

## Malmesbury's Big Athelstan Dig 6th and 7th July

The Athelstan Museum contacted the club for assistance with an event to showcase our discoveries and organize metal detecting activities for all ages in Malmesbury's local park. Unfortunately, the day began with poor weather, and to make matters worse, the park gate was locked when we arrived to set up. Cotswold Archaeology permitted us to explore the spoil heaps from the 13 test pits scattered around town, which were dug by local volunteers. The rain deterred many visitors, which gave Andrew and Jon some additional time to detect a few of the spoil heaps, where they found a Georgian buckle and a blue bead. The sand pit, filled with sand, kindly donated by Malmesbury Garden Centre, was a success as always, raising £7.30 for the Athelstan Museum. Due to logistical difficulties and the prediction of more inclement weather, the club opted to forgo the second day.



Above: Terry being shown how to use a spade correctly

Right: Jon searching Memorial Gate's pit no 8



# ÆTHELSTAN 1100 EXHIBITION

The club was again approached to create and showcase Saxon finds found by club members in an exhibition cabinet at the Athelstan Museum. "Mimzy" was in charge of organizing this project. Even though there were limited artefacts and coins from the Saxon era, a total of 34 finds were lent for the 3-month exhibition, concluding on October 31st. The display board underwent some modifications when an additional four coins and two artefacts from the Wiltshire and Corinium Museums were included in the showcase.



Tom's pin Head



Matt & Jon's Sceattas



Mimzy's Saucer Brooch  
And Buckle Pin





ABOVE RIGHT & LEFT : THE CLUBS DISPLAY  
AND A DISPLAY OF COINS LOANED BY NOONANS

### SOME MORE COINS OF THE ROMAN TYPE

These coins were brought in by Terry Waghorn a potential new club member to be identified



Vespasian denarius 74AD



Septimius Severus denarius 202AD



Caracalla denarius 205AD



Julian II siliqua 360-363