



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 the Rosary Conservative Club,
172 Bramford Road, Ipswich IP1 4AB. Starting at 7.30pm.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 27th June 2016

May Meeting

We had John Cross of The Ipswich Numismatic Society who presented a first class talk on Anglo Saxon coins and the dignitaries behind them.

John demonstrated with great enthusiasm the beginnings of the first dark-age coins starting during the first half of the seventh century. As John stated the great ship burial at Sutton Hoo with strong evidence of our great King Raedwald buried within his noble ship uncovered 37 coins and blanks, all the coins in his tomb were of Merovingian origin, highlighting not only his power, but also his trading status. The first coins of (cautiously) English style were believed to be minted in Kent, and shortly after in East Anglia.

The first East Anglian coins were likely to be the Crispus and oath-taking types 655-675 during the reign of Aethelwold. Both have been found in small numbers firstly at Coddendam and recently Rendlesham. John clearly showed these coins were copied from late 3rd and 4th century Roman coins with Anglo-Saxon influences added.

The English gold coins are known as Shillings or Thrymsas and did not function for very long by 685 were debased to as low as 5% gold 95% silver.

These were superseded by silver coins known as sceattas. The first types after the debased gold thrymsa were the Primary issues with a clear progression for the primary to the long lasting East Anglian trading coinage of series R which is thought to have been minted throughout the secondary period of 710-765. John illustrated many different types some a little drab, others highly artistic.

John was applauded for what was one of the best presentations given, and has said he will be delighted to return in 2018 for part 2.

I for one can't wait.

Find Of The Month Competition

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

- 1 Edward the Confessor – Cut Half Penny
- 2 Harness Mount – 13th Century
- 3 Edward III Groat
- 4 Type C Silver Sceatta
- 5 Horse Brass
- 6 Charles I Penny – Love Token

The worthy winners were:

Best Coin No.1 Rod Rudkins

Edward the Confessor – Cut Half Penny



Best Artefact :

No.2 Paul Adams

Harness Mount – 13th Century



June Meeting

The next meeting is on the 27th June and it will be a Display Evening.

This is an opportunity for Members to bring along their own displays of artefacts and coins. Members will then vote for the best display of the evening and as usual a prize will be awarded.