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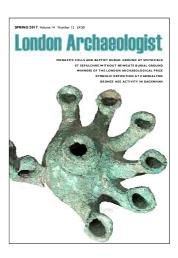
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This small copper-alloy lamp was found during recent excavations by Pre-Construct Archaeology on a site in the City. It had been buried upside down in a small pit dating to the late first or early second century AD.

Measuring a little over 20cm from handle to tip, this lamp appears to be unique to Britain. Whilst Roman copperalloy lamps with a single nozzle are known from the Province, as are examples of ceramic lamps with multiple nozzles, this striking lamp is most easily paralleled in Italy. It seems probable that this was an early import to Britain from the continent. The recovery of a strigil from the same small pit suggests the lamp may well have helped to illuminate a first-century bath house.



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