



A bronze ewer with hinged lid and moulded feet dating from the early 7th century was found in a gravel pit near Wheathampstead House in 1884 together with other evidence of a burial site. It was acquired by the British Museum in 1900.

[https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H\\_1900-0719-4](https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H_1900-0719-4) )

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, broken into fragments, was recovered from the gravel pit at about the same time. For more about this, see Bulletin 64 (September 2023) at

<http://www.wheathampsteadheritage.org.uk/history-society-bulletins.asp> .