



Ipswich & District Detector Club

(Affiliated to the National Council for Metal Detecting)

Monthly newsletter June 2022

The next meeting will be at the Rosary Club Tuesday July 26th.

This month we have David Cummings talking on finds from over forty years ago, mostly from the Great Blakenham and surrounding area. The finds evening was won by Jay Brummitt with his great display of metal detector finds.

The June Foxhall detecting day out was very successful and Peter the landowner was very generous providing barbeque food. The next day out should be on the Saturday the 30th of July restricted again to 15 persons.

The Foxhall Metal Detecting Survey

Saturday June 11th turned out to be a very happy and enjoyable day for the 15 intrepid detectorists venturing into the magical woods at Foxhall. Peter the owner had generously granted permission to search approx. 20 acres of virgin woodland. The proximity to the stream in the valley and old Foxhall church of All Saints in the next field held the possibility of making some interesting finds and indeed that was the case. Shotgun cartridges were in abundance and several WWII 303 rounds were recovered, anti-aircraft shrapnel from the war time, including a shell fragment with its original calibrations found by young Tom Porter, who also discovered an open topped tailors thimble. At midday Peter provided us with a barbecue of hot Chinese chicken, sausages, and hot potatoes on wooden skewers. Several members had brought their own burgers, and these were shared out to every one's enjoyment. Samantha had made two full tins of blue berry muffins' and I can tell you they were full of juicy blueberries, in fact the best I have ever eaten. Special thanks go out to Samantha for her kindness. During the day an early Roman bronze coin of Hadrian was unearthed by Kirk. A stunning 1899 penny of Queen Victoria was found Phil Brummitt. Phil also went on to find a hall marked silver brooch minus its pin. Jay unearthed a George V halfpenny and a WWII brass buckle for webbing also a medieval harness ring. A medieval purse bar loop was found by Chris Talbot. I found a 1750 Dutch coin called a Duit not in good condition. John Varden unearthed a 1929 silver sixpence in great order. Numerous buttons were found including a WWI/II standard army button, three tombac buttons were recovered including a machine decorated example. The weather was great, and a good time was had by all, we finished at 4.00 and we must give a big thankyou to Peter for allowing us the chance to search these magical woods.

Until the next time best wishes to all who took part from Chairman Dave.

Find of the month:

The worthy winners were

Best coin was an unusual example of Sigismund II Augustus 1557 a Polish coin, found by Gary Wicks who also won the best artefact, with an Anglo Scandinavian silver twisted ring.



Well done to all those who tendered finds.