

# London Archaeologist 50

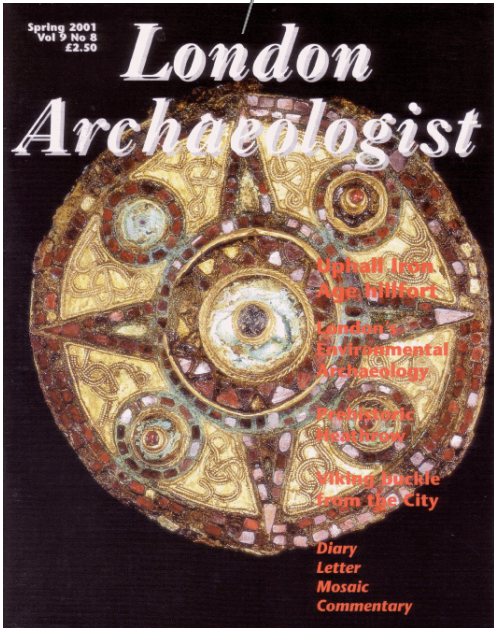
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the anniversary pin board  
a miscellany from five decades over five issues



Photo: © Westminster Abbey

Discovered at Westminster Abbey in 1869 (and now on display in the new triforium galleries there (p 151)), this Roman sarcophagus once held Valerius Amandinus. A doctor's inspection at the time described the remains to be of a powerfully built man under middle age. George Gilbert Scott mistakenly declared the sarcophagus empty in 1870, but recent conservation work revealed this Saxon burial inside, dated to c. AD 1000.



High status Saxon finds are pretty rare around London, so we thought we'd republish this cover from 2001, with the Floral Street brooch, excavated by AOC in Covent Garden. It's still the most elaborate yet found, intricately worked in gold and garnets. (See Saxon review p 122.)

Harvey Sheldon (here, some years ago...) is a key speaker at our LA@50 conference in October. Subscribers have priority booking from 9 July. For full details, and link to our ticketing site visit our \*new\* website: londonarchaeologist.org.uk



Photo: Bob Cowie

Saxon specialists Martin Welch and Alan Vince with John Maloney (centre) visiting the largest excavation on the site of Lundenwic, at the Royal Opera House in 1996.



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Ditch dug at the time of Viking attacks on London, excavated at Maiden Lane in 1986, with our Saxon review author Bob Cowie supervising, and Ian Grainger within (who now uses the photo in inductions to highlight dangers of deep sites...).



Photo: Alan Smith

Gabe Moshenska (centre - Senior Lecturer at UCL Institute of Archaeology ) took Golden Ticket winners Gerry Moss and Sue Smith and guests on a unique tour of the Blitz in Bloomsbury in May.

The classic end of dig group shot of Pre-Construct Archaeology stalwarts in 1997 at Greenwich Reach. Gary Brown remembers PCA's first 25 years on p 141.



Photo: Nick Fuentes

Wandsworth Historical Society has been monitoring this fishtrap in Putney since 1971. It's been radiocarbon dated AD 470-640.