



Ipswich & District Detector Club

(Affiliated to the National Council for Metal Detecting)

Monthly newsletter September 2021

Next meeting to be held at the Rosery Club on Tuesday 26th October 2021

Guest Speaker for October will be **John Field** who is delighted to be asked again to give members the talk, which he was to give last year and is intitled –

"Victorian Ipswich - the Industrial Powerhouse of East Anglia". Not one to miss.

September Auction

The meeting was a bit low on numbers probably due to the fuel problem, it was noticeable that our members who travel from afar were not present.

None the less 163 lots were presented, and I must admit I was a bit nervous we could get through them all, but due to the skills of our auctioneer Kelvin he more than managed. The auction started a little slow but soon gained momentum with many lots finding new homes. A pin pointer made £50.00 A Spade made £40.00 A Diamond Digger achieved £15.00 and a coin case made £15.00. Many of the smaller lots selling for their offer price. Although small in numbers a great evening was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to our auctioneer Kelvin Gage and our regular porter Paul Odell.

Find of the Month

No fewer than 18 entries were tendered all listed below

1. Roman bronze zoomorphic brooch
2. 1790 George III half guinea
3. 1560 Elizabeth I Shilling
4. 17th Century pewter dish
5. 17th Century shoe buckle
6. Boat ballast pig iron
7. Anglo-Saxon pin
8. USA Temperance Medal Very rare
9. Coronation Medal
10. Victorian Gas Lamp
11. King John Penny
12. 16th Century Lead Token
13. Victorian Fish Knife
14. Victorian lead Toy
15. Roman Statuette
16. Human Bones "alas poor Yorick I knew him well"
17. Roman cosmetic implement
18. Elaborate Saxon Key

Well done to everyone else who put items in.

The worthy winners were:

Best Coin No 2 1790 George III Half Guinea found by John Varden

Best Artefact No 18 The elaborate Saxon Key found by Rob Obrien.



The lost Ring

The day was just like any other day except Mick was to try out some new settings on his new Equinox.

All the fields were still in crop, so that left only the beaches to work at, Felixstowe the nearest. No sooner than he had set up a lady approached and asked if the detector would work in water. "Yes of course, providing it's not too deep, but why?" asked Mick. "Well, my husband lost his ring in the sea, is there any chance you can try and find it for me". "Certainly", said Mick, "but I'm afraid the tide is high at present, if you leave your telephone number with me, I will try tomorrow at low tide". "Thank you", the lady, replied.

Next morning Mick was up early to catch the low tide and went searching along the tideline. Within a few minutes a signal bleeped out in Mick's headphones revealing the lost ring.

Delighted Mick phoned the family and they soon turned up to receive their lost treasure. A reward was offered but Mick said the reward was in their eyes, and so a happy day was enjoyed by all.

With best wishes from Mick Seager and his trusty Equinox.

