‘O remember ye poor in distress by ye high prs of provision if not the consiquens will be fatall to a great many in all parishis round a bout here how do ye think a man can support a famly by a quarter flour for a shillin and here is a man in this parish do say the poore was never beter of as they be now a fatel blow for him and his hous and all his property we have redy 5000 sworn to be true to the last & we have 510000 of ball redy and can have pouder at a word & every think fitin for ye purpose no King but a constitution down down down o fatall dow high caps & proud hats for ever dow down we all.’

*A note from a set of three sent to the gentlefolk of Uley in 1795, outlining the problem of high food prices*

[*http://radicalstroud.co.uk/class-conflict-in-uley-1795*](http://radicalstroud.co.uk/class-conflict-in-uley-1795)

‘The distress of the industerous people through the dearness of provisions calls aloud for an immediate consultation therefore a meeting is desired next Munday morning 21int by nine o clock in the morning on Hampton coman to consult what steps to take for an immediate alteration. Be pld to let more know it further. With it make no delay or else we all must starve immediately.’

*Another message sent following the spreading of poor bread, requesting a meeting on Minchinhampton Common*

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*Plaque commemorating the preaching of John Wesley in Stroud*

[*www.stroudmethodistchurch.org/methodism-in-stroud*](https://www.stroudmethodistchurch.org/methodism-in-stroud/)



*Acre Street Chapel, one of the oldest Methodist Churches in the UK, built in 1763*

*Photo: Philip Thornborow, 2020*

[*www.mywesleyanmethodists.org.uk/content/chapels/gloucestershire/stroud-acre-street-octagon-chapel*](https://www.mywesleyanmethodists.org.uk/content/chapels/gloucestershire/stroud-acre-street-octagon-chapel)



*Castle Street Chapel, built in 1876 as a replacement for Acre Street Chapel, which had become too small*

*Photo: Philip Thornborow, 2020*

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*Painting of Brimscombe Port, involved heavily in the early industrialisation of the Stroud area – you can see the Stroud Scarlet cloth drying on the hillside*

*Image: Museum in the Park, Stroud*

[*https://museuminthepark.org.uk/paintings-from-the-collection/2018/10/10/rsgpbr5qymw4kp5kn2bhgqgnodgrj7*](https://museuminthepark.org.uk/paintings-from-the-collection/2018/10/10/rsgpbr5qymw4kp5kn2bhgqgnodgrj7)



*Blackboy clock, created in 1774 by a watchmaker*

*The statue was made at a time when the transatlantic slave trade was at its height. Gloucestershire profited from this trade, both directly and indirectly, and the ownership of slaves is known to have existed in the county in the late eighteenth century.*

*Image: Stroud News & Journal*

[*www.stroudnewsandjournal.co.uk/news/19478602.stroud-mps-disrespectful-blackboy-clock-comments*](https://www.stroudnewsandjournal.co.uk/news/19478602.stroud-mps-disrespectful-blackboy-clock-comments/)

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*Image: Mid 16th century Chalford Place built of Cotswold stone in the Stroud Valleys at Chalford, Gloucestershire UK (Stephen Dorey - Gloucestershire / Alamy Stock Photo)*

*A sign as seen in Chalford, describing the history of the Grade II\* Chalford Place*

[*https://amplifystroud.com/2021/02/18/clothing-colonialism-stroud-and-the-east-india-company*](https://amplifystroud.com/2021/02/18/clothing-colonialism-stroud-and-the-east-india-company/)