



A brass ewer with hinged lid and moulded feet dating from the late 6th to early 7th century, found in a gravel pit near Wheathampstead House in 1894. It was purchased by the British Museum (**Catalogue number 1900, 0719.4**) from the owner, Mrs Fanny Bury Palliser, in 1900.

The ewer is thought to have originated from the eastern Mediterranean and as recently as 2010 has been on loan to a German museum for an exhibition "Byzantium: Splendour and Daily Life".

A Saxon palm-cup, smashed into fragments, was recovered from the gravel pit shortly afterwards. For more about this, see Bulletin 64 (September 2023).