



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

Next meeting is on Tuesday 30th May 2017

April Meeting

We had Robert Simper presenting and talking on The Archaeology of the Suffolk Estuaries.

Roberts beautifully illustrated the talk with stunning pictures of our local rivers and ghostly remains of barges and other vessels. Robert pointed out many of the creeks were silted up and would eventually disappear.

Robert was born in Woodbridge, a local lad who has spent all his life in Suffolk. Robert and his wife have spent many happy times cruising up and down the East Coast Estuaries.

Robert has published no less than 18 books on related subjects.

The members were enthralled with Roberts talk and applauded him warmly and I do hope we can enjoy another talk from him in the future.

Bawdsey Pipeline

As you know the club had been asked to help in detecting 37 miles of potential land for the construction of this important pipeline to supply electricity from the offshore wind farm at Bawdsey through to Flowton.

A pool of 16 club members participated allowing 6 persons each day according to working circumstances.

Clair kindly attended the meeting and said the study had been most rewarding with numerous finds and perhaps more importantly new potential sites. These would be followed up at a later date with Archaeological digs, employing some 300 diggers. Clair thanked all the members who participated in this worthy study, the club would have details of the finds report at a later time.

EARLY AUTUMN RALLY

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, BACTON, are pleased to invite members of the Ipswich and District Detector Club to a metal detecting day at Bacton, near Stowmarket, on Sunday, 17 September 2017.

We have more than ninety acres of farmland, in four fields, for this rally, which will be our fifteenth event.

The land hasn't been detected before and, subject (as always) to the weather, should be nicely bare but cultivated, ready for drilling, come the time. Judging by previous rallies in this area, we might expect finds from the Romano-British era onwards.

We can't, alas, guarantee these, but do guarantee our usual level of hospitality. We'll be some distance from any buildings, so cover this time will be provided by marquees, but we will have portable loos and will be preparing hot and cold food and drinks all day.

Participants must undertake to report all finds of any potential value or historical importance, both on the day and to Portable Antiquities Scheme officers or other appropriate authorities afterwards.

**Metal detecting: 10am to 4.00pm. Registration and refreshments from 8.30am.
Entry Fee: Metal detectorists, £20.00. Field walkers, £5.00.**

Cheques, made payable to 'Friends of St Mary's, Bacton', or notes should be posted to Simon Holdich, Mill House, Bacton, Suffolk, IP14 4LE. Enclose your name and address, EITHER an email address OR a stamped self-addressed envelope, and a contact phone number.

If your cheque is for other people as well as yourself, I must please also have their names and contact details.

**Any queries, phone Simon Holdich on [01449 781054](tel:01449781054) or email simonholdich@hotmail.com
The Friends of St Mary's. Bacton (Reg'd Charity No. [1106579](#))**

Find Of The Month Competition For April

The entries for the April find of the month competition were as follows;

- 1 Edward 1st Farthing
- 2 1st Century Roman Rosette Brooch
- 3 Mary Groat
- 4 Saxon Coenwulf Penny – Wodel Moneyer
- 5 Roman Silver Seal Ring
- 6 Philip IV 1285 Groat, Made into a Brooch
- 7 Charles 1st Shilling

The worthy winner was Jack Frost in both categories;

The Best coin was a Saxon Coenwulf Penny – Wodel Moneyer



The Best artefact was a Roman Silver Seal Ring



May Meeting

At the May meeting we will have John Cross who is going to talk about Anglo Saxon Coins and their Kings