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HISTORY 891: BRITAIN 1450-1750

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5214 Humanities

Classes: Tuesdays, 10-00 to 12-00, 5257 Humanities (or another room, to be arranged)

Office Hours: 2-00 to 4-00 on Tuesdays, and by appointment.

(1) Requirements: students will write 2 short papers (5-10 pages each; due 10/6, 11/3) and one longer paper (10-15 pages; due 12/8); choose topics from the reading list or discuss them with me. The papers will count for 15%, 15% and 30%. Everyone will give a presentation (introducing the week's topic for discussion and lasting approx. 20-30 minutes); this will count for 15%. Contributions to discussion will count for 25%.

(2) Reading and schedule: use Alan G.R. Smith, The emergence of a nation state: the commonwealth of England 1529-1660 as an introduction and reference text. The other required texts are Lawrence Stone, The family, sex and marriage (read for 12/8), Conrad Russell, The causes of the English Civil War (read for 10/27), JP Sommerville, Politics and ideology in England 1603-1640 (read for 10/20) and Keith Thomas's Religion and the decline of magic, which we will discuss 12/1.

Topics for discussion are: The Wars of the Roses and Henry VII (9/15); The early Reformation (9/22); The mid-Tudor years (9/29); Economic history (10/6); Puritans and Catholics under Elizabeth I (10/13); Politics 1603-29 (10/20); The Eleven Years' Tyranny and the coming of the Civil War (10/27); The Civil War and the English Revolution (11/3); The Interregnum 1649-60 (11/10); The Restoration and the Glorious Revolution (11/17); Social change in early modern England (11/24); Ideas, culture and popular religion (12/1); The Family, sex and marriage (12/8).

1437-1485: THE BREAKDOWN OF GOVERNMENT

Q: 'The Wars of the Roses were the result not so much of royal weakness as of "bastard feudalism"'. Discuss.

General Introduction:

- 1) CSL Davies Peace, print and protestantism
- 2) F Du Boulay An age of ambition: English society in the late middle ages
- 3) MH Keen England in the later middle ages
- 4) JR Lander Government and community: England 1450-1509
- 5) JAF Thomson The transformation of medieval England, 1370-1529

The Wars:

- 6) JB Gillingham The wars of the roses.
- 7) " " 'Discontent and dethronement: England and Wales 1376-1415' and 'The wars of the roses' in M Falkus and J Gillingham, eds, Historical Atlas of Great Britain.
- 8) RL Storey The end of the house of Lancaster
- 9) K B MacFarlane 'The wars of the roses' in Proceedings of the British Academy 50 (1964)

Some useful articles:

- 10) TB Pugh 'The magnates, knights and gentry' in SB Chrimes, ed, Fifteenth-Century England
- 11) KB MacFarlane 'Bastard feudalism' in Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research, 20 (1945)
- 12) WH Dunham 'Lord Hastings' indentured retainers', in Transactions of the Connecticut Academy of Arts & Sciences, 39 (1955)
- 13) C Carpenter 'The Beauchamp affinity: a study of bastard feudalism at work' in English Historical Review, 95 (1980)
- 14) RA Griffiths 'Local rivalries and national politics' in Speculum (1968)
- 15) GL Harriss 'The struggle for Calais' in English Historical Review 75 (1960)
- 16) RL Storey 'The North of England' in 18) below
- 17) RA Griffiths 'The sense of dynasty in the reign of Henry VI' in CD Ross, ed, Patronage, pedigree and power
- 18) SB Chrimes, ed, Fifteenth Century England

The character of the king

- 19) RA Griffiths The reign of Henry VI
- 20) BP Wolffe Henry VI (cf also his article in 18) above)
- 21) CD Ross Edward IV (cf also his article in 18) above)
- 22) CD Ross Richard III
- 23) SB Chrimes Henry VII (cf also his article in 18) above)
- 24) R Lockyer Henry VII (Seminar Studies)

1460-1509: THE RECONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT

Q: 'The King's personality was central to political stability in the later fifteenth century'. Discuss.

An Approach

- 1) David Starkey 'The age of the household' in Stephen Medcalf, ed, The later middle ages
- 2) Sir John Fortescue The governance of England, ed, C Plummer

The character of the kings

- 3) CD Ross Edward IV (cf also Ross's article in Chrimes, ed, Fifteenth Century England)
- 4) CD Ross Richard III
- 5) SB Chrimes Henry VII

Administration

- 6) GR Elton The Tudor constitution
- 7) BP Wolffe The crown lands
- 8) " " The royal demesne in English history
- 9) Margaret Condon 'Ruling elites in the reign of Henry VII' in Ross, ed, Patronage, pedigree and power
- 10) JR Lander 'Bonds, coercion and fear' in J Rowe, ed, Florilegium Historiale

Politics

- 11) DAL Morgan 'The king's affinity in the polity of Yorkist England' Transactions of the Royal Historical Society, 23 (1973)
- 12) M Hicks 'The changing role of the Wydevilles in Yorkist Politics to 1483' in Ross, ed, Patronage, pedigree and power
- 13) JR Lander Crown and Nobility

HENRY VIII: POLITICAL STRUCTURES

Q: 'The politics of the reign of Henry VIII were court politics'. Discuss.

Generally

- 1) GR Elton Reform and reformation
- 2) EW Ives Faction in Tudor England (Historical Association pamphlet)
- 3) David Starkey 'The age of the household' in Stephen Medcalf, ed, The later middle ages
- 4) JJ Scarisbrick Henry VIII
- 5) David Starkey The reign of Henry VIII: personalities and politics
- 6) GR Elton The Tudor revolution in government
- 7) C Coleman and D Starkey, eds., Revolution reassessed: revisions in the history of Tudor government and administration

Definitions and description

- 8) GR Elton 'Tudor Government: the points of contact: III The Court' Transactions of the Royal Historical Society, 1976
- 9) M Girouard Life in the English country house
- 10) David Starkey 'Representation through Intimacy' in Joan Lewis, ed, Symbols and sentiments
- 11) JA Murphy 'Popinjays or professionals: officers and ministers of the mid-Tudor household', Exeter Studies in History, 1981

Personalities and incidents

- 12) G Bernard 'The rise of Sir William Compton, early Tudor courtier' English Historical Review, 96 (1981)
- 13) G Bernard The power of the early Tudor nobility: a study of the fourth and fifth earls of Shrewsbury
- 14) GR Elton 'Politics and the Pilgrimage of Grace' in B Malament, ed, After the Reformation (also in Elton's Studies in Tudor and Stuart politics and government, vol 3)
- 15) EW Ives Letters and Accounts of William Brereton of Malpas, Record society of Lancashire and Cheshire, 116 (1976)
- 16) " " 'Faction at the court of Henry VIII: the fall of Anne Boleyn' History 57 (1972)
- 17) JA Guy The public career of Sir Thomas More
- 18) David Starkey 'Igtham Mote: Politics and architecture in early Tudor England' Archaeologia, 107 (1981) -- summarized in History Today 30 (1980)
- 19) Narasingha Prosad Sil 'The rise and fall of Sir John Gates' Historical Journal 24 (1981)

Court and country: a suggested interpretation

- 20) David Starkey 'The political structure of early Tudor England' in M Falkus and J Gillingham, eds, Historical Atlas of Great Britain
- 21) Diane Willen John Russell, first earl of Bedford: one of the king's men

22) David Starkey

'From feud to faction: English politics c.1450- c.1550'
History Today 32, (1982)

1500-1600: PARLIAMENT

Q: 'The idea of a "growth of opposition" in the Tudor Parliaments is grossly misconceived'. Discuss.

Overviews

- 1) JS Roskell 'Perspectives in English Parliamentary History' in E Fryde and E Miller, ed, Historical studies of the English Parliament, vol II
- 2) GL Harris 'Medieval doctrines in the debate on supply, 1610-1629' in K Sharpe, ed, Faction and Parliament -- and cf Fortescue
- 3) J Gillingham 'Parliament, taxation and the defence of the realm' in Falkus and Gillingham, Historical Atlas of Great Britain

Examples of pre-Tudor parliamentary vigour

- 4) BP Wolffe 'Acts of resumption in the Lancastrian parliaments' in Fryde and Miller, op cit
- 5) RL Storey 'Liveries and commissions of the peace, 1388-90' in FRH Du Boulay and Caroline Barron, ed, The reign of Richard II

The Tudor parliament: generally

- 6) GR Elton 'Tudor government: the points of contact I: Parliament' Transactions of the Royal Historical Society 24 (1974)
- 7) MAR Graves The Tudor Parliaments
- 8) MAR Graves Elizabethan Parliaments
- 9) JE Neale The Elizabethan House of Commons

Tudor Parliaments: narrative and analysis

- 10) GR Elton 'The Rolls of Parliament, 1449-1547' Historical Journal 22 (1979)
- 11) JA Guy The public career of Sir Thomas More
- 12) SE Lehmberg The Reformation parliament, 1529-36
- 13) " " The later parliaments of Henry VIII
- 14) GR Elton Reform and renewal, esp chapters 4-6
- 15) " " The Parliament of England 1559-1581
- 16) MAR Graves The house of lords in the parliaments of Edward VI and Mary I
- 17) JE Neale Elizabeth and her parliaments 2 vols
- 18) W Notestein 'The winning of the initiative by the house of commons' Proceedings of the British Academy 11 (1924)

Critiques

- 19) David Starkey 'History without politics' Journal of Ecclesiastical History, 28 (1977)
- 20) Jenifer Loach 'Conservatism and consent in parliament, 1547-1559' in J Loach and R Tittler, eds, The mid-Tudor polity
- 21) GR Elton 'Parliament in the sixteenth century: functions and fortunes' Historical Journal 22(1979)
- 22) MAR Graves 'Thomas Norton the parliament man: an Elizabethan MP 1559-1581' Historical Journal 23 (1980)
- and cf
- 23) CSR Russell 'Parliamentary history in perspective, 1604-29' History

THE EARLY REFORMATION

'How popular was the early Reformation'?

Introductory

- 1) C Haigh 'The recent historiography of the English Reformation'
Historical Journal 25(1982) -- superb summary of the whole field
- 2) AG Dickens The English Reformation (strongly pushing the 'from below' interpretation)
- 3) JJ Scarisbrick The reformation and the English people (strongly opposes Dickens' interpretation)
- 4) Claire Cross Church and people
- 5) C Haigh (ed.) The English Reformation revised

Anticlericalism and the clergy

- 6) Simon Fish A supplication for the beggars, ed FJ Furnivall & JW Cowper (Early English Text Society), 1871
- 7) A H Thompson The English parish clergy and their organisation in the later middle ages
- 8) P Heath The English parish clergy on the eve of the Reformation
- 9) M Bowker The secular clergy in the diocese of Lincoln
- 10) A Ogle The tragedy of Lollards' tower

Religion and politics

- 11) JJ Scarisbrick Henry VIII (especially for the role of Wolsey)

-heresy and politics-

- 12) JA Guy The public career of Sir Thomas More
- 13) M Bowker 'The commons' supplication against the ordinaries in the light of some archidiaconal acta' Transactions of the Royal Historical Society, 21 (1971)

-Evangelism-

- 14) JF Davis 'The trials of Thomas Bilney and the English Reformation' Historical Journal, 24 (1981) (defines Evangelism)
- 15) Maria Dowling & Joy Shakespeare 'Religion and politics in mid-Tudor England through the eyes of an English protestant woman: the recollections of Rose Hickman' Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research, 1981 (connects Evangelism with Anne Boleyn)

-religion and faction-

- 16) EW Ives 'Faction at the court of Henry VIII: the fall of Anne Boleyn' History 57 (1972)
- 17) " " Anne Boleyn
- 18) RM Warnicke 'Sexual heresy at the court of Henry VIII', Historical Journal 30(1987)
- 19) P Clark English provincial society chapter 2
- 20) Susan Brigden 'Popular disturbance and the fall of Thomas Cromwell and the reformers, 1539-40' Historical Journal, 24 (1981)
- 21) Muriel St Clare Byrne The Lisle papers, vols V & VI (chapters 12-4)

The Reformation and the localities

- 22) GR Elton Policy and police (on the enforcement of the reformation)
23) P Clark English provincial society
24) M Bowker The Henrician Reformation: the diocese of Lincoln under John Longland, 1521-1547
25) C Haigh Reformation and resistance in Tudor Lancashire
26) D MacCulloch 'Catholic and puritan in Elizabethan Suffolk' Archiv fur Reformationsgeschichte, 72 (1981)
27) R Whiting The blind devotion of the people: popular religion and the English Reformation (this is the fullest and most recent local study)

The Dissolution

- 28) D Knowles The Religious orders in England: III The Tudor age
29) Joyce Youngs The dissolution of the monasteries

Iconoclasm

- 30) J Phillips The reformation of images: the destruction of art in England, 1535-1660

Catholicism

- 31) Christopher Haigh 'The continuity of Catholicism in the English Reformation' Past and Present, 93 (1981)

1500-1600 REBELLION

Q: Why did Tudor people rebel against their rulers?

Useful introduction

(1) A Fletcher Tudor rebellions

countered by

(2) David Starkey 'The string untuned: a riot at Hoddesdon, 1534' History Today 29 (1979), and cf Fortescue

Rebellions and interpretations

1536

(3) ME James 'Obedience and dissent in Henrician England' Past and Present 48 (1970)

(4) RB Smith Land and politics in the England of Henry VIII

(5) GR Elton 'Politics and the Pilgrimage of Grace' in B Malament, ed, After the Reformation (also in his Studies vol 3)

1549

(6) D MacCulloch 'Kett's rebellion in context' Past and Present 84 (1979)

(7) J Cornwall 1549: the revolt of the peasantry

1553

(8) D Loades Two Tudor conspiracies

(9) P Clark English provincial society, chapter 3, offers a more 'religious' interpretation]

1569

ME James 'The concept of order and the Northern Rising of 1569' Past and Present, 60 (1973)

WT MacCaffrey The shaping of the Elizabethan regime

1547-1558 THE MID-TUDOR YEARS

Q: "'Continuity" is scarcely more helpful than "crisis" in characterising the years 1547-58'. Discuss.

Approaches

~~-Continuity-~~

- 1) Jenifer Loach & Robert Tittler The Mid-Tudor polity
- 2) David Starkey Review of above in History 66 (1981)

~~-Crisis-~~

- 3) WRD Jones The mid-Tudor crisis, 1539-1563
- 4) GR Elton Reform and Reformation
- 5) Conrad Russell Crisis of parliaments pp 123-44

Narrative

- 6) ML Bush The government policy of protector Somerset
- 7) D Hoak The king's council in the reign of Edward VI
- 8) D Loades The reign of Mary Tudor

Special areas

- 1 The economy
- 9) WG Hoskins The age of plunder
- 10) FJ Fisher 'Commercial trends and policies in sixteenth-century England' Economic History Review 10 (1940)
- 11) JD Gould The great debasement

2 Rebellion

see separate reading list

3 Administration and finance

- 12) GR Elton The Tudor revolution in government, pp 223-258
- 13) J Alsop 'The revenue commission of 1552' Historical Journal 22 (1979)
and see Hoak (no.7 above)

4 Succession

- 14) N Levine Tudor dynastic problems, 1460-1571

5 Religion

- 15) D Loades The Oxford martyrs
- 16) F Heal Of prelates and princes
- 17) R Podgson 'Reginald Pole and the priorities of government in Mary Tudor's church' Historical Journal, 18(1975)

1558-1603 ELIZABETHAN GOVERNMENT

Q: What were the strengths and weaknesses of Elizabethan government?

The Queen

- (1) JE Neale Queen Elizabeth I
- (2) C Haigh Elizabeth I

Court and Government

- (3) S Adams 'Politics, faction and clientage in late Tudor England' History Today 32 (1982)
- (4) AGR Smith The government of Elizabethan England
- (5) W T MacCaffrey 'Place and patronage in Elizabethan politics' in Elizabethan government and society, ed. S.T.Bindoff
- (6) JE Neale 'The Elizabethan age' and 'The Elizabethan political scene' in Essays in Elizabethan history
- (7) P Williams The Tudor regime
- (8) L Stone The crisis of the aristocracy, chapter on Office and the Court
- (9) J Hurstfield The court of wards

Local government

- (10) J Hurstfield 'County government, c.1530-c.1660' in Victoria History of the counties of England: Wiltshire, vol V
- (11) A Hassell Smith County and court: Norfolk 1558-1603
- (12) P Clark English provincial society: Kent
- (13) D MacCulloch 'Catholic and puritan in Elizabethan Suffolk' Archiv fur Reformationsgeschichte 72 (1981)

Puritanism

see separate reading list

The problem of government

- (14) W T MacCaffrey 'The crown and the new aristocracy' Past and Present 30 (1965)
- (15) " " The shaping of the Elizabethan regime 1558-72
- (16) " " Queen Elizabeth and the making of policy, 1572-88

Essays on a variety of topics

- (17) C Haigh The reign of Elizabeth I

1500-1650 HUMANISM, EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Q: What if anything was the educational revolution of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries?

Introduction

- (1) K Charlton Education in Renaissance England
- (2) J Simon Education and society in Tudor England
- (3) HE Mason Humanism and poetry in the early Tudor period

The theory of civic humanism

- (4) Aristotle The Politics, book I chapter 2
- (5) R Ascham The schoolmaster
- (6) B Castiglione The Courtier
- (7) T Elyot The book named the governour
- (8) Sir Thomas More Utopia
- (9) T Starkey A dialogue between Lupset and Pole

Some discussions of Utopia

- (10) JH Hexter Introduction to the Yale edition
- (11) D Baker-Smith Thomas More and Plato's voyage
- (12) B Bradshaw 'More on Utopia' Historical Journal, 24 (1981)

The instruments of education

-Schools and universities-

- (13) L Stone 'The educational revolution in England' Past and Present 28 (1964)
- (14) D Cressy 'Educational opportunity in Tudor and Stuart England' History of Education Quarterly 1(1976)
- (15) MH Curtis 'The alienated intellectuals of early Stuart England' Past and Present 23 (1962)
- (16) " " Oxford and Cambridge in transition
- (17) Hugh Kearney Scholars and gentlemen; universities and society 1500-1700

-Literacy-

- (18) David Cressy 'Levels of illiteracy in England, 1530-1730' Historical Journal 20 (1977)
- (19) " " Literacy and the social order
- (20) R Schofield 'The measurement of literacy in pre-industrial England' in J Goody, ed., Literacy in traditional societies

The results

- (21) David Starkey 'The age of the household' in S Medcalf, ed, The later middle ages
- (22) JA Guy The public career of Sir Thomas More
- (23) M Dewar Sir Thomas Smith: a Tudor intellectual in office
- (24) C Read Mr Secretary Cecil and Queen Elizabeth, chapters 1-4
- (25) JE Neale The Elizabethan house of commons, chapter 15
- (26) JK McConica English humanists and Reformation politics
- (27) David Starkey 'The court: Castiglione's ideal and Tudor reality' Journal of the Warburg and Courtauld Institutes, 45 (1982)

and for some long-term echoes

- (28) B Worden 'Classical republicanism and the puritan revolution' in History and Imagination, ed. H Lloyd Jones, etc

Social mobility

- (29) L Stone and A Everitt, 'Social mobility in England' Past and Present 33 (1966)

1558-1603 ELIZABETHAN PURITANISM

Q: What were the aims and achievements of the Elizabethan puritans?

Generally and definition

- (1) B Hall 'Puritanism: the definitional problem' Studies in Church History, 2 (1966)
- (2) R O'Day and Felicity Heal Church and society in England: Henry VIII to James I
- (3) " " Continuity and change
- (4) W Haller The rise of puritanism
- (5) C Hill Society and puritanism in pre-revolutionary England

Puritanism, politics and parliament

- (6) P Collinson 'Sir Nicholas Bacon and the Elizabethan "via media"' Historical Journal 23 (1980) raises fundamental questions about the theological knowledge of Elizabeth's most important ministers
- (7) C Cross The royal supremacy in the Elizabethan church
- (8) WT MacCaffrey The shaping of the Elizabethan regime
- (9) JE Neale Elizabeth I and her parliaments (but see the critiques on the parliamentary reading list)

Puritanism and presbyterianism

- (10) P Collinson 'John Field and Elizabethan puritanism, in ST Bindoff, etc, eds, Elizabethan government and society
- (11) " " The Elizabethan puritan movement

Puritanism and the universities

- (12) H Porter Reformation and reaction in Tudor Cambridge

Puritanism and the nobility

- (13) C Cross The puritan earl
- (14) WT MacCaffrey 'The crown and the new aristocracy' Past and Present, 30 (1965)

Puritanism and episcopacy

- (15) P Collinson 'Episcopacy and reform in England in the later sixteenth century' Studies in Church History, 3 (1967)
- (16) " " Archbishop Grindal
- (17) F Heal Of prelates and princes
- (18) P Lake 'Matthew Hutton: a puritan bishop' History, 64, (1979)
- (19) " " Moderate puritans and the Elizabethan Church

Puritanism and the localities

- (20) P Clark English provincial society
- (21) C Haigh Reformation and reaction in Tudor Lancashire

- (22) RC Richardson Puritanism in north-west England
(23) WJ Shields Puritans in the diocese of Peterborough,
 1558-1620

Puritans and Catholics

- (24) P McGrath Papists and puritans
(25) P Collinson 'Cranbrook and the Fletchers: popular and unpopular religion
 in the Kentish weald'
 in PN Brooks, ed, Reformation in principle and
 practice: essays in honour of AG Dickens

ECONOMIC HISTORY: AGRICULTURE AND POPULATION

Q: 'How revolutionary were the agricultural changes of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries?'

Introductions

- (1) DC Coleman The economy of England 1450-1700
- (2) CGA Clay Economic expansion and social change: England 1500-1700, 2 vols
- (3) JD Chambers Population, economy, and society in pre-industrial England

Agriculture

- (4) J Thirsk The Agrarian history of England and Wales, vol.4
- (5) E Kerridge Agrarian problems in the sixteenth century
- (6) RH Tawney The Agrarian problem in the sixteenth century
- (7) EM Leonard The inclosure of common fields in the seventeenth century
- (8) I Blanchard Population change, enclosure, and early Tudor economy
- (9) J Thirsk English peasant farming
- (10) WG Hoskins The midland peasant
- (11) WE Minchinton, ed., Essays in agrarian history
- (12) EL Jones 'Agricultural origins of industry', Past & Present 1968

Population and prices

- (13) EA Wrigley and RS Schofield, The population history of England (the fundamental study)
- (14) AB Appleby 'Disease or famine? Mortality in Cumberland and Westmorland, 1580-1640', Economic History Review 1973
- (15) " " Famine in Tudor and Stuart England
- (16) WH Beveridge et al., Prices and wages in England from the twelfth to the nineteenth century, vol.1, 1939
- (17) CJ Harrison 'Grain price analysis and harvest quantities, 1465-1634', Agricultural History Review 1971
- (18) WG Hoskins 'Harvest fluctuations and English economic history', Agricultural History Review 1964 and 1968
- (19) EH Phelps-Brown and SV Hopkins, 'Seven centuries of the prices of consumables compared with builders' wage-rates', Economica 1955 (standard tables of prices and wages; reprinted in EM Carus-Wilson, ed., Essays in Economic History)
- (20) WE Minchinton, ed., Wage regulation in pre-industrial England

SOCIAL CHANGE IN EARLY MODERN ENGLAND

Q: How severe were the strains placed upon English society by the economic and demographic changes of the early modern period, and how did society cope with those strains?

(NB many of the items in the lists on Agriculture and Population, on the Family, Sex and Marriage are also relevant, and on Education and Literacy)

Introductions

- (1) K Wrightson English Society 1580-1680
- (2) JA Sharpe Social History of England 1450-1750
- (3) P Laslett The world we have lost
- (4) " " The world we have lost further explored

Poverty and vagrancy

- (5) JF Pound Poverty and vagrancy in Tudor and Stuart England
- (6) AL Beier The problem of the poor in Tudor and Stuart England
- (7) EM Leonard The early history of English poor relief

Local life

- (8) K Wrightson and D Levine Poverty and piety in an English village: Terling 1525-1700
- (9) M Spufford Contrasting communities: English villagers in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries

Crime

- (10) JA Sharpe Crime in early modern England
- (11) C Herrup The common peace
- (12) D Hay 'Property, authority, and the criminal law', in D Hay et al., ed., Albion's fatal tree: crime and society in eighteenth century England

Order and disorder

- (13) A Fletcher and J Stevenson, eds., Order and disorder in early modern England (an important collection)
- (14) J Brewer and J Styles, eds., An ungovernable people: the English and their law in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries
- (15) B Sharp In contempt of all authority: rural artisans and riot in the West of England, 1586-1660
- (16) P Clark 'Popular protest and disturbance in Kent, 1558-1640', Economic History Review 1976
- (17) CSL Davies 'Peasant revolts in France and England: a comparison', Agricultural History Review 1973

Other important studies

- (18) P Clark The English ale-house: a social history 1200-1830
- (19) A Macfarlane The origins of English individualism

J.S. Cockburn, (ed) CRIME IN ENGLAND 1550-1800, Princeton 1977.

THE FAMILY, SEX AND MARRIAGE IN EARLY MODERN ENGLAND

Q: What were the main changes which took place in family structure and in attitudes towards the family in early modern England?

(NB many of the items in the lists on Agriculture and Social Change are also relevant)

The family: general

L Stone The family, sex and marriage in England 1500-1800

A Macfarlane Marriage and love in England: modes of reproduction 1300-1840

" " Review of (1) in History and theory 18(1979)

S Ozment When fathers ruled: family life in Reformation Europe

Specific topics

P Laslett Family life and illicit love in earlier generations

" " and R Wall Household and family in past time

M Ingram 'The reform of popular culture? Sex and marriage in early modern England', in B Reay, ed., Popular culture in early modern England

" " Church courts, sex and marriage in England 1570-1640

GR Quaife Wanton wenches and wayward wives: peasants and illicit sex in early seventeenth century England

JA Sharpe Defamation and sexual slander in early modern England: the church courts at York

K Thomas 'The double standard', Journal of the History of Ideas 20(1959)

RB Schnucker 'Elizabethan birth control', Journal of Interdisciplinary History 4(1975)

EA Wrigley 'Family limitation in pre-industrial England', Economic History Review 19(1966)

K Wrightson 'Infanticide in earlier seventeenth century England', Local Population Studies 15(1975)

R Houlbrooke 'The making of marriage in mid-Tudor England', Journal of Family History 10(1985)

Women

M Prior, ed., Women in English Society 1500-1800

I Maclean The Renaissance notion of women

K Thomas 'Women and the Civil War sects', Past and Present 13(1958)

P Hogrefe Tudor women: commoners and queens

P Rushton 'Women, witchcraft and slander', Northern History 18(1982)

J Nadelhaft 'The Englishwoman's sexual civil war', Journal of the History of Ideas 1982

P Mack 'Women as prophets during the English Civil War', Feminist Studies 8(1982)

JK Kinnaird 'Mary Astell and the conservative contribution to English feminism', Journal of British Studies 19(1979)

Some of the best known writings by women

- M Fell Women's speaking justified 1666 (defence of women's speaking at Quaker meetings; also other works in defence of Quakers and religious tolerance)
- M Astell Reflections upon marriage 1700 (also works in defence of conservative Anglicanism and religious intolerance)
- D Osborne Letters from Dorothy Osborne to Sir William Temple (on love, marriage and other topics; 1650s)
- B Harley Letters of the Lady Brilliana Harley, Camden Society 1854 (on politics, religion, family life etc; 1630s-40s)
- A Goreau, ed., The whole duty of a woman: female writers in seventeenth-century England (anthology).

1603-1629 PARLIAMENT AND REVISIONISM

Q: 'A battleground for court factions': is this an adequate description of Parliament 1603-29?

Parliament: generally

- (1) JP Kenyon The Stuart constitution

Parliament: older views

- (2) W Notestein 'The winning of the initiative by the house of commons' Proceedings of the British Academy 11 (1924)

'Revisionism'

- (3) K Sharp, ed Faction and parliament
(4) CSR Russell 'Parliamentary history in perspective, 1604-1629' History 61 (1976)
(5) " " Parliaments and English politics

Critiques

- (6) JH Hexter 'Power struggle, parliament and liberty in early Stuart England' Journal of Modern History 50 (1978)
(7) C Hill 'Parliament and people in seventeenth-century England' Past and Present 92 (1981)
(8) TK Rabb & D Hirst 'Revisionism revised' Past and Present 92 (1981)
(9) R Cust and A Hughes (eds) Conflict in early Stuart England (the best recent collection of essays)

Ideas

- (10) JP Sommerville Politics and ideology in England 1603-1640

The constituencies and localities

- (11) P Zagorin The court and the country
(12) D Hirst Representative of the people?
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- (15) Jenny Wormald 'James VI & I: two kings or one?' History 68 (1978)

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- (16) GV Akrigg Jacobean pageant or the court of James I
(17) R Lockyer Buckingham
(18) GE Aylmer The king's servants
(19) LL Peck 'The earl of Northampton, merchant grievances and the Addled Parliament of 1614' Historical

- (20) K Sharpe Journal 24 (1981)
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- (21) JA Guy 'The origins of the Petition of Right reconsidered' Historical Journal, 25 (1982)
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(excellent study with implications far wider than the title suggests)

1629-42 FROM 'THOROUGH' TO THE LONG PARLIAMENT

Q: Why did civil war break out in England in 1642?

(NB many of the items on the 1603-29 list are relevant)

Introductory

- (1) R Ashton The English civil war
- (2) AJ Fletcher The outbreak of the English civil war
- (3) B Manning Politics, religion and the English civil war
- (4) L Stone The causes of the English Revolution 1529-1642
- (5) C Russell The causes of the English Civil War
(revisionist; contrast with Stone)
- (6) R Zaller 'What does the English Revolution mean?',
Albion 18(1986), 617-35

The centre and the localities

- (7) GE Aylmer The king's servants
- (8) CV Wedgwood The king's peace
- (9) John Harris, S Orgel & R Strong The king's arcadia: Inigo Jones and the Stuart court
- (10) CV Wedgwood Strafford: a revaluation
- (11) C Hill The economic problems of the church -- for
Laudianism see also Tyacke in Russell, Origins of the English civil war
- (12) TG Barnes Somerset 1625-40
- (13) JS Morrill The revolt of the provinces
- (14) A Fletcher A county community at peace and war: Sussex 1600-60
- (15) P Zagorin Court and Country
- (16) AM Everitt The community of Kent and the Great Rebellion
- (17) C Holmes 'The county community in Stuart historiography', in
Journal of British 19(1980)

Parliamentary politics

- (18) JH Hexter The reign of King Pym
- (19) B Wormald Clarendon

London

- (20) V Pearl London and the outbreak of the puritan revolution
- (21) R Ashton The city and the court, 1603-43

Scotland and Ireland

- (22) D Stevenson The Scottish revolution
- (23) T Ranger 'Strafford in Ireland: a revaluation' Past and Present 19 (1961); reprinted in T Aston, ed,
Crisis in Europe

Religion

- (24) N Tyacke 'Puritanism, Arminianism and counter-revolution'

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- (25) P White, 'The rise of Arminianism reconsidered', in Past & Present 101(1983)
 - (26) J Morrill 'The religious context of the English Civil War', in Transactions of the Royal Historical Society 1984
 - (27) C Hill Economic problems of the church

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- (28) WJ Jones Politics and the bench

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- (29) C Russell, ed., The origins of the English Civil War
- (30) H Tomlinson, ed., Before the English Civil War
- (31) P Taylor, ed., The origins of the English civil war: conspiracy, crusade or class conflict

A recent socio-economic approach

- (32) D Underdown Revel, riot and rebellion: popular politics and culture in England 1603-1660

1642-49 THE ARMY AND RADICALISM

Q: 'The rise of the New Model Army was a consequence and not a cause of the radicalisation of politics'. Discuss.

(NB many items on the list 'The Interregnum' are relevant)

Introduction

- (1) R Ashton The English Civil War
- (2) GE Aylmer Rebellion or revolution? England 1640-60
- (3) JP Kenyon The Stuart constitution, 8 'The army and reform'

The traditional view

- (4) CH Firth Cromwell's army

The 'revisionist' view

- (5) M Kishlansky The rise of the New Model Army
" " 'The case of the army truly stated: the creation of the New Model Army' Past and Present 81 (1978)

Radicalism

- (6) FD Dow Radicalism in the English revolution
- (7) B Reay and JF McGregor (eds) Radical religion and the English revolution

The Independents

- (8) JH Hexter 'The problem of the presbyterian independents' American Historical Review, 44 (1938)
- (9) G Yule The independents in the English civil war

The Levellers

- (10) ASP Woodhouse, ed, Puritanism and liberty
- (11) GE Aylmer, ed The Levellers in the English Revolution
- (12) DM Wolfe, ed Leveller manifestoes
- (13) B Manning The English people and the English Revolution 1640-49

Politics, parliament and the army

- (14) M Kishlansky 'The army and the Levellers: the roads to Putney' Historical Journal, 22 (1979)
- (15) I Gentles 'Arrears of pay and ideology in the army revolt of 1647' War and Society, 1 (1975)
- (16) D Underdown Pride's purge
- (17) A Woolrych Soldiers and statesmen

High politics (and internecine strife amongst the revisionists)

- (18) M Kishlansky 'Saye what?', Historical Journal 33(1990)
- (19) JSA Adamson 'Politics and the nobility in Civil-War England', Historical Journal 34(1991)

Essays

- (20) J Morrill, ed., Reactions to the English Civil War 1642-1649
(21) C Jones, M Newitt, S Roberts (eds), Politics and people in
revolutionary England

1649-1660 THE INTERREGNUM

Q: Why was no lasting constitutional or religious settlement introduced in England in the years 1649-60?

(NB many items on the list 'The Army and radicalism' are also relevant)

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- (1) B Coward The Stuart age
- (2) I Roots The Great Rebellion 1642-60
- (3) R Parry, ed The English civil war and after
- (4) A Woolrych England without a King
- (5) T Barnard The English republic

Government: introductory

- (6) JP Kenyon The Stuart constitution, chapter 9 'The Interregnum'

1. The Protector

- (7) C Hill God's Englishman
- (8) " " Oliver Cromwell (Historical Association pamphlet)
- (9) CH Firth Oliver Cromwell and the rule of the puritans in England
- (10) WC Abbott The writings and speeches of Oliver Cromwell, 4 vols (fundamental primary source)

2. Politics, representative assemblies, legislation and finance

- (11) HR Trevor-Roper 'Oliver Cromwell and his parliaments' in his Religion, the Reformation and Social Change
- (12) I Roots 'Cromwell's Ordinances: the early legislation of the Protectorate' in GE Aylmer, ed, The Interregnum
- (13) M Ashley Financial and commercial policy under the Cromwellian protectorate
- (14) RJ Habbakuk 'Public finance during the Interregnum' Economic History Review, 15 (1962)
- (15) JT Rutt, ed., The diary of Thomas Burton, 4 vols (outstanding primary source)
- (16) B Worden The Rump parliament
- (17) A Woolrych Commonwealth to Protectorate

3. Bureaucracy and 'court'

- (18) GE Aylmer The state's servants
- (19) R Sherwood The court of Oliver Cromwell

4. Foreign policy

- (20) C Wilson Profit and power
- (21) M Roberts 'Cromwell and the Baltic' in his Essays in Swedish History

5. Local government and the county community school

- (22) A Everitt The local community and the Great Rebellion (Historical Association pamphlet)
- (23) A Fletcher A county community at peace and war: 1600-60

- (24) JS Morrill Cheshire, 1630-60
 -opposed by
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 useful review by A Fletcher in Historical
 Journal 25 (1982)
(27) A Hughes Politics, society and civil war in Warwickshire
 1620-1660 (excellent local study)

Religion (see also items on list 'The Army and radicalism' list)

- (28) C Hill The world turned upside down
(29) K Thomas 'The puritans and adultery' in K Thomas,
 ed, Puritans and revolutionaries
(30) C Williams 'The anatomy of a radical gentleman: Henry
 Marten' in Thomas, Puritans and revolutionaries

Political Opposition

- (31) D Underdown Royalist conspiracy in England, 1649-60

Reform in law and science

- (32) D Veall The popular movement for law reform
(33) C Webster The great instauration: science, medicine and
 reform, 1626-60
 - but cf
(34) John Morgan 'Puritanism and science: a reinterpretation'
 Historical Journal 22 (1979)

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- (35) J Morrill, ed., Oliver Cromwell and the English Revolution
(36) I Roots, ed., Cromwell, a profile

1660-88: RESTORATION, EXCLUSION CRISIS, AND GLORIOUS REVOLUTION

Why did exclusion fail while the Glorious Revolution succeeded?

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- (1) J Miller, The Glorious Revolution (Seminar Studies)
- (2) J Miller, James II: a study in kingship
- (3) J.R.Jones, ed., The Restored monarchy 1660-88 (Problems in Focus)
- (4) J.R Jones, Country and Court: England 1658-1714
- (5) KHD Haley, Politics in the reign of Charles II (Historical Assoc studies)
- (6) D Ogg, England in the reign of Charles II
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- (10) JP Kenyon, The Popish Plot
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- (12) E.S. De Beer, 'The House of Lords in the Parliament of 1680', Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research 20(1943-5)
- (13) D.Allen, 'Political clubs in Restoration London', Historical Journal 19(1976)
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