all been enjoyed by me and our grandchildren. Simon and dad need to be congratulated for a fine effort.

## **Sad Announcements**

### **Dennis Hewett has sadly passed away.**

Dennis had been a keen member of the Ipswich Club for many years. I understand he spent most of his time caring for his wife, who had not been well for a while.

Dennis always attended the early Rallies and supported the club auctions, many will remember he always bid up on crowns as well as other items of interest.

Our love and thoughts go out to his family, he will be sorely missed by those who knew him at the club

### **Paul Bentley has also sadly passed away**

Paul used to sit at the same table as Andy Howells and they became good friends. I understand Paul was very interested in archaeology, flying and the RAF. His Daughter Natasha sent these details.

Dad passed away on Thursday 8th November 2018 while at work in the probate office.

I understand he was a relatively new member to your group but he enjoyed the various talks he attended. The new interest also gave Rebecca (my sister) and I the present idea of a metal detector which Dad thoroughly enjoyed using.

Should any of your members wish to send donations we are raising money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance and these can be sent via Andrew Bingham Independent Funeral Service The Nutshell, Milton Road South, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 1EZ.

Our thoughts of love and prayers go out to his family.

## Find of the month

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

- 1 Saxon Strap Slide
- 2 Saxon Sword Pommel
- 3 Zoomorphic Barrel Lock – Norman?
- 4 Siliqua of Eugenius
- 5 Edward VII Shilling
- 6 Two Jettons
- 7 Medieval Thimble
- 8 Mary Sixpence
- 9 6 Anglo Saxon Sceattas
- 10 Rose Nobel Coin Weight
- 11 Early Transitional Sceatta 675-685

The worthy winners were:

*Best Coin: No. 9*

John Varden



*Best Artefact: No.1*

Mel Goddard



Gold Ring Type Icenic Stater



Viking Borre Brooch



## January Meeting

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We are having our old friend Pip Wright whose talk is entitled Death Recorded. Pips' talks are always full of interest so don't miss out.