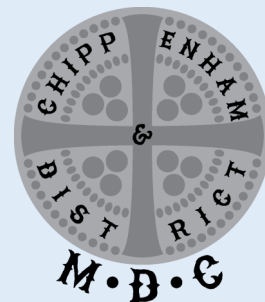


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CHIPPENHAM & DISTRICT METAL DETECTING CLUB (CDMDC)

CLUB NEWS

Moving into April/May is a tough time for us detectorists, the farmers are ploughing their land and sowing their crops, pasture fields are growing longer and longer and the weather has been pretty awful the past few weeks! If you are lucky enough to be allowed on seeded land what are you doing reading this! Get out there!!! And for those of us who have pasture permissions hopefully soon it dry's up enough for the first silage cuts to be made so we have some land to explore! The CDMDC club AGM took place in April and the unanimous voting on the committee is shown below.

T1 Chairman—Terry Kearton
T2 Chairman—Matthew Fenn
Treasurer—Peter Amer
Secretary—Michelle Thomas
IDS Secretary—Nichola Winney
Social Secretary—Simon Morgan

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. The latest social night was on the 4th May and the next social night will take place in June.

SEARCHER MAGAZINE

The CDMDC regularly submits its monthly finds to the Searcher magazine .
See below the CDMDC snapshot from the latest edition.

Chippenham MDC Kate Mennell

This has been a fairly quiet month for the club with our usual monthly meetings and of course our fun (and informative) quizzes set by member Mimzy. We have also been happy to welcome several new and enthusiastic members to the club and look forward to them taking part in several club digs planned for the near future.

Finds of the Month

Coins

1st Mark Anthony denarius – Matt Fenn

2nd Gallo-Belgic stater –
Anthony 'Mimzy' Mims



Artefacts

1st Harness
pendant –
Matt Fenn

2nd Roman T brooch –
Anthony 'Mimzy' Mims

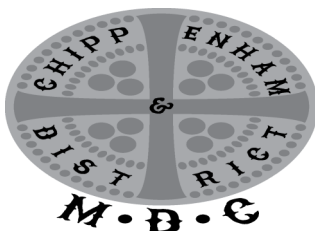
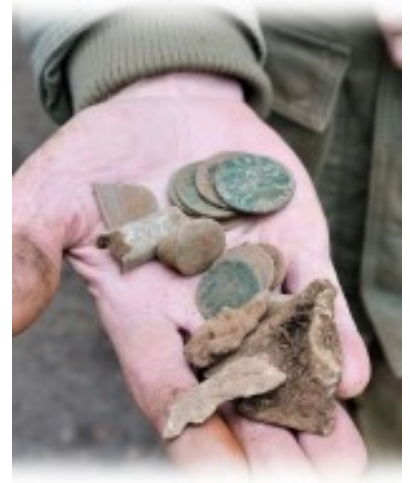


PERMISSION NOTES FOR LAND OWNERS

Part One... Why should you allow our club members detect on your land? To some people we might be a strange bunch, out in all weather digging up bits of scrap metal dressed in camo clothing but the vast majority of detectorists have a passion for history and love being the first person to touch a coin or artefact for hundreds maybe thousands of years! Whilst it's nice to know the value of that gold coin, or that Roman brooch, it's not a primary motivator to genuine hobbyist like our club members. There's a difference between treasure hunters and those who see the genuine beauty in artefacts they recover even items some may consider junk! A genuine detectorist will clean & restore the artefact, research the history surrounding it and share that knowledge with the farmer and the detecting community. If deemed treasure or report-worthy to the Portable Antiquities Scheme it will also take its place in defining the historical context of the UK and the local area.

What if someone asks if they can detect on my land? Firstly, consider understanding why he/she wants to detect on your land. Most people are good judges of character and the first few minutes of a conversation usually reveals much about a person. Are they a member of a club? If so, consider finding out about the club. Do they have a website with contact details of the Committee members? If so, approach the Chairman and ask for a reference. The chances are that those affiliated to an established club, such as the Chippenham & District MDC, have public liability insurance and adhere to a strict detecting code of ethics that protect both the farmer, the land and the detectorist. What are the benefits for farmers? Well firstly it's an opportunity to find out more about the history of the land you own, because detectorists will find things that otherwise might not be found, who knows, something found on your land may one day end up on display in a museum! The presence of people around the farm may also discourage other trespassers, including fly-tippers, as well as provide an extra pair of eyes to keep watch for sick or straying livestock. Detectorists can also provide a useful service in clearing away unwanted bits of rubbish that might cause problems if ingested by an animal, tangled up in farm machinery or damage crops. How do I give permission? **ALL** Metal detectorists must obtain the landowner's permission to enter private land and anyone searching without permission is committing trespass (also known as day/night hawking). In summary, granting permission to a genuine, reliable and trustworthy detectorist can bring significant benefits to farmers who want to understand the history surrounding their property. But be wary of those treasure hunters out for personal profit who may not treat you and your land with the respect it deserves.

Next month in Part 2... The benefits of written agreements Access Control Insurance The Treasure Act



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