

## DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

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### READING LIST

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Course Title: Working Women, 1600-1914  
Location: Ewert House, Oxford  
Term Dates: 20 Jan 2026 to 24 Mar 2026  
Tutor: Frances Richardson

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
Clark, A.	<i>Working Life of Women in the Seventeenth Century</i> (London, 1919)
Goose, N. (ed.)	<i>Women's Work in Industrial England: Regional and Local Perspectives</i> (Hatfield, 2007)
Hill, B.	<i>Women, Work and Sexual politics in Eighteenth Century England</i> (London, 1994)
Pinchbeck, I.	<i>Women Workers and the Industrial Revolution 1750 -1850</i> (London, 1969)

### Course Reading List

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

Author	Title
Berg, M.	<i>The Age of Manufactures 1700-1820</i> (London, 1994)

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- Burman, S. (ed.) *Fit Work for Women* (London, 1979).
- Holcombe, L. *Victorian Ladies at Work: Middle-Class Working Women in England and Wales 1850-1914* (Newton Abbot, 1973)
- John, A. (ed.) *Unequal Opportunities: Women's Employment in England 1800-1918* (Oxford, 1986)
- Purvis, J. (ed.), *Women's History: Britain, 1850-1945, an Introduction* (London, 1995)
- Sharpe, P. *Adapting to Capitalism: Working Women in the English Economy, 1700-1850* (Basingstoke, 1996)
- Sutherland, G. *In Search of the New Woman: Middle-Class Women and Work in Britain 1870-1914* (Cambridge, 2015)
- Tilly, L. A. and Scott, J. W. *Women, Work and Family* (Google Books)
- Valenze, D. *The First Industrial Woman* (Oxford, 1995)
- Verdon, N. *Rural Women Workers in Nineteenth-Century England: Gender, Work and Wages* (Woodbridge, 2002).