



Ipswich & District Detector Club

(Affiliated to the National Council for Metal Detecting)

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The next meeting will be at the Rosary Club Tuesday May 31st.

Tony Diamond who spoke on all aspects of the great Hoxne Hoard was indeed a polished diamond, leaving us in no doubt as to how the hoard was discovered and all the legal points of view. Firstly, Tony pointed out the hoard contained the largest assemblage of Roman gold and silver coins found in the Roman world consisting of 565 Gold coins, 14191 Silver Siliqua and over 200 items of silver tableware of the highest quality. The hoard was originally placed in a wooden chest that had long since perished, only the metal hasps remained.

Tony went on to state the treasure trove laws of the time were totally unfit for purpose, based on the bullion weight and value of the precious metals. This meant the value for this extraordinary hoard was about £17,000 pounds clearly not acceptable. The laws had to be changed to make it fair for both landowners and finders. Eric Laws was awarded 1.75 million pounds for his discovery which he nobly shared with the tenant farmer, after all it was the farmers hammer, that Eric was asked to find.

This was eventually found by the Archaeologists, thus proving the total honesty of Eric in searching for a friends hammer but accidentally stumbling across the greatest Roman treasure ever found.

Tony was warmly applauded for a first-class talk, full of humorous quips and his guitar playing was also up to the mark.

Pas Officer Anna Booth

It was good to see the return of our Archaeological friends to record all our amazing finds. It's been nearly two years without an officer because of Covid.

Find of the Month

Best coin was won by Mick Seager with his unusual coin associated with Cricket. The umpire would toss the coin in the air to see who would bat and field.



Best Artefact was won by Steve Eves with his amazing Viking Stirrup Mount beautifully cast with an elaborate interlaced design.



Guest Speaker

We are delighted to welcome Natasha Harlow for a return visit to talk on Boudicca. Not one to miss.