



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 25th June 2019

May Meeting

The Guest Speaker was John Field who's talk was titled: Ipswich on the Waterfront..

John's presentation was an insight into the formation of the wet dock area in 1841, during which time Ipswich boasted no less than 20 Churches, some what more than during medieval times. Thirty companies flanked the dock area, including Ransoms and Rapier, this famous company employed thousands, and produced the first petrol driven tractor and grass cutter. The 1st railway in India was built by Ransoms and many other well known business including Cranfields, Eastern Counties Farmers and Burtons Jam Factory surrounded the dock.

In 1851 The prince of Wales opened the Festival in Ipswich.

Many ships were built at the dock and the quayside was strewn with barges, most notably "The Ena" all loading unloading their produce, some sent around the world.

In 1990 all the factories were gone and the beginning of the dock redevelopment mainly with John Howard Development.

The new phase featured an archway into Cranfields, a Bistro, restaurants, Isaac Lord restored in 1984. New quayside buildings and flats adorned prime positions along the front.

Ipswich boasts a new university with many amenities, including University Square and Neptune Marina.

Suffolk records office has been relocated to the area and records for the whole of the region.

The gas works was decommissioned at a cost of over one million pounds to rid the earth of contaminants.

The famous Tolly Cobbold Brewery is still at risk and still no plans as yet for saving this historic building.

John pointed out Ipswich has two hearts, the town centre and the new dock area. Saint Peters Wharf is probably the earliest in England. Ipswich is the earliest town, and certainly boasts evidence of stone-age man settling around the river Orwell and Gipping.

John hoped the seventeen acres of the island site might be developed and used in the future, John took us on a long journey around the dock area which prompted many memories for all of us. After many searching questions John was warmly applauded for a first class presentation.

British Museum Excursion

If members would like to venture forth on the coach trip Saturday July 6th we need names and monies to be paid by the June meeting, the cost is £15.00

Find Of The Month Competition

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

- 1 Armour Piercing 3" Shell
- 2 Antwerp Jetton
- 3 Tudor Silver Cufflinks
- 4 James 1st Harrington Farthing
- 5 Trilobite, 520 Million Years Old
- 6 10th – 11th Century Viking Bit Piece
- 7 Denarius of Hadrian
- 8 Roman Trumpet Brooch, AD 75-250
- 9 Medieval Lamp Hanger
- 10 Edward II Penny
- 11 Nummus of Magentius, Depicting Two Victories Holding a Wreath
- 12 Nested Cup Weight

The worthy winners were:

Best Coin

No.7 John Varden

Denarius of Hadrian



Best Artefact :

No.6 Andy Sampson

10th – 11th Century Viking Bit Piece



June Meeting

The June meeting is on the 25th 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.