

# Past Times

June 2024

Chippenham & District Metal Detecting Club (CDMDC) Newsletter



Matthew Fenn was awarded the prestigious Western Region ARMD trophy this month. Andrew John Harrison presented him with the trophy during an informal ceremony. Matt's exceptional Silver Saxon cloak pin out shined a gold posey ring and a Bronze Age spear head, securing the first-place position.



## Mike Stone's lecture on ancient Roman currency



A Siliqua of Julian 361-363

The evening was attended by a significant number of club members and guests. Mike Stone's lecture on Roman coins was truly engaging.



A radiate of Carausius, 286-293

## QUALITY COINS BY QUALITY CLUB MEMBERS

FOUND BY TOM CLARIDGE



An Early-Medieval (Anglo-Saxon) silver sceat (710-740). Series H, Type 39 Cc1 Struck at Hamwic (Southampton). Obverse: Pecking bird in beaded foliage, right, wing raised, feet splayed, all enclosed in beaded circle. Reverse: Beaded circle with four pellet-in-annulet at each cardinal point and one centre.

FOUND BY SIMON MORGAN



A Valentinian II AR Siliqua, . AD 378-383. DN VALENTINIANVS PF AVG, pearl-diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust right / VICTOR-IA AVGGG, Victory walking left, holding wreath and palm branch. Mintmark TRPS. Trier .

FOUND BY MATTHEW FENN



A lightly clipped silver twopence (halfgroat) of Charles II dating c. AD1660-1662.

Mark of value II behind head, inner circles.

## LACOCK HISTORY GROUP TALK

The local history group invited our club to Lacock on the 17th of June. Our purpose was to provide them with a brief introduction to metal detecting, explain the activities of our club, and showcase the discoveries we make. Following this, we organized an engaging Mimzy quiz, which allowed the group to interact with and examine coins and artefacts. The quiz covered four categories: buckles, coins, identifying objects, and Lacock history.



The buckle table



Object Identification table

The club members provided strong support for the event, with several individuals sharing their discoveries of various objects.



Kate and her Victorian toy



Jon and his hoard



Bob and his brooch

Following a Committee meeting, the Lacock History Group reached a decision to donate £40.00 to the 'Fighting Hunger with Food Waste' initiative on Hungerdown Lane. This decision was made considering the location of our club in Chippenham.