

TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM DG WITH ADVICE RE COMMUNITY PLAY RESEARCH

Thanks for the email. I don't suppose subjects like the French invasion of 1216 or the Civil War period are quite appropriate - East St would be rather tame by comparison.

There are a few historical periods of 'protest' that might be better. In 1246, local peasants refused the Bishop of Winchester's order to build the dam at Frensham Little Pond (details, such as they are, in *Medieval Farnham* by E Robo, pages 22-23). Otherwise, there were occasional problems where the local refused to work on the bishop's demesne lands - details in various Museum Society newsletters.

Otherwise, there was considerable upset in the town with religious disputes during the Reformation and in a sense that is people protesting against the religious establishment. You might also think about the period of the Waltham Blacks in the early 18th century, when there was disruption and widespread poaching in the Park as a protest against social conditions (details in Elfrida Manning's *Farnham Parks: an historical review* and in Pat Heather's *The history of Farnham Park*). I am not sure whether it applies to Farnham, but there were instances of disturbance in the area during the Swing Riots in the 1830s.