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eters with metal detector. She found a gold monkey - possibly a belt adornment - at the site.



'Pelican-In-Her-Piety' group dressed in Medieval garb - Harrow and Aiden Turnbull.

Visitors dig medieval re-enactme

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Whiteman with a suit of 15th century armour.



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IT was a case of art imitating life at Parham House this bank holiday weekend as a troupe of Medieval re-enactors accompanied an archaeological dig.

As the actors from Pelican-in-her-Piety entertained visitors with their traditional dress and activities, the diggers, from Worthing Archaeological Society, uncovered some of the very pieces of pottery that the real Medieval dwellers who once lived at Parham used.

The investigating team spent Sunday May 30 and Monday May 31 digging at the ancient site.

And importantly, they made leaps and bounds in uncovering some of the old parsonage - demolished in the 1730s.

Pete Brannlund, project officer for the society, said: "From an archaeological point of view

it was a great success.

"We think we may now have uncovered the dwelling of the parsonage, we've certainly got the barn and stables and yard area."

In addition the society uncovered older, Medieval features that had not previously been known to exist.

Pete added: "As far as the articles are concerned we've recovered pottery dating from Saxon and Norman times, from the tenth century all the way through to 1750.

"The re-enactors were very popular with our members. What was fascinating was to be able to compare what we were finding in the ground to what they were reconstructing.

They had reconstructed pottery and we were finding the bits from it had been reconstructed.

"I got the sense from the visitors that came over to us, and there were three or four hundred over the two days, that the re-enactors were very popular as well."

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ers of Worthing Archeology Society hard at work.

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Above: This gold monkey was found at site.

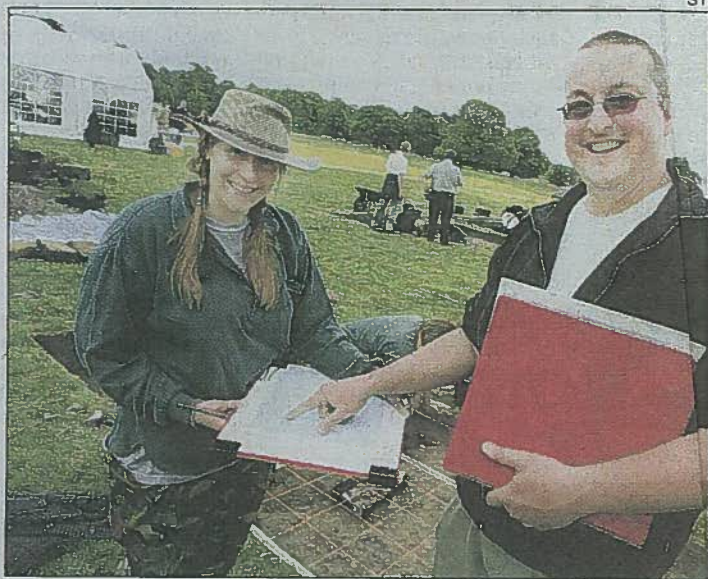
Below: More recovered finds.

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Jules Rogers alarmed at a rat in her kitchen.

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