



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 28th November 2017

October Meeting

We had John Norman talking on the development of Ipswich, from the formation of the town on the Gipping in prehistoric times, up to the present day. John illustrated his talk with great pictures, starting with a stone age axe found at Foxhall Road brickyard. Maps during the talk showed the beginnings of Ipswich with an earlier road layout, this road and embankment with a wooden palisade in some areas offered protection, and perhaps more importantly allowed taxes to be collected from those that enjoyed living within the early town. John demonstrated how the town grew in importance with the river Orwell allowing goods to be transported around the coastal towns. One of the most impressive firms to begin and expand eventually employing thousands of workers was Ransoms. This amazing firm produced tractors, combine harvesters, gigantic walking draglines and much more. The majority of labour moving from the hard agricultural work with no guaranteed wages in lean times, to working in the new factories guaranteeing work 50 weeks of the year. John demonstrated how the brewery Tolly Cobbold was formed as an amalgamation of the two family run brewers: the Tollemache Brewery owned by the Tollemache family and the Cobbold family, giving the famous name "Tollycobbold". The talk discussed various aspects of living and working in Ipswich with so many firms all employing hoards of people. As John said all these firms have now gone including well known names such as Cranes. Reavells, manganese and bronze to mention but a few. John signed off with up to date pictures of Ipswich and the road system has changed very little from those humble beginnings. The talk lasted a good hour and John was warmly applauded for a very enlightening and at times humorous presentation.

Raffle

Simon has asked members to bring raffle items to our Christmas meeting to make the raffle more exciting and rewarding as its the last meeting of the year. It would be great to end the year on a raffle extraordinaire.

Find of the month

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

- 1 Saxon Edmund Penny - Wessex
- 2 Denarius of Antonius
- 3 Charles 1st Shilling
- 4 Anglo Saxon Brooch
- 5 Iron Age Harness Toggle Cheek Piece
- 6 2 x Roman Brooches – 1 Large, 1 Small
- 7 Roman Colchester Derivative Brooch, Late 1st Century
- 8 Charles 1st Half Groat
- 9 Petrol Can Cap
- 10 Carlos III Half Escudo 1759
- 11 Sestertius of Septimus Severus
- 12 Flint Axe Head
- 13 Charles 1st Half Crown 1625
- 14 Bronze Age Axe Head
- 15 Part of a Medieval Church Memorial Brass

The worthy winners were:

Best Artefact: No. 7

Matt Cook

Roman Colchester Derivative Brooch



Best Coin: No.1

Rob Webster

Saxon Edmund Penny - Wessex



November Meeting

This is the last meeting of the year and also celebrates our Christmas get together and as usual promises to be a superb buffet, so don't miss it.

Our guest speaker for the evening is our own Kelvin Gage whose an authority on The World wars. This talk ought not be missed

This will be followed by an upto-date appraisal of recent discoveries found on the Bawdsey to Flowton pipeline by Claire.