



Ipswich & District Detector Club

(Affiliated to the National Council for Metal Detecting)

Monthly Newsletter by e-mail

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Club Website <http://www.ipswich-detector-club.co.uk/>

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 29th November 2016

October Meeting

At our October meeting we had our friend Adrian Marsdon from Norwich Castle Museum speak about 17th Century Tokens in Norfolk.

He explained why they were introduced, the economic reasons dictated the necessity for small change for use in everyday transactions.

The small silver coins of the day were so tiny and awkward to produce, so it is believed Nuremberg Jettons were first used as small farthing issues, that may account for why so many turn up in fields.

This was also a parlour state of affairs and King James seeing an opportunity to cash in issued Patents to Lord Harrington and The Duke of Lennox etc., these proved most unpopular with the public, and so private business and corporations took it upon themselves to have tokens produced in London at the Tower Mint for use all over the country.

Adrian also showed using maps that the Tokens issued by corporations were found fairly widespread, whilst traders tokens usually turned up in or very near the towns or villagers that produced them. The find spots are a direct result of metal detecting at its best recording tokens and other finds to our Finds officers, so everyone benefits.

Adrian visually demonstrated some of the various types, usually showing the name of the issuer on one side and the profession on the other, these included Grocers, Mercers, Apotheries, Haberdasheries etc.,

Adrian indicated that by 1667 all private tokens were banned and replaced by the regal copper coinage of Charles II.

Adrian was well applauded for a very clear and down to earth presentation.

Rally Details

We have also been told of a Rally happening soon, please go to www.letsgodigging.com to register, the club is not associated with the organisers so cannot answer questions

Find of the month

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

- 1 Quater Gold Stater – Snettasham Type
- 2 Roman Fibular Brooch
- 3 Saxon Cruciform Brooch
- 4 Silver Denarius of Caracalla
- 5 Siliqua of Constantias II
- 6 Bronze Age (Broken) Sword Blade
- 7 Bronze Age Spear Basal Lobed
- 9 Flint Arrow Head
- 10 William III Shilling 1696
- 11 Henry VI Groat – Annulet Issue

The worthy winners were:

Best Artefact: No. 7

Robert Turrell

Bronze Age Spear – Basal Lobed



Best Coin: No.11

Rob 'O'Brien

Henry VI Groat – Annulet Issue



November Meeting

The next meeting is our Christmas meeting held on November 29th at The Rosary Club
The Speaker will be Chris Elmy who will be giving a very unusual presentation entitled "Time Travelling in Suffolk"

This should not be missed and deems to be very entertaining.

Please don't forget this is the last meeting of the year as there is no meeting in December.

This will be the Christmas meeting and as usual the club is providing a veritable feast, so don't eat before you come.