



Ipswich & District Detector Club

(Affiliated to the National Council for Metal Detecting)

Monthly newsletter October 2022

The next meeting will be at the Rosary Club Tuesday November 29th

The November meeting is the Christmas meeting and provides seasonal food for all the members, so don't have a big dinner before coming to the meeting, there will be plenty for everyone. This year the food will be already laid out on tables, this will minimise passing on covid. It would be very helpful if members could let me know either by email or telephone if they are attending. If any members would like to donate anything for the Christmas raffle bringing along on the night, it would be appreciated.

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The next and first meeting for 2023 will be the January meeting but meanwhile we would like to wish all members a very happy Christmas and good health and fortune for the coming year.

October Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker was Elizabeth Serpell, who is a town guide for walking tours of Ipswich. The talk was entitled “**The history of the Friaries and Abbeys in Ipswich.**” Elizabeth started by stating there were no monks in Ipswich, however there were three denominations of Friars all colour coded by their dress. Black Friars Benedictions wearing white with an outer cloak of black, Grey Friars wearing more brown than grey, White Friars Carmelites wearing white robes. Whitefriars was the medieval religious house of Carmelite friars which formerly stood near the centre of the town centre. It was the last of the three principal friaries to be founded in Ipswich, the first being the Ipswich Greyfriars, these were the Franciscans under the Tibelot family patronage before 1236, and the second were the Black Friars (Dominicans) founded by Henry VIII in 1263. The house of the Carmelite Order of White Friars was established in c. 1278–79.

Elizabeth went on to describe the buildings originally housing the various sects in Ipswich and unsurprisingly Grey Friars at the bottom of Civic Drive. These were the Franciscan Friars and hence we have Franciscan way. The only visible remains still standing are in the Buttermarket. I remember seeing these behind where Warner's used to be. This would be in Foundation Street Ipswich. The White Friars stood roughly in the town centre at the Buttermarket. Elizabeth pointed out all that remains of the proposed school built by Cardinal Wolsey, only the gate entrance remains, just next to St Peters on the Quay. After a few questions Elizabeth was warmly applauded for a most enlightening presentation.

Find of the Month

Best Coin Quarter Stater found by Gary Wicks.



The Best artifact was presented to Rob Webster on the night. But was later returned, as Rob found out it wasn't Roman at all and advised us straight away. The trophy will be returned, and we will have two best artifacts in the November meeting. Thanks Rob.

Well done to the worthy winners and well done all other entries.