



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 the Rosary
Conservative Club. 172 Bramford Road, Ipswich IP1 4AB.**

Next meeting is on Tuesday 28th May 2019 starting at 7.30pm

May Meeting

We have John Field who's talking on The Treasures of Ipswich
This should not be missed.

April Meeting

We had John Browning of Icklingham who spoke of the recent sad historical
events that had challenged his very soul. Johns presentation was passionate
and John went into great detail about the events that had befallen him.

A group of antiquities known as the "Icklingham Bronzes" were illicitly
excavated from the farm of John Browning sometime in the early 1980s. By
1989 they were on sale in New York. John Browning formally demanded the
restitution of the Bronzes from Leon Levy and Shelby White, the good faith
purchasers, but the request was rejected. Hence, Mr. Browning filed a legal
suit in New York. The parties reached an unprecedented out-of-court
settlement in 1993. According to this, Leon Levy and Shelby White agreed
to donate the Bronzes to the British Museum on the occasion of their deaths.
John has spent a lot of time and money in attempting to recover this
important hoard of Roman bronze figurines and other artefacts, with little
success. Ironically some of the small metal finds, metal detected legally and
in controlled conditions have gone missing.

John spoke for a good hour and after some fair questions was warmly
applauded for a first rate and interesting presentation. Two of the stolen
items are reproduced here.



Forth coming trip the British Museum.

This will be limited to about 40 at a nominal cost of £15.00 per person.

The date will be Saturday 6th of July Pick up point will be announced later. Monies will be collected at the May and June Meetings on a first come first basis. The trip also takes into consideration The Bloomsbury Coin Fair at 38-51 Bedford Way post code WC1H 0DG Royal National Hotel. This gives those interested in purchasing a few coins an added interest.

Club Logo Badge design competition.

Only two entries and the winning entry was won by Pawel Sobolewska with his black and white design featuring a Saxon helmet. An award will be presented at the next meeting.

Both entries were magnificent.

Sadly we still have people talking during the Speakers presentation. The remedy for this if you want to talk go outside into the foyer or porch area, otherwise please be respectful to guest speakers.

Find Of The Month Competition

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

- 1 Medieval coin weight for Noble.
- 2 Trade token of George Hintley Chandler of New Granvill Lane.
- 3 Part of an early Medieval stirrup terminal.
- 4 Enamelled horse pendant
- 5 Elizabeth I Threepence 1575 Mint eglantine
- 6 Henry VIII Groat Thomas Wolsey York Mint.
- 7 Sword Dagger Hanger.
- 8 Early Medieval horse pendant.
- 9 Medieval bag seal
- 10 Celtic Quarter Stater Iceni
- 11 SOE Fireing Time Pencil
- 12 Victoria Halfpenny
- 13 Rose Farthing
- 14 Edward III Groat

The two worthy winners are

Best Artefact

No 4 Medieval hanging Horse Pendant found by Melvin Goddard



Best Coin

No 5 Elizabeth I Threepence 1575 Mint Mark Eglantine

Found by Roger Fletcher



The standard this month was very high, so well done to all other members who entered their finds