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Cover. Gold-foil figures, or guldgubbar (GG), from Aska near Vadstena in Sweden. Recent investigations at Aska have identified a 50m-long hall occupied between c. AD 650 and 1000, likely to be the principal manor of a royal family. Excavations also recovered the largest-known assemblage of small gold-foil figures from the territory of the medieval Swedish kingdom. The guldgubbar are embossed sheets of gold alloy, approximately 10mm wide, featuring images of richly dressed individuals and embracing couples. See 'Gold-foil figures and human skulls in the royal hall at Aska, Hagebyhöga, Östergötland' by Martin Rundkvist, Axel Löfving, Rudolf Gustavsson, Jens Heimdah & Andreas Viberg in this issue (photographs by Björn Falkevik).

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