



A brass ewer with hinged lid and moulded feet dating from the late 6th to early 7th century. It was discovered in a grave during the excavations for Wheathampstead railway station. It was purchased by the British Museum ([Catalogue number 1900, 0719.4](#)) from the owner, Mrs Fanny Bury Palliser, in 1900.

The ewer is said 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".