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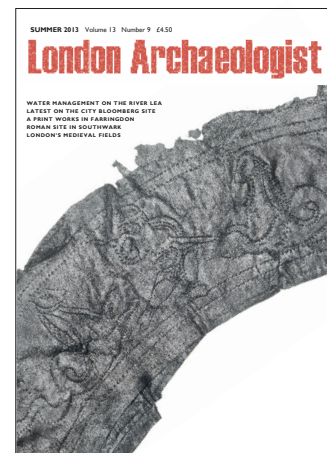
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A detail from the above stack of six Roman arch-shaped leather panels more than 1m across found in a pit on the Bloomberg Place site in the City of London (see article p 242). Dating from 1st – 2nd century AD they are decorated with palmettes, hippocamps and an armoured figure. Ongoing conservation work and research has revealed damage from woodworm indicating that they were attached to a wooden object, probably a piece of furniture. Research also suggests some are made of cattle leather while others, perhaps from the back or interior of the object(s), may be made of recycled sheep/goat skin tent leather. The highly decorated panels formed part of a larger construction but these specific components may have been selected for deposition together in the pit either because they were considered special or because the heavily stitched leather could not be recycled.

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