

Work in Progress on agrarian and rural history, 2007*

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- ATKINS, Dr Peter, Department of Geography, University of Durham, Durham, DH1 3LE, p.j.atkins@durham.ac.uk
Nineteenth- and twentieth-century food systems; food and health
- BAILEY, Dr Mark (Senior Visiting Lecturer, University of Leeds), Leeds Grammar School, Alwoodley Gates, Leeds, LS17 8GS, mb@gsal.org.uk
Economic history of England 1200–1500, especially agriculture in East Anglia
- BANGOR-JONES, Dr Malcolm, 1 North Somerville Place, Dundee, DD3 6JU, malcolm.bangor-jones@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
Social and economic history of the northern Highlands of Scotland, c.1600–1914
- BECKETT, Prof. John, Department of History, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD, john.beckett@nottingham.ac.uk
Landownership in the UK, 1500–2000; sustainability in English agriculture, 1500–2000
- BEECH, Gareth, Social and Cultural History Department, St Fagans National History Museum, St Fagans, Cardiff, CF5 6XB, Gareth.beech@museumwales.ac.uk
Agriculture in Wales from 1945 to 2005, with an emphasis on the lives of farming families
- BETTEY, Dr J. H. (University of Bristol), Clayley Cottage, Hunstrete, Pensford, Bristol, BS39 4NX
Sixteenth- and seventeenth-century agriculture and rural society in Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset
- BONE, Mike, 'Sunnyside', Avon Close, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 2UL, mike_bone@lineone.net
Brewing and matting trades in the south-west, esp. Bath, Bristol and Exeter; distilleries in Bath and Bristol from c.1750; research strategy in industrial archaeology for the south-west region
- BRAMMER, Mrs Betty (postgraduate, Centre for English Local History, University of Leicester), Bramlea, Station Road, Hubberts Bridge, Boston, Lincs., PE20 3QT, tnb.brammer@tiscali.co.uk
The Holland Fen: topographical and social changes in a fenland environment, 1750–1945 focusing on drainage and legal procedures
- BRASSLEY, Dr Paul, School of Geography, University of Plymouth, 7 Kirkby Place, Plymouth, PL4 8AA, pbrassley@plymouth.ac.uk
Technical change in English agriculture in the twentieth century; changes in landownership and tenure in Europe, 1918–1939
- BRIGGS, Dr Chris, Cambridge Group, Dept of Geography, University of Cambridge, Downing Place, Cambridge, CB2 3EN, cdb23@cam.ac.uk
'Private law and medieval village society: personal actions in manor courts, c.1250–c.1350' (AHRB-funded); rural credit, manorial officials, peasants in royal and church courts and medieval land markets
- BROAD, John, Department of Humanities, Arts and Languages, London Metropolitan University, 166–220 Holloway Road, London, N7 8DB, j.broad@londonmet.ac.uk
Rural housing since 1500; dairying and pastoral agriculture, 1600–1870; the south Midlands and its agriculture; rural social structure c.1700
- BROOK, Dr Shirley, 10 Manor Road, Lincoln, LN2 1RJ, asb@rivus.org.uk
Victorian High Farming; farm buildings; Lincolnshire agriculture; nineteenth-century land improvement loans; nineteenth-century clergy farming activities

* From time to time the *Review* has carried listings of Work in Progress, mainly work on British agricultural and rural history being undertaken by historians resident in Britain. The present list is based on forms circulated in the Winter of 2006–7: it makes no claim to being comprehensive. Where a person's institutional affiliation does not appear from their address, it is given in parentheses.

- BUJAK**, Dr Edward, Harlaxton College, Harlaxton Manor, Grantham, Lincs., NG32 1AG, ebujak@harlaxton.ac.uk
England's rural realms; comparison of Victorian and Edwardian estates.
- BULMER**, Miss Gillian, Little Breinton, Breinton, Hereford, HR4 7PH, pommearbre35@aol.com
The history of cider fruit – growing, harvesting and hauling
- BURCHARDT**, Dr Jeremy, Department of History, University of Reading, RG6 6AA, j.f.s.burchardt@reading.ac.uk
Attitudes to the countryside, esp. during inter-war period; rural leisure in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries; village halls, allotments
- BURNETTE**, Dr Joyce, Department of Economics, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 47933 USA, burnettj@wabash.edu
English farm wage accounts, 1740–1850, focusing on women's wages and employment, child labour and forms of payment
- CAMPBELL**, Prof. Bruce M. S., School of Geography, Queen's University, Belfast, BT7 1NN
Crop yields on English demesnes, 1200–1500; land use, agricultural output, population and economic growth in England and beyond, 1200–1800; landlord-tenant and inter-tenant relations in the Middle Ages
- CARRICK**, Miss Mary (postgraduate, University of Hull), 13 Glebe Road, Wawne, Hull, HU7 5XR, m.carrick@hull.ac.uk
Water management in agriculture in the lower Hull valley, 1150–1750
- CAUNCE**, Dr Stephen, Department of Humanities, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 2HE, sacaunce@uclan.ac.uk
Agriculture in northern England, c.1650–1950, and its role in the industrialisation of that region, specifically farm service and hiring fairs, farming in the industrial Pennines, and agricultural mechanisation
- CHAPMAN**, Dr John, Geography Department, University of Portsmouth, Portsmouth, PO1 3HE, john.chapman@port.ac.uk
Formal and informal enclosures in England and Wales after c.1650; Queen Anne's bounty as a source for agricultural history
- CHARTRES**, Prof. John A., School of History, University of Leeds, Leeds, LS2 9JT, j.a.chartres@leeds.ac.uk
UK domestic trades in agricultural commodities, 1500–1900; distilling, pig-keeping and other agricultural processing industries; mercantile systems and agricultural improvement, 1500–1850; cultures of drinking and supplying alcoholic beverages, 1600–1850; niche producing and marketing in early modern/modern farming
- CHURCHLEY**, Mr Richard (University of Birmingham), 1293 Evesham Road, Astwood Bank, Redditch, Worcestershire, B96 6AY, rachurchley@totalise.co.uk
Rural crafts and industries in Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire, 1600–1860: change and continuity in occupational structure of rural communities
- CLARKE**, Dr Gill, School of Education, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton, SO17 1BJ, gmc@soton.ac.uk
The history of the Women's Land Army and its recruits and the portrayal of the WLA by war artists in the First and Second World War
- COLLINS**, Prof. E. J. T., Department of Agriculture and Food Economics, University of Reading, PO Box 237, Reading, RG6 6AR, e.j.t.collins@reading.ac.uk
English woodland histories, nineteenth and twentieth centuries; working oxen post-1750; manufacture of agricultural edge tools in south and south-west England, 1750–1939
- CONFORD**, Dr Philip (Department of History, University of Reading), 88 St Pancras, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 7LR, paconford@aol.com
Growth and change in the British organic movement from 1946 to the twenty-first century
- CRAGOE**, Professor Matthew, School of Humanities, University of Hertfordshire, College Land, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9AB, m.cragoe@Herts.ac.uk
Parliamentary enclosures, 1700–1900; the church in the Victorian countryside; aristocracy; rural Wales
- CROOT**, Dr Patricia, 165 Russell Court, Woburn Place, London, WC1H 0LR, patricia@croot.plus.com
The economic and inheritance choices of farming families in nineteenth-century Somerset; agrarian society in the Somerset Levels; agricultural and landownership history in Westminster (for VCH Middlesex)
- CROSSKILL**, Mr Stuart, 37 South Avenue, Darley Abbey, Derby, DE22 1FB, stuart.crosskill@one-name.org
A study of the various agricultural implement businesses founded by William Crosskill in Beverley, East Yorkshire, carried on by his son and other family members in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries
- CROWE**, Hilary (postgraduate, University of Sussex), Middle Blakebank, Broom Land, Underbarrow, Cumbria, LA8 8HP, Taxcaddy@aol.com
Upland rural communities: the Lake District, 1910–1946, specifically the impact of two world wars and worldwide economic depression on upland farming
- DEWEY**, Dr Peter, 71 Berwick Road, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 3AS, deweysabroad@hotmail.com
History of world agricultural engineering industry since c.1800

- DILLEY, Dr Robert, Department of Geography, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, P7B 5E1, Robert.dilley@lakeheadu.ca
Common lands and enclosure in Cumberland
- DODDS, Dr Ben, History Department, University of Durham, 43 North Bailey, Durham, DH1 3EX, benjamin.dodds@durham.ac.uk
Peasant economy in medieval England; tithes as a source for the agricultural historian
- DYER, Prof. Christopher, Centre for English Local History, University of Leicester, Leicester, LE1 7QR, cd50@le.ac.uk
Agriculture and trade c.1500 (study of a wool merchant's account book); rural settlements and landscape history; poverty and diet, 1200–1550
- DYMOND, Dr D. P. (University of Cambridge), 4 Honey Hill, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1RT
Social and economic significance of glebe tithes; medieval parishes and guilds
- EDWARDS, Prof. Peter, Schools of Arts, Roehampton University, Digby Stuart College, Roehampton Lane, London, SW15 5PH, p.Edwards@roehampton.ac.uk
Horses in early modern society; economic, social and cultural roles
- EVERITT, Alan (Centre for English Local History, University of Leicester), Fieldedge, Poultney Lane, Kimcote, near Lutterworth, Leicestershire, LE17 5RX
Commonland country: topography, settlement, society (with special reference to the period of transformation c.1690–1900)
- FALVEY, Mrs Heather (University of Warwick), 119 Winton Drive, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, WD3 3QS, hfalvey1@tiscali.co.uk
The politics of custom: improvement, enclosure and social unrest in seventeenth-century England, with special reference to the enclosure of Duffield Frith (Derbyshire) and the draining and enclosure around Whittlesey (Isle of Ely)
- FEW, Mrs Janet (postgraduate, University of Exeter), Coles Manning, Buckland Brewer, Bideford, EX39 5LP, janet@fewiow.freeserve.co.uk
Faith, fish, farm, family – the impact of kinship links on migration choices and residential persistence in north Devon, 1841–1901
- FRENCH, Dr Henry, Department of History, Amory Building, University of Exeter, EX4 4RJ, H.French@exeter.ac.uk
Fate of small landowners in England, 1500–1800; sub-tenancy and leasehold land tenancy, 1500–1800; urban commons and commoners in England, 1500–1800
- GARDINER, Dr Mark, Department of Archaeology, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, BT7 1NN, m.gardiner@qub.ac.uk
The development of farmsteads and farmhouses in late medieval England; the evolution and character of medieval manorial sites; the development of rural landscapes in late medieval England, particularly changing methods of exploiting the resources of the countryside
- GAYTON, Juliet (postgraduate, University of Exeter), J.D.Gayton@exeter.ac.uk
Changes in customary landholding, 1650–1750, in the chalk downlands of Hampshire
- GODDARD, Prof. Nicholas (St Mary's University College, Twickenham), Chickenden Farmhouse, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Kent, TN12 0DB, n.p.w.goddard@anglia.ac.uk
Agricultural technology, nineteenth-twentieth centuries; links between agricultural and environmental history
- GOOSE, Prof. Nigel, Department of Humanities, University of Hertfordshire, College Land, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9AB, n.goose@herts.ac.uk
Nineteenth-century farm service, casualisation of labour and seasonal unemployment; rural poverty; bastardy; Hertfordshire
- GRACE, Mr David (Beauford School, Gloucester), 17, Oakbank, Gloucester, GL4 0AZ, d.grace@tesco.net
The development of the agricultural engineering industry in Britain, 1750–1914
- GREENAWAY, Mr R. G., rg.greenaway@btinternet.com
The archaeology and history of woodland and in woodland, with particular interest in the Pang Valley area in West Berkshire
- GREENER, Mrs Clare (University of Exeter), 26 Linden Road, Dawlish, Devon, EX7 9QA, claregreener@tiscali.co.uk
Devon allotments; Devon gardeners in the eighteenth-nineteenth centuries; market gardeners, nurseries and nurserymen of Devon
- GRIEVES, Dr Keith, School of Education, Kingston University, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT2 7LB, K.Grievess@kingston.ac.uk
Impact of the Great War on rural communities in southern England, including war memorial proceedings, the construction of common meeting places, landscape preservation, the rural soldier poet, food control and military recruitment, 1914–25
- GRIFFIN, Dr Carl J., School of Geography, Queen's University Belfast, BT7 1NN, Carl.Griffin@qub.ac.uk
Popular protest in rural England, 1720–1850; cultures of criminality; the human ecology of forests and chases; human and non-human engagements

- GRITT, Dr Andrew, Department of Humanities, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, PR1 2HE, ajgritt1@uclan.ac.uk
Land drainage in Britain since 1560; agricultural labour in England, 1600–1950; agriculture and rural society in north-west England, 1600–1950, including tenurial systems, 1650–1850
- HAGGERTY, Mr Martin, 7 Palace Hill, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO11 1NL, martin@envoy.dircon.co.uk
English cultural history from 1780 to the present, especially human relationships with local and regional landscapes and how these have been expressed in the arts; history of environmentalism, radicalism and alternative lifestyles
- HARE, Dr John N., Peter Symonds' College, Owens Road, Winchester, SO22 6RX, jhare@psc.ac.uk
Agrarian history, towns and cloth production in southern England (especially Wiltshire and Hampshire), c.1350–1520
- HARVEY, Prof Paul D. A. (University of Durham), Lyndhurst, Farnley Hey Road, Durham, DH1 4EA, pda.y.harvey@btopenworld.com
English estate organisation, tenth-fourteenth centuries; peasant land market in medieval England
- HAVINDEN, Michael (MERL, University of Reading), 38 Bickerton Road, Headington, Oxford, OX3 7LS
History of landownership in Oxfordshire since 1500
- HEALEY, Mr Jonathan (postgraduate, University of Oxford), Magdalen College, University of Oxford, OX1 4AU, jonathan.healey@magd.ox.ac.uk
Poverty and welfare in England, c.1600–1780; dearth, famine and economic crises in England, c.1500–1750; social history of the uplands c.1400–1850; social history of pre-modern industry, esp cotton-using textiles, c.1570–1780
- HEWER, Mrs Sue (University of Dundee), Clintlaw Farmhouse, Lintrathen, Kirriemuir, Angus, DD8 5JF, suehewer1@btopenworld.com
Self-sufficiency, surplus and conspicuous consumption in Scottish country houses from the Restoration to the Enlightenment
- HEY, Professor David (University of Sheffield), 12 Ashford Road, Dronfield Woodhouse, Dronfield, S18 8RQ, dg.hey@btinternet.com
History of Derbyshire; Wombwell, the landscape history of a South Yorkshire Township (with J. S. Rodwell)
- HILL, Judy (University of Roehampton), High Pines, Blackdown Avenue, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey, GU22 8QG, judy@judyhill.co.uk
Poverty and unrest in Surrey, 1815–34; poor emigration to North America
- HILL, Dr Trevor and Mrs Margaret, 5 Severn Way, Cressage, Shrewsbury, SY5 6DS, local.history.doc@virgin.net
A demographic and landscape study of fourteen parishes in mid-Shropshire, 1750–1871, comprising family reconstitution from parish registers and census returns
- HILLMAN, Anne (University of Central Lancashire), Tailrace Cottage, Mill Land, Milnthorpe, LA7 7QR, anne@cwaas.org.uk
Common rights to natural resources, especially stone and peat, in south Westmorland, before and after enclosure
- HINDE, Dr Andrew, Division of Social Statistics, School of Social Sciences, Southampton, SO17 1BJ, PRAHinde@aol.com
Out-migration from rural southern England mid-late nineteenth century, esp. impact of New Poor Law; Morbidity among rural working classes in southern England, late nineteenth to early twentieth century (with Prof Bernard Harris and Dr Martin Gorsky, ESRC-funded)
- HINDLE, Prof. Steve, Department of History, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7NL, steve.hindle@warwick.ac.uk
Poverty, charity and welfare; dearth and food supply; popular protest; space and the built environment – all in early modern England
- HODGES, Mr C. (Archaeology Department, University of Wales, Lampeter), 35 Coalway Road, Coleford, Gloucestershire, GL16 7HQ, chod@fsmail.net
Deserted settlements in the Black Mountains of south-east Wales
- HOLLAND, Mr Michael, 156 Westbury Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 4DN, MHOL190246@AOL.com
Rural Queries; Agricultural unrest
- HOLMES, Dr Heather, Heather.Holmes@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
Production, distribution and reception of the Board of Agriculture and Internal Improvement's county agricultural reports (1793–1817); Scottish agricultural books in the eighteenth century
- HOLT, Jennifer, 258 Blackburn Road, Haslingden, Rosendale, Lancashire, BB4 5JF
Social and economic history of the Lune Valley, c.1500–1800; textiles and iron industry of the same region in the early modern period
- HOWKINS, Prof Alun, Department of History, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, BN1 9SH, a.j.howkins@sussex.ac.uk
Resistance to enclosure after 1850; the survival of living in farm service in England after 1850; the history of the English farm worker since 1830

- HOWLETT, Neil, 6 West End, Frome, Somerset, BA11 3AD, neilmhowlett@hotmail.com
Badgers: commodity and food supply in the regions, especially the south-west, in the early modern period; field names, place names and the distribution of literature and ideas
- HOYLE, Prof. R. W., Department of History, University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading, RG6 6AA, r.w.woyle@reading.ac.uk
British rural history 1400 to date, including tenurial change in England, 1500–1640 and in Britain/Ireland generally; agrarian capitalism, land markets 1540–1800, non-agricultural uses of the countryside including field sports, popular recreation and water gathering, c.1850 to date
- JENNINGS, Professor Bernard, Centre for Lifelong Learning, University of Hull, HU6 7RX
History of Yorkshire farming; History of Kilham and district in the Yorks Wolds
- JOHNSTONE, Mr Muir (postgraduate, Department of Geography, Lancaster University), 7, Tayinloan Drive, South Lanarkshire, Carluke, ML8 4LS, loujohnstone@tiscali.co.uk
Agrarian change in two Scottish Lowland counties (East Lothian and Lanarkshire), 1700–1830
- JONES, Mrs Gwendoline, 9 Cockcrow Wood, St Leonards, East Sussex, TN37 7HW, oastess@lineone.net
The growth of the hop industry and the development of the oasthouse
- JONES, Mrs Judith, Clwydtrauscae Farm, Bedlinog, Treharris, CF46 6TA, clwydfarm@tiscali.co.uk
Gelligaer and Merthyr common; South Wales – local agricultural societies; Merthyr and Gelligaer parishes, pre-industrial period
- JONES, Professor Melvyn (Visiting Professor, Tourism and Environmental Change Research Unit, Sheffield Hallam University), Kirkstead Abbey Grange, 4 Kirkstead Abbey Mews, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham, S61 2OZ, melvyn@jones4797.freeseve.co.uk
Woodland history and woodland-based industries in south Yorkshire; landscape history of south Yorkshire; history of Fitzwilliam Wentworth estates in south Yorkshire and Ireland
- KAIN, Prof. Roger J. P., Northcote House, University of Exeter, Exeter, EX4 4QJ, r.j.p.kain@exeter.ac.uk
History of maps and mapping (tithe surveys and enclosure maps in particular); landscape history
- KIRBY, Mr Michael, PO Box 1055, Baulkham Hills, NSW, Australia, 1755, mikekirby@e-management.com.au
Social settings and agricultural history to 1840, esp. Kirby yeoman farmers from Blakesley, Northants; recently discovered Viking wharf
- LANHAM, Neil, The Helions Bumpstead Gramophone Co., Ivy Todd, Helions Bumpstead, Suffolk, CB9 7AT, neil@traditionsofsuffolk.com
Orality: camcording stories of working life through the eyes of the indigenous inhabitants of Suffolk
- LEWIS, Dr C. P. (VCH Sussex), 102 Magazine Lane, Wallasey, CH45 1LX, chris.lewis@sas.ac.uk
Parish histories for VCH Sussex, currently in area between Arundel and Storrington; estates of St Werburgh's Minster, Chester
- LINSLEY, Dr Barbara (Archivist to the Raveningham Estate, Norfolk), Ellingham House, 61 Yarmouth Road, Ellingham, Bungay, NR35 2PH, bjinsley@btinternet.com
Rural housing, local government and agriculture in the inter-war period; Bacon family history and Raveningham estate, south Norfolk
- MACDOUGALL, Dr Philip, 62 Maybush Drive, Chidham, Chichester, PO18 8SS, Philip.Macdougall@tpc.ac.uk
Agricultural changes and social conditions of rural labourers in West Sussex during the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars
- MARTIN, Dr John, Faculty of Humanities, De Montfort University, The Gateway, Leicester, LE1 9BH, jfmartin@dmu.ac.uk
Twentieth-century agricultural and rural development with particular reference to the role of the state in the transformation of the agrarian sector; wartime mobilisation of the rural workforce, rural sports and leisure activities, counter-urbanisation and sustainable farming
- MARTIN, Dr John M., 11 Quedgeley Court Park, Greenhill Drive, Quedgeley, Gloucester, GL2 4NH
Mortality rates and living standards in two rural districts (Gloucestershire and north Wiltshire), c.1800–1879
- MATTHEWS, Mr J. S., 7 Riddings Road, Hale, Altringham, WA15 9DS, Stephen.Matthews@virgin.net
Mid nineteenth-century agricultural history, centred on Cheshire; cattle epidemics
- MEREDITH, Dr Anne, anne.meredith@ntlworld.com
Women in horticulture and agriculture from the late nineteenth century through to 1939, especially women and horticultural education and women and dairy education using Somerset as a case study
- MILLS, Dr Dennis R., 17 Rectory Lane, Branston, Lincoln, LN4 1NA, d.r.mills@virgin.net
Harvest transport in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, specifically the hermaphrodite cart/wagons of the East Midlands and East Anglia – origins, designs and distribution

- MITCHELL, Dr Ian, 4 Church Lane, Kirk Langley, Ashbourne, DE6 4NG, ianandmarym@tiscali.co.uk
Fairs in England from the late seventeenth to early nineteenth centuries
- MOORE-COLYER, Prof. Richard, Department of History, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, SY23 3DY, rim@aber.ac.uk
The Home Front in the Second World War; rural England and Wales between the wars; French prisoners of war, 1800–15; the history of the horse in Britain; the history of the hills and uplands in Wales
- MORGAN, Mr J. C. (Dr William's Library), 8, Elia Street, Islington, London, N1 8DE, jonathan.morgan6@btopenworld.com
Agricultural history of Lincolnshire as context for study of High Calvinism in the south of the county in the nineteenth century
- MOSES, Dr Gary, School of Arts and Humanities, Nottingham Trent University, Clifton, Nottingham, NG11 8NS, gary.moses@ntu.ac.uk
The marginal workforce and the moral entrepreneur; examining perceptions of mobile and marginal workers in English rural society, 1830–1900, focusing on the Church of England in high farming areas of Yorkshire, Lincs. and Notts.
- NESBITT, Dr Mark, Jodrell Laboratory, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, TW9 3AB, m.nesbitt@kew.org
Rural life through plant materials and artefacts from the UK housed in the Economic Botany Collection at Kew Gardens. Current work on history of wheat and barley samples from the Great Exhibition and other sources.
- NEWTON TAYLOR, Mr Paul (postgraduate, University of Essex), 110 Loose Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 7UB, paulnt@hotmail.com
Nineteenth-century landownership, rural demography and rural protest
- NICOL, Mr Nic, Sinfin Community School Library, Farmhouse Road, Derby, DE24 0FL, NicNicol@sinfin.derby.shu.uk
Use of German POW labour, 1916–19 including site of camps, numbers held and general usage
- OSBORNE, Dr Harvey (University Campus Suffolk), 44 Meadow Cottages, Iken, nr Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 2EU, harveyosborne@suffolk.ac.uk
Rural crime and protest; field sports; poor law disturbances and administration
- OVERTON, Professor Mark, Department of History, University of Exeter, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter, EX4 4RJ, M.Overton@exeter.ac.uk
The agrarian history of England, 1500–2000; production and consumption in early modern England; economic growth in England 1550–1750
- OWEN, Mr Arthur E. B., Old Manor House, Thimbleby, Horncastle, Lincs., LN9 5RE
History of land drainage; coastal erosion, especially in eastern England; historical geography of Lindsey Marsh (with Prof. Ian Simmons, Durham)
- PAGE, Dr Mark, VCH Oxfordshire, Clarendon Building, Bodleian Library, Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BG, Mrp15@le.ac.uk
Local history; medieval settlement and landscape; medieval bishops of Winchester
- PALGRAVE, Mr Derek A., Cambridge University Institute of Continuing Education, Crossfield House, Dale Road, Stanton, Suffolk, IP31 2DY, palgrave@one-name.org
History of fertilizers and fertilizer technology; history and development of rural technology, including potash farmers and coprolite diggers in East Anglia; ramifications of occupational surnames and evolution of rural customs
- PARK, Mr Peter (University of Central Lancashire), 483 Brook Street North, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 3QE, peterbpark@tiscali.co.uk
The movement of people from the agricultural areas of southern/eastern England to the manufacturing districts of the north under the Poor Law Commissioners migration scheme, 1835–7
- PARROTT, Mrs Susan, Bridlington, Yorks.
Study of the movement and migration patterns of farmers, families and labour on six Wolds estates in East Yorkshire in the late nineteenth century
- PERREN, Dr Richard, Department of History, University of Aberdeen, Crombie Avenue, King's College, Aberdeen, AB24 3FX, r.perren@abdn.ac.uk
Filth and profit, disease and heath: public and private impediments to slaughterhouse reform in Victorian Britain
- PETERS, Dr J. E. C., Malvern Wells, Worcs.
Development of farm buildings up to about 1900, particularly in Worcestershire, Herefordshire and North Somersetshire
- PHILLIPS, Dr A. D. M., Department of Geography, Keele University, Keele, Staffordshire, ST5 5BG, a.d.m.phillips@keele.ac.uk
An historical atlas of Staffordshire; Andrew Thompson's report to the inclosure commissioners, 1850–70; Gregory King's Staffordshire survey, 1679–80; Landlord investment in English agriculture, 1850–1900; cropping and land use change in England, 1815–75
- POPE, Stephen (Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse Museum), 26 Hick House Road, Besyca, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4BY
Early use of combine harvesters; union workhouses; industrial farms; Norfolk agricultural machine manufacturers

- POSTLES, Dr Dave, Department of English, University of Leicester, Leicester, LE1 7QR, pot@le.ac.uk
An early modern small town: Loughborough; late medieval religious commitment and social status in the diocese of Lichfield; literature and society in early modern England; spatial organisation, representation and experience in early modern England
- POWELL, Bob, (Principal Museums Officer, Highland Council), 'The Haven', 23 Hillside Avenue, Kingussie, Inverness-shire, PH21 1PA, Bob.powell53@btopen-world.com
National, regional and local traditional management practices and associated culture, material and non-material, of the heavy horse in British agriculture, c.1750–1950
- PRATT, Mr D., The Grange, Welsh Frankton, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 4NX
The 1391 Survey of Wrexham; Seven 'Inspeximus' charters of Valle Crucis Abbey (1295)
- PURCHON, Mrs Jenny, purchon@ashwell.com
Parliamentary enclosure and commutation of tithes in Bedfordshire; the rural communities of central south Carmarthenshire in mid-nineteenth century
- READMAN, Dr Paul, Department of History, King's College London, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS, Paul.readman@kcl.ac.uk
The 'land question' in late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century Britain; 'Englishness' and the rural; history of the English landscape in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries
- ROBERTS, Dr Ian D. (Honorary Fellow, Department of History, University of Durham), Redewater View, Rochester, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE19 1RH
The Anglo-Irish cattle trade in the Borders, 1922–80; beer production, illegal whiskey trading and hostelry in the Middle March, 1700–1950; Coursing and other field sports in Northumberland, 1750–2000
- ROSS, Dr Alasdair, Research Centre for Environmental History, University of Stirling, FK9 4LA
Land assessment and lordship in medieval Scotland (a monograph on northern Scotland completed, now to be extended into other areas of Scotland)
- SCHOFIELD, Prof. P. R., Dept of History, Dept of History & Welsh History, Hugh Owen Building, The University of Wales, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3DY
Private litigation in medieval manorial courts: 'Peasants and historians', the historiography of the medieval English peasantry
- SHANNON, William D., (postgraduate, University of Lancaster), 12A Carleton Avenue, Preston, PR2 6YA, bill_shannon@msn.com
Wasteland enclosure in the lowlands of the Northern and Western province of England, c.1500–1700
- SHAW-TAYLOR, Dr Leigh, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge, West Road, Cambridge, lmws2@cam.ac.uk
The changing occupational structure of England and Wales, 1389–1911; the industrial revolution; development of agrarian capitalism, parliamentary enclosure and proletarianisation, common rights and common land; Women's work, 1600–1881
- SHORT, Professor Brian, Department of Geography, Arts C, University of Sussex, Brighton, BN1 9SJ, b.m.short@sussex.ac.uk
Nineteenth- and twentieth-century agrarian landscape and social change; land ownership; British farming in the Second World War
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The relationship between farming and biodiversity loss in the UK since 1900
- SNEDDON, Dr Sam (Universities of Surrey and Nottingham), 53 Christchurch Close, Stamford, PE9 1HS, sam_sneddon@hotmail.com
Infant health and mortality in the rural Fens of Lincs, Cambs and Norfolk, 1850–1910, with particular regard to the role of women working in the fields
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Fuel (wood and coal) in the sixteenth/seventeenth centuries; clothing of the 'common sort' in sixteenth and seventeenth-century rural England; Hearth Taxes of the 1660/70s in rural England; Reading matter available to the poor in rural England in sixteenth/seventeenth centuries
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Agriculture, food and environmental policy in Ireland and Britain
- TAYLOR, Miss Katherine (Kingston University), 46 Bittams Lane, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 9QX, taylor@katherinej.freereserve.co.uk
Reconstructing the agricultural environment of East Sussex, c.1935–59 using aerial photographs and the National Farm Survey
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Development of market gardening, 1500–1800; dietary fashions: their transmission across Europe and the agricultural consequences

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The country house system, c.1830–1939; the land market in the twentieth century, women landowners in England, nineteenth and twentieth centuries
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Agricultural education and training in England and Wales, 1889–1950 with particular reference to the contributions of voluntary organisations such as the Women's Institutes and Young Farmers' Clubs
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Agricultural marketing and trade in general, and specifically licensed badgers (agricultural produce dealers), 1552–1772
- TITTENSOR, Mrs Ruth M. (Countryside Management Consultancy), 'Faenol', 6 East Oonington Street, Darvel, Ayrshire, KA17 0JR, ruth@johnwalters.com
History ecology and landscape history; 'Whitelee Forest Oral History Project' – the agricultural, social and ecological changes associated with statutory twentieth-century afforestation in Scotland
- TOWERS, Mrs Jean, 'Malpas', 436 Brant Road, Waddington, near Lincoln, LN5 9AN
The development of Waddington from enclosure onwards
- TRANter, Mr Richard, Museum of English Rural Life, The University of Reading, Redlands Road, Reading, RG1 5EX, r.b.tranter@rdg.ac.uk
The effect of the agricultural recession of 1921–38 on farming on the Berkshire Downs
- TURNER, Prof. Michael, Department of History, University of Hull, HU6 7RX, M.E.Turner@hull.ac.uk
Land tenure in England c.1820–1950; the Land Question 1880–1940 (with Prof John Beckett)
- UTTLEY, Dr David, David.uttley@btinternet.com
Changes in the pattern of land ownership in Cumberland, 1780–c.1913; the decline of the 'yeoman'
- VERDON, Dr Nicola, Department of History, Falmer, University of Sussex, BN1 9SH, n.j.verdon@sussex.ac.uk
Employment in the nineteenth and twentieth century English countryside, with special reference to women's work and farm service; farming families in the inter-war period
- VERNEY, Miss Caroline (postgraduate, University of Exeter), Cheglinch End, West Down, Ilfracombe, EX34 8NW, C.M.Verney@exeter.ac.uk
Family and community in nineteenth-century rural north Devon using family reconstitution
- WADE-MARTINS, Dr S. (School of History, University of East Anglia), The Longhouse, Eastgate Street, North Elmham, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 5HD
The East Anglian landscape, 1870–1950 (Leverhulme-funded research project with Dr Tom Williamson)
- WALTON, Dr J. R., Institute of Geography and Earth Sciences, University of Wales Aberystwyth, SY23 3DB
'Archaic' tenures as investment in England and Wales, 1700–1900; working oxen in nineteenth-century Oxfordshire
- WARDE, Dr Paul, Department of History, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ, p.warde@uea.ac.uk
The fuel economy of England and Wales, c.1550–1850 with special emphasis on wood; comparative history of energy consumption in Europe, especially wood use and draft power; environmental history
- WATKINS, Dr Andrew, 26 Packington Lane, Coleshill, Birmingham, B46 3EL, Awatkins20010k@yahoo.co.uk
Society and economy in the forest of Arden, Warwickshire in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries
- WATKINS, Prof. Charles, School of Geography, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, NG7 2RD, Charles.Watkins@Nottingham.ac.uk
The National Farm Survey, 1941–3; Forest and woodland history; Landownership; landscape aesthetics
- WEBSTER, Dr Sarah, School of Humanities, University of Hertfordshire, College Land, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9AB, s.webster@herts.ac.uk
Transnational landscape improvement, estate management and the circulation of ideas, capital and people on the Egremont estates from 1770–1840
- WHITTLE, Dr Jane, History department, University of Exeter, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter, EX4 4RJ, J.C.Whittle@ex.ac.uk
The late medieval and early modern history of rural England. Current research projects on women's work, servants, gentry household accounts, patterns of consumption (particularly food) and popular rebellion (particularly Kett's rebellion)
- WHYTE, Prof Ian, Dept of Geography, Lancaster University, Lancaster, LA1 4YQ, i.whyte@lancaster.ac.uk
Landscape, economic and society change in the uplands of northern England, seventeenth–nineteenth centuries; the impact of floods on rural communities in north-west England from AD 1600

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The impact of agricultural depression on numerous parishes around Chelmsford, 1866–1901
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Hill farming in upland Britain, particularly northern England, in medieval and early modern periods; management of common land; rural society in Cumbria
- WITTERING, Mrs Shirley (MStud, University of Cambridge), The Spinney, 24a Middle Street, Thriplow, Royston, Herts, SG8 7RD, shirley@wittering.f2s.com
The ecology of enclosure – a study of the effect of parliamentary enclosure on the chalk villages of south Cambridgeshire
- WOODS, Dr Abigail, Centre for the history of science, technology and medicine, Imperial College London, 2nd floor, central library, South Kensington campus, London, SW7 2AZ, a.woods@imperial.ac.uk
British veterinary history: science, practice and professional identity; animal plagues and policies for their control; the construction of veterinary expertise in cattle breeding; the history of herd health, preventive medicine and ‘farm health planning’
- YATES, Dr Margaret, Department of History, University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading, RG6 6AA, m.h.yates@reading.ac.uk
Social and economic change in the late medieval period with a special emphasis on conditions in Berkshire
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Rural communities in the eastern lowlands of Scotland, 1600–2000, with particular reference to agricultural, landscape and economic change.