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READING LIST

Course Title: Life on the Home Front in World War II
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 21 Jan 2026 to 25 Mar 2026
Tutor: Matthew Kidd

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
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Calder, Angus	<i>The People's War: Britain 1939-1945</i>
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Gardiner, Juliet	<i>Wartime : Britain 1939-1945</i>
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Course Reading List

The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

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Addison, Paul	<i>Churchill on the home front, 1900-1955</i>
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Addison, Paul	<i>The road to 1945 : British politics and the Second World War</i>
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Aldgate, Anthony. Richards, Jeffrey.	<i>Britain can take it : the British cinema in the Second World War</i>
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Andrews, Maggie, editor. Lomas, Janis, editor.	<i>The home front in Britain : images, myths and forgotten experiences since 1914</i>
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Aulich, James	<i>War posters : weapons of mass communication</i>
Edgerton, David	<i>Britain's war machine : weapons, resources and experts in the Second World War</i>
Gledhill, Christine and Swanson, Gillian	<i>Nationalising femininity : culture, sexuality and British cinema in the Second World War</i>
Harris, Carol	<i>Women at war, 1939-1945 : the home front</i>
Longmate, Norman	<i>How we lived then : a history of everyday life during the Second World War</i>
McLaine, Ian	<i>Ministry of morale : home front morale and the ministry of information in World War II</i>
Orwell, George	<i>The lion and the unicorn : socialism and the English genius</i>
Smith, Harold L.	<i>Britain in the Second World War : a social history</i>
Stourton, Edward	<i>Auntie's war : the BBC during the Second World War</i>
Taylor, Philip M.	<i>Britain and the cinema in the Second World War</i>
Thorpe, Andrew	<i>The Longman companion to Britain in the era of the two world wars, 1914-45</i>
Tombs, Robert, editor. Chabal, Emile, editor	<i>Britain and France in two world wars : truth, myth and memory</i>
Walvin, James	<i>Leisure and society, 1830-1950</i>
Wing, Sandra Koa	<i>Mass-Observation : Britain in the Second World War</i>
Zweiniger-Bargielowska, Ina	<i>Women in twentieth-century Britain</i>