



Charlton on Otmoor on a peaceful 18C summer afternoon

## The Otmoor Riots in a Wider Context

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The 'Seven Towns' of Otmoor: Fencot, Beckley, Noke, Charlton, Murcott, Oddington and Horton, were tranquil agricultural communities which relied on the moor fields for grazing, summer crops and winter wildfowl. The enclosures imposed upon them by their landlords in the early 1800's were seen as rapacious and excessive, destroying much of that previous way of life. The wider causes and scale of the riots which followed in the 1830's are described by Ciaran Walsh. Over 1000 inhabitants attempted to regain their old way of life only to be resisted by the local yeomanry. The outcome is discussed in the whole context of the period, both locally and nationally.



The Oxfordshire Yeomanry

# Hanney History Group

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