

# RESOURCES

## Oxford University Local History Dissertations 1980-2005

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### SUMMARY

September 2005 marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the introduction of the Certificate in Local History by Oxford University's Department for External Studies (now the Department for Continuing Education). This three-year course was the University's first award-bearing programme in the subject and in the following ten years its students produced substantial dissertations based on original research on a wide range of topics and periods, much of it relating to Oxfordshire.

Subsequent growth and developments in Oxford's local history awards have meant that dissertation work now forms part of the Master's degree in English Local History, introduced in 1993. By 2005 the dissertations from these two courses totalled ninety four. The celebrations of the anniversary of award-bearing local history provision in the University brought an appreciation of the volume, diversity and quality of the work that has been built up, and also revealed that it is perhaps less widely-known than it should be. This list has been compiled as a record and recognition of that achievement and to help make these important contributions to local historical knowledge more accessible. Where the geographical area covered is not apparent from the short title of a dissertation this information has been added in brackets.

The dissertations are held on a reference basis in the OUDCE library at Rewley House, Oxford OX1 2JA. They may be consulted by visitors to the library, which can be contacted at the address above, or by phone (01865 270454), or by e-mail ([library@conted.ox.ac.uk](mailto:library@conted.ox.ac.uk)).

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### CERTIFICATE IN LOCAL HISTORY

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#### **Year 1983**

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Beazer, L	'Great charge and small maintenance': the social condition of the rural clergy in Oxfordshire, 1660-1720
Gosling, M	Northcourt: portrait of a hamlet
Gott, C	The Druces of Eynsham
Leggatt, E	Enclosure and emparkment in Middleton Stoney. A retrogressive analysis of the landscape of an Oxfordshire parish
Osmond, A	The development of Beaumont Close and the Beaumonts
Parminter, Y	The enclosure of the parish of Monks Risborough, Bucks

**Year 1985**


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Allen, P	Colthrop 1740-1860: a study of the early history of a Berkshire paper mill
Bernard, J	Rotherfield Peppard in the nineteenth century
Boulter, B	Maidenhead in the early modern period, 1582-1640
Cannon, G	Elementary education in Oxfordshire during the nineteenth century: Stadhampton, Banbury, Benson and Ewelme
Debney, J	Purley, Sulham and Tidmarsh, 1750-1850: population trends in three small Berkshire parishes
Dixon, P	Brewers, pubs and temperance societies in High Wycombe 1812-1929
Gayler, J L	The relief of the poor in Tilehurst, Berks 1770-1850
Holden, B	Thomley, hamlet of Waterperry (1180-1349)
Martin, S	Aldworth 1800-1900: a study of a small Berkshire village
Preece, P	Some woodlands in the Oxfordshire Chilterns
Titterton, J	The Malyns family: medieval manorial lords
Ward, B	A seventeenth-century survey of Wolvercote

**Year 1987**


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Culley, D	The Mercers' Company of Oxford in the republican and restoration periods, 1648-1714
Freeman, C	'Mr Harrison refused to sign ...': political tensions in Woodstock, 1838-52
Grof, L	Straw plait: a vanished craft industry ( <i>Buckinghamshire</i> )
Howard-Drake, J	Poor law in the parish of Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxon between 1740 and 1762
Jourdan, S	Agrarian contrasts in an Oxfordshire parish: Shipton-under-Wychwood, 1800-c.1860
Leaver, R A	The shape of Domesday Hundreds in Buckinghamshire: a reconnaissance of Anglo-Saxon England
Lunnon, J	Out of wedlock: a study of unmarried mothers in a north Oxfordshire village, 1668-1830 ( <i>Souldern</i> )
Mason, E	Anatomy of an open village: Headington Quarry, 1800-1860
Price, J	Manufactory, Methodism and the making of a village: Summerseat, 1830-1900 ( <i>Lancashire</i> )
Roe, S	The manorial economy of Preston Crowmarsh, 1332-92
Shipp, H F	Migration from Dover during the nineteenth century: a family case study
Williams, J	The Waleis: a medieval Severnside family

**Year 1989**

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| Gurnett, J | Disease and mortality in town and country ( <i>London and Berkshire</i> ) |
| Holroyd, M | Enclosure of waste by manorial custom: Crondall manor, Hants, 1726-1871   |
| Parker, B  | Wokingham 1851-1881: the years of change                                  |
| Wyld, H    | Public health and housing in Eton, c.1840-60                              |

**M.ST IN ENGLISH LOCAL HISTORY**
**Year 1995**

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| Busby, P   | Police in Victorian Oxfordshire   |
| Field, K   | Oxfordshire's inconvenient people: pauper lunatics in Oxfordshire 1828-1868 |
| Gibbs, J   | Parliamentary enclosure: Weedon, Bucks 1700-1851                            |
| Green, M   | Penn before the Conquest  |
| Hammond, M | Pyrton and its regional significance 887-1150                               |
| Taylor, M  | Poverty in a Hampshire village: Kingsclere 1635-1700                        |
| Tearle, B  | Customary landholding in the principal manor of Pyrton, Oxon                |
| Weaver, C  | Forest law, custom and enclosure of Malvern Chase 1776-1884                 |

**Year 1996**

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| Carey, T    | Portsmouth's civilian war: the early years                           |
| Hall, C     | A new era dawning? Oxfordshire Parish Council elections 1894         |
| Hall, K     | Landscape and settlement of Richards Castle in the later middle ages |
| Harrop, J   | Medieval Oakham  |
| McCarthy, M | Religion and community: Beckenham 1851-1914                          |
| Murphy, F   | A small Dorset port: Lyme Regis 1575-1725                            |
| Repath, G   | The Parish of Bray 1852-1874   |
| Robins, M   | The education of girls in St Albans 1920-1930                        |

**Year 1997**

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| Curthoys, J  | Landscape, settlement and enclosure in Hillesden, Buckinghamshire                    |
| Greenwood, M | Parishes, parsons and persuasions ( <i>North Oxfordshire</i> )                       |
| Holmes, C    | 'In Bynsington Land': Benson and the Oxfordshire Chiltern hundreds                   |
| Isherwood, J | Pigstys and privies: public and personal health in north west Hampshire c. 1835-1900 |
| Lorigan, C   | Landscape, settlement, church and community: three North Cornish parishes 1200-1600  |
| Nash, J      | A census study of selected streets in the Oxford suburb of Cowley St John            |
| Norbury, W   | The Oxford Municipal Buildings: a study in politics and architecture                 |
| Yurdan, M    | Some aspects of the impact of the developing University on existing Oxford parishes  |

**Year 1999**


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Brod, M	Religious Dissent in rural north Berkshire
Driver, G	Church parties and parish conflict ( <i>Sheffield</i> )
Hern, C	Mobility and status in the Walthams, east Berkshire 1560-1740
James, M	Educational change in two Oxfordshire parishes from 1850-1918
Lang, J H	Stott of Stanton – a rich man and a Cotswold village
Mogford, M	Milton and Shipton-under-Wychwood 1870 – 1900
Moody, F	Florence Park: a history of its development

**Year 2001**


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Crisp, A P	An Anglo-Catholic triangle: Oxford, Swindon and Wantage 1879-1903
Cumber, M J	The society and economy of the town of Abingdon c.1520-1556
Hopwood, A	The evolution of a Wychwood Forest landscape
Lehner, R	Dons and Friars: the founding of Balliol Boys Club
Rose, J	The New Forest Shakers: religious radicals in nineteenth-century Hampshire
Selway-Richards, K	The battle for Warborough Green
Southam, A R J	'Petty Differences': a study of election issues of 1914 and 1918 in Buckinghamshire
Tyler-Osgood, L	Rural Economies ( <i>North Oxfordshire</i> )
White, S J	Baptist women in nineteenth-century Berkshire
Wintle, W	Compton and East Ilsley

## M.Sc IN ENGLISH LOCAL HISTORY

**Year 2003**


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Gibbs, J	Cholera and Oxford: a reappraisal
Hannah, G	Building Elysium: Nuneham House 1756-1763
Marshall, D	Launton in the seventeenth century
Perry, W A	Tilshead, Wiltshire: Parliamentary enclosure and military 'unenclosure' of a parish on Salisbury Plain 1800-2000
Poornan, P K	The great fire of Buckingham
Shott, M	Money and the medieval peasant
Stokes, P	The racecourses of western Berkshire 1727-1905
Tkachuk, K	Late enclosure in Oxfordshire: Kingham and Upper Heyford

*Year 2005*

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| Allison, B.   | The towns of west Oxfordshire in the late 17th century: their population and hinterlands                 |
| Amor, L.      | Amersham: the development of a suburban town   |
| Brown, H      | A local response to the New Poor Law: Wantage Union 1835-1855  |
| Cope, R.      | The development of north-west Derby 1792-1851  |
| Currie, C.    | 'The Best Substance of Occupiers There Are In Woodstock': the mayors of Woodstock <i>c.</i> 1530-1712    |
| Davies, T.    | The governance of mid-nineteenth-century Abingdon  |
| Fewins, A.    | Home or hovel? A study of the housing of the rural labourer in the Vale of White Horse 1850-1900         |
| Saunders, E.  | Non-Parliamentary enclosure in the Lambourn Valley 1550-1800   |
| Sayers, P     | Some aspects of agriculture on the estates of Abingdon Abbey   |
| Scheffler, R. | 'Black Waddesdon No More': The impact of Ferdinand de Rothschild on Waddesdon                            |
| Wenham, S.    | Salters' of Oxford: a history of a Thames boating firm over a century of evolution 1858 - <i>c.</i> 1960 |