
FINDS NEWS

BOB'S BULLA

Finding myself with an unexpected free day, I registered with Let's Go Digging for their rally in Essex.

I had a fairly fruitless morning, but others had found hammered and Roman coins. After an early lunch I thought I'd try the newly available horse paddocks, and found a 1909 Edward VII halfpenny.

I then moved to a paddock behind the farmhouse, and adopted my usual round the edge and then up and down linear search pattern, and within a short time had a solid signal on my Fisher F44 set in jewellery mode.

About 7" down I found what I first thought was a large bottle top. A nearby detectorist identified my find as a papal bulla, and subsequent gentle brushing revealed it to be from Pope Gregory IV, (1227 – 1241), and apparently



a rare item.

Eventually realising the significance of my find, I didn't quite break into a dance, but certainly felt very satisfied with the day's outcome. Needless to say, I think rallies will become a regular event in future. **Bob Bell**