



SILVER ON A SPRING SUNDAY

A last-minute invitation to a nearby field on the 13th of this month turned out to be fortunate for three of the eight club members who were available to go metal detecting. The primary field they explored was well-prepared, having been rolled flat before seeding, making it easy to dig, although it was quite dry. Unfortunately, it had been thoroughly searched over the past 30 years.

The day started off on a rough note for Jon around 10:45 hrs when he opened his car boot and realized he had forgotten his finds pouch at home. However, it wasn't a major setback since his small rucksack would suffice.

It was a long day for most, as nearly everyone detected until 16:00hrs, with some continuing even longer. The standout discovery of the day was Simon's Republican Denarius from the moneyer C. Antius, dating back to 47 BC.



Terry who arranged the invite, had triple silver comprising of an Elizabeth I threepence a Charles I sixpence and a Queen Victoria shilling. Jon managed a mashed hammy but a hammy is a hammy



IN MEMORY of GRAHAM PRATT

March 27th 1958 – 25th April 2022

Graham the founder of the club passed away three years ago this month and to remember him, an exhibition of his finds are now on display in the Chippenham museum for the next few months.

Here are his Treasure Trove finds that will also be on display

WILT1AAE8C: COIN HOARD

Five coins found scattered on 12th June 2016

Three sixpences and two groats



WILT-2D79BC

A medieval silver annular brooch pin dating to c. AD 1200-1400

The pin measures 47.4mm in length, and it is possible that the brooch from which it originated is nearby.



WILT-180E4D

A complete medieval silver pendant in a cruciform shape. Found 2017

Clubs display of Grahams finds



A few more club finds found this month



1. Constans 337-350 : John
2. Lead Seal: Andrew
3. Cuff Link: Terry K
4. Shilling 1840: Julianne
5. 1887 medallion: Mimzy