



# 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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### October Meeting

We had Alex who spoke on 11th century metal work.

This was a magnificent insight into the scarce and at times not obvious finds of metalwork from this interesting period.

Alex illustrated his presentation with good sharp pictures starting with Horse-harness and related fittings believed to be manufactured from Scandinavia and highlighted by David Williams' work with the proposed terminology describing these misunderstood artefacts of metalwork.

Alex showed detailed drawings of these and how cheek pieces were fixed to the bridle and bits. Alex demonstrated the various artwork showing different styles known as Ringerrick, Urnes style and so on, he also pointed out that many pieces of metalwork were discarded to the rubbish bags, particularly broken fragments that didn't look worthy of reporting.

Alex went on in great detail describing Bit Links, these were attached to the iron bits and Harness links some decorated with motifs and in some cases human faces.

One of the rare items appears to be a four-way harness link, sadly only one found in Suffolk. Alex finally showed members some uncommon harness pendants, these are very rare with only one being recorded in Eastern England.

After a few searching questions from members, Alex was warmly applauded for a first class presentation.

### 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.

We have Faye Minter whose talk is on Finds from Rendlesham. This should not be missed and will be an eye opener to all of us.

## Find of the month

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

- 1 Medieval Combination Lock
- 2 Medieval Lead Seal
- 3 Saxon button pin with surviving gold gilding
- 4 Celtic Silver Unit Bury type
- 5 Elizabeth Ist Shilling with a martlet mintmark
- 6 Roman Gold Solidus of Honorius
- 7 Dutch East India Coin 1734
- 8 Oriental Gilded Medallion
- 9 Rowing Medal from Eton 1924

The worthy winners were:

*Best Artefact: No. 1*

Mel Goddard

Medieval Combination Lock



*Best Coin: No.6*

Mick Seager

Roman Gold Solidus of Honorius



Artefact no 9 also deserves some recognition, the finder has spent a lot of time and effort in pursuit of who this medal was awarded to.

These are his observations.

Awarded to Roger Petteward in 1924 Eton-Oxford and Art schools across Europe.

Became very well known as a cartoonist of Punch plus in national papers.

Giles of the twenties and thirties invented the Hippo, Jokes of the Time.

WW II He led four commando raids on Dieppe, where on he was killed by a sniper.

His son is still alive and this precious item will be returned. Found in the Bury area.

## Raffle

Simon has asked members to bring raffle items to our Christmas meeting to make the raffle more exciting and rewarding as it's the last meeting of the year.

