

OXFORD UNIVERSITY LOCAL HISTORY DISSERTATIONS 1980-2005

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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 2007 the dissertations from these two courses totalled one hundred. 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.

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<i>Author</i>	<i>Short Title</i>
CERTIFICATE IN LOCAL HISTORY	
Year 1983	
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	
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	
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	
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	
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, P	Pyrtton 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 Pyrtton, Oxon
Weaver, C	Forest law, custom and enclosure of Malvern Chase 1776-1884
Year 1996	
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	
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	
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	
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	
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	
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 c.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 -c.1960
Year 2007	
Coles, A.	A Comparative Study of Oxfordshire Elites as represented by City Councillors 1870-1889 and 1920-1939
Kerner, F.	Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire 1780-1835: The Parish and its relationship with the Ashridge Estate
Morley, S.	'The Wise in Heart Should be called Prudent': Village Friendly Societies in Northern Oxfordshire, 1875-1939
Parry, K	Parliamentary Enclosure in the Parish of Cookham, Berkshire, 1799-1852
Parkinson, R	Continuity and Change in an Oxfordshire Market Town: Bicester 1801-1861
Swarbrick, C	'Detrimental and Inconvenient to the Proprietors': The Enclosure of Great Rollright