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Members of the Research Group have had to go and seek out the source materials for the articles in this volume. The records of the Aston Board of Guardians are rather daunting tomes in Birmingham Reference Library, and the Aylesford Collection is also held there. The petition and the Bailiffs accounts have been copied for Sutton Library, but the originals are at Stafford, Stratford, and the Public Record Office. Two of the articles are based on work of members who have since moved away from the area, one of which leads us back over 500 years to a Sutton we can only dimly visualise - it is difficult enough to picture Sutton in the 17th century when the geography can be established, but most of the place-names in the medieval documents are meaningless at present. Perhaps other sources will turn up, to help solve the puzzles posed by such names as Harisortomore and Blakeven.

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The Group receives support from the University of Birmingham School for Professional and Continuing Education and from Birmingham Library Services. Members meet on Tuesday evenings at Sutton Coldfield Local History Library to pursue their research projects. The Group has a number of other activities, such as field meetings and public lectures. Details of the current programme can be had from the Secretary, Janet Jordan, 29, Tysoe Drive, Sutton Coldfield B76 2UJ, tel. 0121-240 5136, or the Chairman, Roger Lea, 210, Dower Road, Sutton Coldfield B75 6SZ, tel. 0121-308 6697.