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People and places feature in this volume, beginning with a short piece by our founder, the late Norman Evans. The article on Holbeche was a response to an invitation from English Heritage to put forward candidates for commemoration by blue plaques in the Birmingham area — English Heritage has now decided on the plaques to be erected, and none of them are in Sutton. At first sight the articles on Tudor Road, Walmley Ash and Wylde Green Farm may appear similar, but the first is a compact street of houses dating from 1899, while most of the Walmley Ash study is based on 19<sup>th</sup> century sources referring to a scattering of houses most of which have since been demolished. Most of the horse-racing in Sutton Park also took place in Victorian times, but the sources for Wylde Green Farm range from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to personal recollections recorded in 2000.

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