



Ipswich & District Detector Club

(Affiliated to the National Council for Metal Detecting)

Monthly newsletter May 2023

The next meeting will be at the Rosary Club Tuesday June 27th.

Guest Speaker for June.

We have Bob Entwistle chief conservator at Ipswich Museum, Bob will be talking on aspects of conservation of finds. Not one to miss.

Guest Speaker for May.

Natasha Harlow enlightened us on the sacred temples and shrines from the Roman period. Natasha's presentation was excellent and demonstrated the importance of recording all finds especially, parts of plate brooches and miniature axes, that are often found. Recording of finds helps to build up a picture of where these temples and holy places are likely to be. Most plate brooches particularly the horse and rider type are found chiefly in Norfolk, with Suffolk a close second. Natasha also showed the rolled-up pieces of lead that often contain a prayer, these are usually recovered from wet areas. After a few enquiring questions Natasha was warmly applauded.

Details of a forth coming rally.

This is the Great Dunmow Rotary Rally, to be held on Saturday 26th August 2023 at Tilty Village Essex CM6 2HP 10.00- 4.00pm Gates open at 8.00am, breakfast available at a cost, free tea and coffee all day. The cost is £20.00 send SAE to EMDR 93 Brain Valley Avenue, Black Notley, Essex CM77 8LT. **Cheques payable** Dunmow Rotary Club. Contact Barry Clark email: barryclark1947@outlook.com

Foxhall day out

The weather was good, and a few good finds came to light including an army cap badge and a warden's whistle. Peter provided some barbeque food and Samantha some scrumptious muffins. A full report will follow in due course.

A big thankyou to Peter the landowner.

Find of the Month for May

No 1 Charles 1st Penny

No 2 A man's silver ring with a sunburst design.

No 3 Two medieval dagger chapes

No 4 Early Crotal Bell

No 5 Medieval Belt buckle

No 6 Silver mangled Buckle possibly 17th century

No 7 Medieval Beehive Thimble

- No 8 Victorian hair slide
- No 9 Thomas the Becket Pilgrims Badge
- No 10 Medieval Dress hook
- No 11 Medieval belt buckle
- No 12 Thomas the Becket pilgrims badge becket on horseback (Rare)
- No 13 Part for a medieval pot
- No 14 A possible Sword pommel
- No 15 Bronze age penannular ring 1300-1800 B.C.
- No 16 Gold Catavallaunian Stater
- No 17 Medieval Stag
- No 18 Roman Steelyard weight.
- No 19 1916 George V Sixpence

The worthy winners were No 12 for the extremely rare Thomas the Becket Pilgrims badge found by Phil Brummitt.

The best coin was No 16 the beautiful gold Catavallaunian Stater found by John Osborne. Well done to both for displaying superb finds and well done to all the other worthy entries.



Phil receiving his trophy for the best artefact.



John receiving his trophy for the best coin.

We were blessed with several new members including a dad with his two sons, they have only been detecting since Christmas and had discovered some amazing finds, including three hammered silver coins, long may it continue.