

# Bank holiday trip back in time

**WORTHING** Archaeology Society returns to Parham House and Park on Sunday and Monday in its quest to uncover the secrets of the Parham Parsonage.

This is the fifth successive year of excavations by the society, a long-term project to increase the understanding of the estate's evolution. The event is open from noon to 5pm daily and the house is open from 2pm.

The excavation of the site of the Parsonage at Parham (demolished in the 1730s) will continue.

A series of "post-pads", probably marking the location of a stable or barn, were found in 2010. This area will be investigated further as the hunt to find the house, reported to have had 10 "rooms" and a cellar, continues.

The main focus this year will be on the deep feature found in May, 2010. Is it a cellar? Probably not - it is, more likely, a medieval cesspit.

During the weekend, the living history group, Pelican-in-her-Piety, will also be present.

In the pleasure grounds, next to the walled garden, the group recreates late-medieval living history and communicates with great passion and enthusiasm.

Members will create and maintain an encampment that conveys to visitors



a vivid impression of life in 15th-century England.

Visitors will also be able to listen to the archer's tales of hunting and battles, feel the weight of a sword

and even try on some armour.

This weekend is also a chance for visitors to see archaeologists at work. In addition, Worthing Archaeology Society

will be displaying artefacts previously recovered from the estate.

Parham House and Park is on the A283 between Storrington and Pulborough.

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