

# WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

## USER'S GUIDE NO. 5

### ORDNANCE SURVEY AND PRINTED MAPS



#### **Introduction**

The Record Office holds a large collection of OS maps for the county of Warwickshire, including complete sets of the 6 inch first edition in sheet form and the 25 inch first edition on microfilm. Later editions of these scales are incomplete and the Office does not usually have the most up-to-date editions of any map. For the larger towns the Board of Health maps are of particular interest. These are very early OS maps produced at a large scale for urban areas. Manuscript maps are covered in Guide No. 6.

**With the exception of the Warwick Map Pack all maps should be ordered with a document request slip in the usual way.**

#### **Ordnance Survey 1" (1:63,360) and 2 1/2" (1:25,000)**

The first edition of the Ordnance Survey 1 inch sheets dates from 1830. We have a selection of sheets for subsequent editions. (For earlier 1 inch maps see under Other Printed Maps). There are also some 2½ inch scale sheets of post-war date.

#### **6 inch to the mile (1:10,000), 25 inch to the mile (1:2,500)**

These larger scale OS maps were produced in the 1880s for Warwickshire and then revised every twenty years.

First edition 1883-1889, Second edition 1903-1906, [Third] edition 1912-17, [Fourth] edition 1925, [Fifth] or Provisional edition 1938.

In the case of the 25" most of the first edition is available on microfilm only (see Search Room plan). Most of the second edition is available in sheet form. Later editions and revisions are incomplete.

### **Post-war Series of 1:2,500 (25 inch:1 mile)**

The Record Office holds a large, although incomplete, collection of 1:2500 (25 inch:1 mile series). Most sheets date from the late 1950s to the early 1970s and for rural areas there is unlikely to be more than one edition. To find the sheet number you want you need the blue reference folder and the map reference folder. We do not have any copies of the most recent sheets.

### **Board of Health Maps**

These were compiled by the Ordnance Survey for the Local Boards of Health and were surveyed on a very large scale between 1849 and 1852 for Warwick, Leamington, Rugby, Stratford and Coventry. Photostat copies are available in the Search Room.

### **Town Plans**

For certain towns, Warwick, Leamington, Atherstone and Rugby, we have sheets on a very large scale: 10.56 feet to the mile. These show features in great detail and date from the mid-1880s.

### **Other Printed Maps**

We have many printed maps of Warwickshire, starting with Saxton's 1576 map and including Speed's map of 1610. All these are listed in the Card Index in date order. There are three one inch surveys of the County published by Beighton (1729), Yates (1793), and Greenwood (1822). For a detailed guide see P.D.A. Harvey and Harry Thorpe: *The Printed Maps of Warwickshire 1576-1900*. Warwickshire County Council 1959 (ref. C 912 HAR.).

**Leamington Map Pack** This is a teaching pack and includes copies of non-printed maps. Please ask the staff.

**Warwick Town Maps** We have a pack of reproductions of historic maps relating to Warwick from 1610 to 1851 (see Search Room plan).

**For further information about Ordnance Survey maps see J.B. Harley: *Ordnance Survey Maps. A Descriptive Manual* (1979) in the Record Office library (ref. D 912 HAR).**