

## **Christine Holmes**

Christine Holmes was born in New Zealand and has history and archaeology graduate and post-graduate degrees from New Zealand and the University of London. She has lived and worked in many countries, and made Oxford her base since 1986. Her teaching jobs have ranged from giving courses to local politicians in Slovenia; to tailor-making courses for many multi-national companies across Europe and in Japan; to teaching business studies to sixth formers in the far east of Russia. She has also edited for publishers and written and published works herself, mostly on historical subjects, including a history of the early years of a dried milk company in New Zealand, which was to become the pharmaceutical giant, Glaxo.

A very different kind of history degree available in Oxford proved tempting, and in 1995 she began the Master of Studies in English Local History. Her dissertation for this, changed only slightly, forms the early chapters of a book called *Benson, A Village Through its History* (ed. Kate Tiller, 1999). Christine is a member of Kellogg College.