Past Times

December 2024



Chippenham & District Metal Detecting Club (CDMDC) Newsletter

The Artisan Quarter Christmas Fair

Due to Storm Darragh the event was cancelled at the beginning of the month and a one-day event took place instead, on Sunday 15th from 11-5pm at Octoprint. The event was co-ordinated by Terry the club's chairman and club member volunteers, stepped forwards to assist in preparation's prior to and on the day. One of the activities for the children was the sand pit TREASURE HUNT where the individual child searched with a probe to locate a winning prize token or a real coin some dating back as far as the 1700's. Coins they found they kept and the token exchanged for a goodies bag of gifts when found . A big thanks to Stephan Pratt for the sign. The Treasure hunt raised £68.40p which went towards the £1500 - £1600 (TBC) raised for a Charitable organization focused on children.







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ONE THOUSAND PAS REPORTS

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Club member Anthony Mims, known as "Mimzy," has hit a major milestone just as we kick off 2025—he's broken the 1000 mark for recording finds with the Portable Antiquities scheme! He's been detecting since the days when you needed a £1 Pipe Finders License and started logging his discoveries when the scheme first launched. For a deeper dive into his story, check out the articles in the More section at

the top right of the page.

THE PAS LOGO



Whilst filming near Eastry as part of a television programme on metal-detecting called Pathfinders, detectorist Alan Elliott found the front plate of an early seventh century Anglo-Saxon plated disc brooch.

The brooch is gold, decorated with gold cells set with garnets and blue glass, and some extremely delicate gold filigree work.

Unfortunately, it is very badly damaged, but it would clearly have been a very high-quality piece of jewellery when complete.

The Portable Antiquities Scheme's logo incorporates a stylised version of the brooch.



In my opinion these are the top coins and artefacts from T2 found in 2024

Below is the T2 pecking order for 2024. Joolz has now moved up to T1 and Terry Waghorn and Julianne Colbran have joined T2. Let's hope everyone gets new permission in 2025 I'm hoping that next month's newsletter will feature T1's best finds as full information of there finds was not available.

NAMES	1 ST PLACED FINDS	2 ND PLACED FINDS
MIMZY	11	8
MATT	7	7
JOOLZ	7	4
TIM	1	0
JULIANNE	0	1
TERRY W	0	1