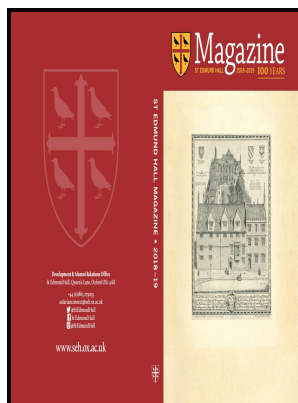


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By far the most important economic changes were those in agriculture.

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As Appleby wrote of the north-west a different pattern of mortality was emerging as early as 1649 and was clearly evident in later periods of dearth: mortality began to be limited in both intensity and extent.

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Otherwise, the normal effect of harvest fluctuations would have been to vary the proportion of the population that could maintain its accustomed standard of living at home, driving the rest to seek food and work elsewhere, thereby more effectively spreading disease through the countryside. This is almost certain to have been the case in the second crisis period, which began in the summer of 1558, after a second abundant harvest.

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Approximately 70 per cent of expenditures are attributable to food: S h a m m a s , 'Food expenditure', p. As he made clear, our knowledge of the critical issue of the reality of the threat of famine was rudimentary.

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The disappearance of famine: explanations In accounting for England's early escape from famine-related mortality it is natural to appeal to the well-established improvement in the productivity of English agriculture during the early modern period. Unfortunately, the nutritional status of individuals

was not regularly recorded in early modern England, nor was cause of death, so we are forced to draw inferences from such information as was given on a regular basis.

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For example, in the fen-edge village of Willingham in Cambridgeshire, the combination of mixed agriculture with dairying helped to avoid sharp increases in mortality in all but successive years of harvest failure.

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In practice, data on monthly temperatures are only available on a systematic basis in England from the mid seventeenth century, and usually only from the mid eighteenth century in the case of other European countries. Lee also estimated the strength of the short-run relationships for three sub-periods 1548-1640, 1641-1745, and 1746-1834 to examine how far they changed over time. It was weaknesses in the ecology of the north-west, therefore, which left it vulnerable to harvest failure.

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And even then, it needs to be remembered that the wage was for many but how many remains unknown only a contribution to that income.

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