

Manorfield Detectives.



This photograph shows a palstave. One like it was found in Stoney Stanton by metal detectorists in 1998.

A palstave is a metal weapon or tool used in the Bronze Age. It would have been fixed into an antler, bone or wooden handle like the image below.



The Bronze Age is the time between the Stone Age and the Iron Age in Britain. The Ages are defined by the technology which was available to the people of Britain at that time.



This picture shows a Bronze Age Palstave found during an archaeological excavation. The handle can still be seen, this is unusual because they usually rot away.

Have a look at this link to see what life was like in Bronze Age Britain.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cH_uowNBjno

The British Museum has many collections, if you use the link below you can discover many objects which were made during the Bronze Age and which are now available to see online.

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/learn/schools/ages-7-11/ancient-britain/classroom-resource-bronze-age-britain>

Bronze is an alloy (a combination of metals), of copper and tin.

This makes bronze stronger than either copper or tin. Making tools which were stronger and could be re-sharpened, made life in Bronze Age Britain much easier than it had been.

This link shows you how the bronze tools were made.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-discovering-metalwork-in-bronze-age-Britain/zb8b47h>



Maybe Stoney Stanton looked something like this in the Bronze Age?

Why not see what you can discover about life in Bronze Age Britain and draw a picture, write a report, create a fact sheet, or make your own Bronze Age model house.

How creative can you be?