## **EXCAVATIONS PRESENT** the people's history



## Dig finds on show at True's Yard

An exhibition in Lynn's True's Yard Museum is inviting people to learn about their own history by showing off finds from digs made this year at Fairstead, Gayton, Grimston, Gaywood, Great Massingham, Congham, Reffley, Hansa House and St. Margaret's vicarage in Lynn. Dr Clive Bond, who organised the excavations with Dr Mary Kadwell and Dr Paul Richards, said: "By putting on these excavations around West Norfolk, we are increasing the

awareness of local people of how their villages were made.

"For example, in Grimston we found pottery dating back to the first century as well as what is believed to be an air raid shelter next to the church."

The group has also held charity excavations, attracting more than 70 people.

At one of those, held at Hansa House, a witch's pot was uncovered which Dr Bond believes could have contained a spell; at another, held at St. Margaret's vicarage, bricks were found from the home of Lynn novelist Fanny Burney. Dr. Bond said: "Most archeological digs cost the public money. All of ours are free of charge and at every dig there are professional archaeologists there to help you identify what you have uncovered."

■ Pictured above are Dr Mary Kadwell, Dr Clive Bond and Dr Richards with finds made at the Gaywood Valley dig. MLNF13PB12050