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CHIPPENHAM & DISTRICT METAL DETECTING CLUB (CDMDC)

CLUB NEWS

2022 ended on a high with the club dig and get together at Lacock shortly followed by the club Xmas meal. Future club digs are in the works on some great looking land and we look forward to seeing what finds they will produce.

We have recently had 2 fascinating talks delivered to the club by the well renowned Mike Stone. The talks were "King Alfred and the origins of Chippenham" and the "Coins of emperor Trajan and Hadrian", all club and IDS members were invited to the talks and they were both well attended, Mike Stone will be delivering more captivating talks and displays for the club through the year. On the 9th FEB the Wiltshire FLO Sophie visited the club T1 meeting with her 2 new assistants Alex and Alison, they took part in a Mimzy special quiz and collected and returned treasure and other recorded club members items, we look forward to welcoming them back in the future.

CDMDC SOCIALS

Tier 1 member Simon has come up with the great idea to get all club members and IDS members together once a month outside of the club meetings for a social night where we can all share stories, tips, give advice and get to know each other better. All social details will be posted on the Facebook groups and emailed out to IDS members.

LACOCK DIG AND PRESENTATION



The CDMDC group dig was recently held at Nash Hill Lacock, a promising looking area including a camping field awaited the club members, IDS members and a few club friends invited from Wales. What a beautiful start to the day it was with blue sky and sunshine, anticipation of what could be found was high and everyone was eager to get detecting. After a pre dig brief from Matt and Terry everyone was set off into the fields. Finds soon started coming up with Georgian coins, buckles, snuff tins and even a Gold ring being found (mostly in the camping field). Nothing of any real age came up but a great day was had by all who attended the rally. The day was finished off with the landowners judging the best coin and artefact of the day, the best artefact was given to a lovely snuff tin lid and the best coin awarded to a Victorian penny. After the finds judging, the CDMDC held a raffle with the prizes donated by the club and some club members, the star prize being an expensive looking whiskey (or was it the giant cuddly dog?).

The money raised from the CDMDC dig was £170 on the gate & £215 in raffle tickets, the club spent £67.98 towards raffle prizes which left us a total of £317.02 left which has been donated to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance from the CDMDC on behalf of the Landowners.

The CDMDC gives huge thanks to the Landowners and we hope to return for another club dig soon on different fields.

ANGLO SAXON SCEATS (SCEATTAS)

A sceat (sceattas) was a small, thick silver coin minted in England, Frisia and Jutland during the Anglo-Saxon period. It is likely that the coins were more often known to contemporaries as "pennies" (Old English: peningas), much like their successor silver coins. They are very diverse, organized into a broader alphabetical classifications laid out by British numismatist Stuart Rigold in the 1970s class A-Z.

The huge volume of finds made in the last thirty years using metal detectors has radically altered understanding of this coinage and, while it is now clear that these coins were in everyday use across eastern and southern England in the early 8th century. Sceattas are not common finds and rarely carry legends of any kind, though a small number do name the mint of London and others carry short runic legends such as 'Aethiliraed' and 'Efe', which probably refer to moneyers rather than kings.

Although sceattas present many problems of organization, attribution, and dating, they also carry a breathtaking variety of designs bespeaking extensive Celtic, classical, and Germanic influences. It has been suggested on the basis of the iconography of certain sceattas that they were issued by ecclesiastical authorities.



Radiate
bust/standard type



Porcupine Types



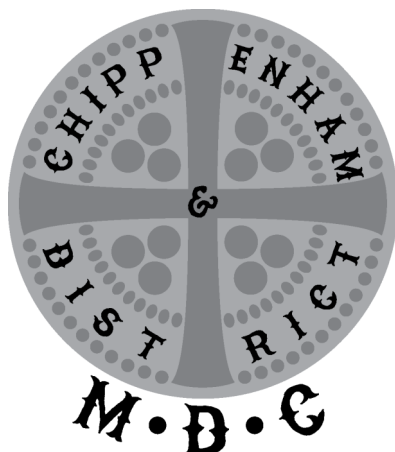
cms Hamwic Series



Two Standing
Figures Types



cms Woden Monster



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