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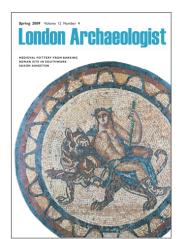
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The central roundel of one of Britain's finest mosaics, found beneath East India House, in London's Leadenhall Street in 1803, and now in the British Museum. It shows Bacchus astride a tigress with his cloak, staff and wreath of vine leaves worked in blue and turquoise glass tesserae, materials that occur frequently in the thirdcentury mosaics of Trier and Cologne, but that are unparalleled elsewhere in Britain in such quantity. See more of London's mosaics in the Report preview feature, p 128. (Photograph: David Neal and Stephen Cosh)