

Past Times

December A.D.2019

Chippenham & District Metal Detecting Club (CDMDC) Newsletter



Sevington Victorian School—an article by Mimzy

A few years ago I found a pewter achievement medal produced for Langley Burrell School and, last month whilst sorting through my finds, I decided to see if I could find anything more about it. This led me to the web page of the Victorian school at Sevington. I first got to see this school (from the outside) as a few years back as I was lucky enough to obtain permission to metal detect the surrounding fields.

The school was founded in 1849. Miss Squire took up her post as teacher just before her twentieth birthday and continued to teach there for more than fifty years. When she retired, the schoolroom was left untouched and today we can still see how it looked in Miss Squire's day, complete with her desk, pointer and blackboard.

In for a penny, in for a pound I sent a message to the school asking if they could advise me on how I could find information on the name on the medal. In return I offered some of my Victorian coinage for the school if they were interested in having them.

At the beginning of July I got a guided tour of the school from Dinah Starkey the chairmen of trustees and it cost me less than a florin. In fact, 21 pennies & 3 farthings!

Awarded to May Stratford for achieving 'Standard I'. The 1911 census records a May Stratford, born about 1908 in Langley Burrell, and living there in 1911. The Langley Burrell School was built in 1844 and closed in 1974.



Dinah Starkey accepting the coins on behalf of the school

Chippenham Museum Metal Detecting Exhibition

Come and visit Chippenham Museum and see the amazing history uncovered by Chippenham & District Metal Detecting Club. All artefacts were recovered using metal detectors from the local area and represent some 3000+ years of history from the Bronze Age to modern times.

18th January—22nd February 2020
10am—4pm

CDMDC Christmas Party 2019

The club held its annual Christmas party early in December at The Bell in Yatton Keynell. Notwithstanding the screeching balloons, a great time was had by all! Many thanks to Bev for making all the necessary arrangements, including the running of a rather challenging quiz. Congratulations to Mimzy and Tim who scored the highest.



EVENT REMINDER—6th February

Visiting Author

Gerry Slevin, author of "Short Cross Legends", will be visiting the club to give a talk on Short Cross hammered coinage and to conduct an identification session of members' coins.



CDMDC wishes all of its friends, farmers and landowners a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year!

FINDS OF THE MONTH

Tier 1

Quarter 4

December



Best Coin Winner:
Jon, Constans Roman Coin



Best Artefact Winner:
Mark, 1650s Token



Best Artefact Runner Up:
Andrew, West Somerset Yeomanry Badge

Tier 2

Quarter 4

December

Best Coin Winner:
Matt, Elizabeth I Sixpence
1582



Best Coin Runner Up:
Mimzy: Faustina II Denarius
146-175



Best Artefact Winner:
Mimzy: Bronze age tanged Arrow Head



Best Artefact Runner Up:
Kate: Spectacle Buckle
1350-1650



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