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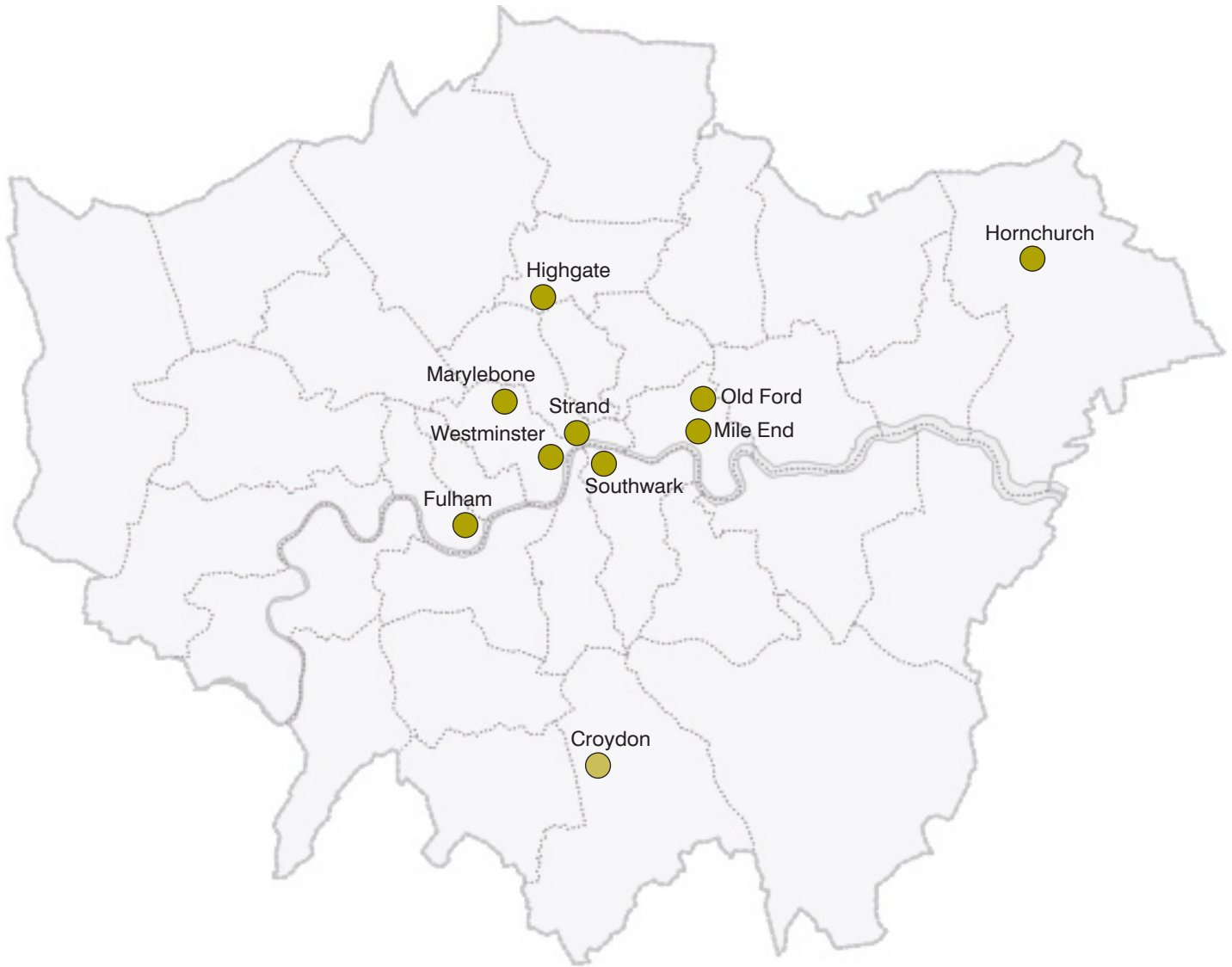
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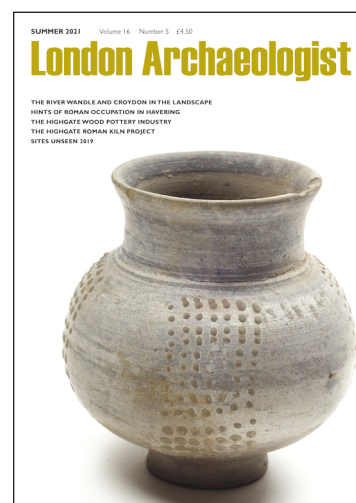
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This small poppy-head beaker was one of two found in a Roman burial during excavations at 9 St Clare Street, EC3 in 1983 (SCS83; LA 5 (5) (1985), 115–20). The site lay east of the City wall in a Roman cemetery area and within the precinct of the later medieval Abbey of St Clare. Made in a grey sand-tempered ware (known as Highgate Ware C) with panels of barbotine dots and an applied slip, the beaker is a very recognisable form of so-called Highgate Ware in the 2nd century.

The excavation of the kilns in Highgate Wood showed only sporadic operation of the kilns over more than a century. Harvey Sheldon has pointed out in this issue that such activity must have been government controlled.

The Highgate Wood kilns could not have produced the large number of Highgate Ware vessels that have now been excavated in south-east Britain. Archaeologists should therefore exercise caution as to the precise origins of much of the pottery thought to have been made in Highgate.

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