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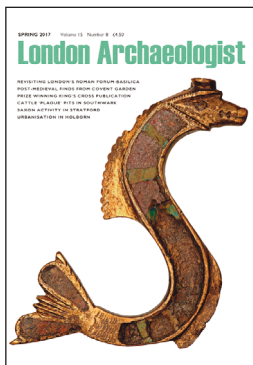


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When the Portable Antiquities Scheme celebrated the recording of the 1.5 millionth find, they published their 10 best discoveries. One object – this pilgrim badge, in pristine condition and just 73mm high – was from the Thames foreshore. It shows Thomas Becket's murder in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170. Only one of the four knights involved is depicted. The hand of God can be seen descending over Becket as he is martyred.



The back of the badge (above) shows the pin is still intact. Such badges showed that the wearer had made the pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral. It was thought that, by touching the badge, you would receive the spiritual benefits of the pilgrimage.

The badge, found in 2016 and in private ownership, is currently on loan to Canterbury Cathedral for the Becket 900th anniversary.

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