

CIVIL WAR STUDIES

The scope for local studies of the Civil War is illustrated in R.C.Richardson (ed.), *The English Civil Wars: Local Aspects* (1997).

This includes J.A.Dils, 'Epidemics, mortality and the Civil War in Berkshire, 1642-6' which uses parish registers and other local records to show that the impact of the war went far beyond military hostilities. As she concludes, 'it is likely that the whole region had cause to regret the choice of Oxford as the King's headquarters and its proximity to the capital, which for the rest of the century was instrumental in promoting its prosperity.' Writing originally in 1989, she urges further studies. The original article appeared in *Southern History*, 11 (1989), 40-52.

This has been done for one area of Oxfordshire in J.Bell, 'The mortality crisis in Thame and east Oxfordshire 1643', in *Oxfordshire Local History*, vol.3 No.4 (1990).