

ALC/R3

Research notes

Writings of William Cobbett - writing for Parliamentary reform. Farmer and Journalist *

N^o of Paupers in the area. Bucks was one of the first counties to give protests a destructive force. 1/7th of adult Pop. of Bucks were paupers. Many rioters were paupers.

1st December 1830: threshing machines were smashed and burnt at Little Brickhill and Fenny Stratford. ? Action of JP's. Harassed by Yeomanry. Non-conformists. Friendly soc. and others forced the change,

? who were our local "overseers of the poor". Registers of votes for 1831 election would show who locally had either owned or occupied a house and/or land over £10.00 in value! ? Sites of local workhouses. Who went there? W = Yardley Gobion workhouse. 'Settlement certificates' for the poor – you had to go to the parish of your birth in order to go into a Workhouse – later you could go into a parish's workhouse where you had had 12 months' residency. (see Markham 'the Nineteen Hundreds! Friendly soc. 1793 required to be registered in the county Quarter Sessions

Laurence M. Wulcko's Some Early Friendly Soc in Bucks 1951
Old W. Friendly soc. held meetings in the vestry of old Woverton Church.
P.49 Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows. [Founded 1810] Banners.

Comparison of churches in the old order and in the New g. Methodist Chapel in the R.Works W. (poss. *Railway works Wolverton*)

J.P. – justice. Attitudes. Oppression. Total lack of freedom of the individual (?)
Every man loves a Lord. How did the Lords of the Manor control the votes?

Roy

Conflicting views on how the industrial scene came upon people – came upon the idyllic rural scene. // came utterly gradually.

Relationship of the free-church movement and Business ideas.
The concept of being able to determine the future – control it

I thought again about the dev. of a social conscience.
Social, comm. aims above personal family aims.

... We should aim to know who was around – where before the W.Works ie. Industrial revolution fell upon the area.

? Was any Lord of the Manor foreclosed locally by the Jews?

? What was 'independent Burgess'?

? How did news of events like? Birmingham, chartists etc. percolate down to the labouring classes in W. etc. down the Canals? Railways?
eg. on the stagecoaches which also carries the journals. Who bought them or could afford to buy them. Wolverton was special because the Radcliffe Trust was administered for the benefit of medical instit.

? Because there was no Squire etc. (J.P.etc) did this alter the outlook for the workers etc. on the site?

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? How did local people view the Squires? What were their grumbles? How did they join in social events e.g. the Hunts etc. Different from the social events of the Railway families. ? View the churches, their future outlook, God. When or who were those who [?] were agitating or aware of the need for change. How much (upward) mobility was there e.g. to be tenant farmer etc. Did this stop after the Napoleonic war? Was this part of the reason for dissatisfaction and agitation?

Ought to know who exactly owned what, where and who were our local Verney's.