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READING LIST

Course Title: From Castle to Council House
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 23 Apr 2026 to 25 Jun 2026
Tutor: Hubert Pragnell

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
Emery, Anthony	<i>Discovering Medieval Houses (2007)</i>
Gardiner, Stephen	<i>The House: its Origins and Evolution (2002)</i>
Gray, Edmund	<i>The British House A Concise History (1994)</i>
Johnson, Matthew	<i>English Houses 1300-1800: Vernacular History, Social Life (2010)</i>
Osborne, A.L.	<i>A Dictionary of English Domestic Architecture</i>
Yorke, Trevor	<i>British Architectural Styles: An Easy Reference Guide (2008)</i>

Course Reading List

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

Author	Title
Airs, Malcolm & Tyack, Geoffrey	<i>The Renaissance Villa in Britain, 1500-1700 (2007)</i>

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Barrett, Helen & Phillips, John	<i>Suburban Style: the English Home 1840-1960 (1987)</i>
Beaumont, Thomas	<i>The Palaces of Medieval England (1990)</i>
Brunskill, R.W.	<i>Traditional Buildings in Britain: an Introduction to Vernacular Architecture (1992)</i>
Chambers, James	<i>The English House (1985)</i>
Clifton Taylor, Alec	<i>The Pattern of English Building (1972)</i>
Clifton-Taylor, Alec	<i>Buildings of Delight: 100 English Masterpieces (2000)</i>
Cook, Olive	<i>The English Country House</i>
Cruickshank, Dan	<i>A Guide to Georgian Buildings in Britain & Ireland (1985)</i>
Cruickshank, Dan	<i>The Country House Revealed: A Social History of the British Ancestral Home (2011)</i>
Girouard, Mark	<i>Life in the English Country House</i>
Greeves, Lydia	<i>Houses of the National Trust (2013)</i>
Ison, Walter	<i>The Georgian Buildings of Bath (2004)</i>
Johnson, Matthew	<i>Behind the Castle Gate: from Medieval to Renaissance (2002)</i>
Mansbridge, Michael	<i>John Nash (2004)</i>
Morris, Marc	<i>Castles: their History & Evolution in Medieval Britain (2017)</i>
Multhesius, Stefan	<i>The English Terraced House (1982)</i>
Platt, Colin	<i>The Great Rebuilding: Tudor & Stuart England (1994)</i>
Ryan, Deborah,	<i>Ideal Homes, 1918-39: Domestic Design & Suburban Modernism (2018)</i>
Sands, Francis	<i>Robert Adam's London (2016)</i>
Steel, John & Wright, Michael	<i>The English House</i>
Summerson, John	<i>Inigo Jones (2000)</i>
Yorke, Trevor	<i>The Edwardian House Explained, a Brief History from 1900-1914 (2006)</i>