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READING LIST

Course Title: Poverty, Charity and Poor Relief in the Old Poor Law era 1550-1834
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 21 Jan 2025 to 25 Mar 2025
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
Hitchcock, T., King P., and Sharpe, P. (eds.)	<i>Chronicling Poverty: The Voices and Strategies of the English Poor, 1640-1840</i>
Hindle, S.	<i>On the Parish? The Micro-Politics of Poor Relief in Rural England c.1550-1750</i>
King, S.	<i>Poverty and Welfare in England 1700-1850: A Regional Perspective</i>
Slack, P.	<i>The English Poor Law, 1531-1782</i>

Course Reading List

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

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- Levene, A. *Childcare, Health and Mortality at the London Foundling Hospital, 1741-1800: "Left to the mercy of the world"*
- Broad, J. *'Parish economies of welfare' (The Historical Journal 42 (1999))*
- Green, D. *Pauper Capital: London and the Poor Law, 1790-1870*
- Griffin, C. J. *The Politics of Hunger: Protest, Poverty and Policy in England, c. 1750-c. 1840 (Ch. 3)*
- McIntosh, M. K. *'Poor relief in Elizabethan English communities: an analysis of collectors' accounts', (Economic History Review 67 (2014))*
- Tomkins, A. *"Labouring on a bed of sickness": The material and rhetorical deployment of ill-health in male pauper letters', (in A. Gestrich, E. Hurren and S. King (eds.), Poverty and Sickness in Modern Europe: Narratives of the Sick Poor, 1780-1938)*
- Williams, S. *Poverty, Gender and Life-Cycle under the English Poor Law, 1760-1834*