Sources and Further Reading

In surveying English History over a period of more than two hundred years, these lectures inevitably draw upon the published findings and arguments of many scholars whose influence cannot be individually acknowledged in the lectures.

The works alluded to, or drawn upon in the lectures, can be identified from the readings recommended in the syllabus, the works cited in them, and the sources listed in the appropriate sections of the larger reading list below. (Specific local examples are often drawn from studies of particular local communities: see the relevant section). Occasionally, when the source cannot easily be identified by consulting the syllabus or this reading list, I have added a note to the lecture transcript to indicate the work concerned.

A list of the sources used for the graphs and tables included in the lecture handouts is provided separately.

The larger reading list also constitutes a collective acknowledgement of those from whom I have learned. It is not comprehensive, but it is a good starting point for students who wish to research particular issues more deeply and to get to grips with the enormously rich historical literature on this period.

For additional guides to further reading, see:


Recent articles on the careers of individuals can be found in the online Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.

A truly comprehensive guide to historical writing on the British Isles, and the British Empire and Commonwealth, published since 1901 is the online Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH), which also includes the most significant works published before 1901.

Sources of Maps, Graphs and Data in Lecture Handouts

A) The handouts for certain lectures use copies of material from the following published works:

2. Chart of social ranks from P. Laslett, The world we have lost – further explored (1983)


15. Tables & graph from:

17. Tables & graph from:
   D. Cressy, *Literacy and the Social Order* (1980) - # 2,3,4

B) In Lectures 5, 12, and 23 on demographic and economic trends the handouts provide my own selection of data from the following sources:


This reading list is offered as a guide to sources and further reading on the themes and topics explored in lectures and sections and on additional issues which may attract your interest. It is far from exhaustive, but contains the most important works to assist with the preparation of papers.

Abbreviations
H = History or Historical
J = Journal
R = Review
Agric.H.R. = Agricultural History Review
Cont. & Change = Continuity and Change
Econ.H.R. = Economic History Review
H.J. = Historical Journal
J. Brit Studs = Journal of British Studies
Pop.Studs. = Population Studies
T.R.H.S. = Transactions of the Royal Historical Society

The bibliography is divided into the following sections:

1. General surveys of the period
2. The social order and social structural change
3. Household and family life
4. Women and gender relations
5. Tudor politics and government
6. The Reformation and religious change
7. Population change, famine & disease
8. Prices, wages & internal markets
9. Change in rural society and economy
10. Urban society & urban growth
11. Industries & industrial development
12. Trade & overseas expansion
13. Poverty & social welfare
14. Consumption & material culture
15. Witchcraft & magic
16. Crime & the law
17. Popular protest and uprisings
18. Education, literacy, & print culture
19. Stuart politics & government
20. Local community studies

1. General surveys of the period

a) Politics:

S. Brigden, *New Worlds, Lost Worlds, the rule of the Tudors* (2000)

b) Society:

P. Laslett, *The world we have lost – further explored* (1983)

c) Religion:


d) Economy:


2. The social order and social structural change

P. Laslett, *The World we have lost* (1984) chs 2, 10
E.P.Thompson, *Customs in Common* (1991), ch.2
D. Wahrman, ‘National society, communal culture’, *Social History*, 1992


L. Stone, 'Social mobility in England', *Past and Present*, 1966
M. Mascuch, 'Social mobility and middling self-identity', Social History, 1995

3. Household & family life

P. Laslett and R. Wall (eds.), Household and Family in Past Time (1972)
N. Tadmor, 'The concept of the household family', Past and Present, 1996

M. Macdonald, Mystical Bedlam (1981) ch. on ‘Stress, anxiety & family life’
L. Bonfield, R. Smith, K. Wrightson (eds.), The World We Have Gained (1975) chs. 3, 5
M. Ingram, Church Courts, Sex and Marriage in England, 1570-1640 (1988)

I.K. Ben Amos, Adolescence and Youth in Early Modern England (1994) esp. ch. 9
P. Griffiths, Youth & Authority. Formative experiences in England, 1560-1640 (1996) esp. chs. 6, 7

K. Wrightson & D. Levine, Poverty & Piety in an English Village (2nd edit., 1995), pp. 82-103 & Postscript
D. Cressy, Birth, Marriage and Death: Ritual, Religion and the Life-Cycle (1997)
H. Berry & E. Foyster eds., The family in Early Modern England (2007)

4. Women and gender relations (See also section 3)

A. Fletcher, Gender, Sex and Subordination in England 1500-1800 (1995)
R. Shoemaker, Gender in English Society 1650-1850. The emergence of separate spheres? (1998)
B.J. Harris, English Aristocratic Women, 1450-1550 (2002)

M. Prior (ed.), Women in English Society (1985) esp. chs. 3, 6
P. Earle, 'The female labour market in the late seventeenth century', Econ.H.R., 1989
A.L. Erickson, Women and Property in Early Modern England (1993)

V. Fildes ed., Women as Mothers in Pre-Industrial England (1990)

A. Wall, 'Elizabethan precept and feminine practice', History, 1990
S. Hindle, 'Gossip, gender and the experience of authority', Cont. & Change, 1994
E. Foyster, Marital Violence...1660-1837 (2005)


5. Tudor government and politics
(See also Poplar Protest; Local Community Studies – Counties)

J. Guy (ed.) The Tudor Monarchy (1997)
P. Williams, The Tudor Regime (1979)
I. Wormald, Court, Kirk & Community, Scotland, 1470-1625 (1981)

A. Fletcher & D. MacCulloch, Tudor Rebellions (1997)
A. McLaren, Political Culture in the Reign of Elizabeth I (2001)
M. James, Society, Politics & Culture (1986)
Christopher Haigh, Elizabeth I (2000)
Natalie Mears, Queenship & Political Discourse in the Elizabethan Realms (2005)

6. The Reformation and religious change

C. Haigh, English Reformations (1993)

i. The early reformation:
A.G. Dickens, The English Reformation (1967)
R. Rex, Henry VIII & the English Reformation (1993)
C. Haigh (ed.) The English Reformation Revised (1987)
E. Shagan, Popular Politics & the English Reformation (2002)

ii. Religious change 1558-1642:
K. Thomas, Religion and the Decline of Magic (1971) chs. 2-6
P. Collinson, The Elizabethan Puritan Movement (1967)
P. Lake, Anglicans and Puritans (1988)
R. Whiting, Local responses to the English Reformation (1998)
P. Collinson & J. Craig (eds.) The Reformation in English Towns, 1500-1640 (1998)
K. Fincham (ed.) The Early Stuart Church, 1603-1642 (1993)
R. Cust & A. Hughes (eds.) The English Civil War (1997) chs. 5, 6, 7
Ian M. Green, Print and Protestantism in early modern England (2000)

iii. Religion & popular culture, 1560-1660:
K. Wrightson & D. Levine, Poverty & Piety in an English Village (1995 edit.) chs. 5-7 & postscript
W. Hunt, The Puritan Moment (1983) chs 4-6
D. Underdown, Revel, Riot and Rebellion (1985) chs. 3-4
M. Spufford, 'Puritanism and social control', in A.Fletcher and J.Stevenson (eds.), Order and Disorder (1985)
E. Duffy, 'The godly and multitude', The Seventeenth Century, 1986
D. Underdown, Fire from Heaven (1992)
R. Hutton, The Rise and Fall of Merry England (1994)
C. Haigh, The Plain Man’s Pathways to Heaven (2007)

iv. Religious dissent in the later 17th century:
D. Hey, 'The pattern of non-conformity in Yorkshire 1660-1851', Northern History, 1973
M. Spufford, Contrasting Communities... (1974) Part III
J. Hurwich, 'Dissent and Catholicism in English society...1660-1720', J.of Brit. Studs, 1976

7. Population change, famine and disease

J. Hatcher, Plague, Population and the English Economy, 1348-1530 (1977)
M. Bailey, 'Demographic decline in late medieval England', Econ. H.R, 1996
A.B. Appleby, Famine in Tudor and Stuart England (1978)
P. Slack, The Impact of Plague (1985)
J. Walter and R. Schofield (eds.), Famine, Disease and the Social Order (1989) chs. 1, 2
M.J. Dobson, Contours of Death and Disease in Early Modern England (1997)
8. Prices, wages and internal markets

R.B. Outhwaite, Inflation in Tudor and Early Stuart England (2nd ed. 1983)
J.A. Goldstone, 'Urbanization and inflation...', Am J. of Sociology, 1984
S. Rappaport, Worlds within worlds (1989) ch. 5
J.A. Goldstone, 'Monetary versus velocity interpretations', J. of Economic History, 1991
J.R. Wordie, 'Deflationary factors in the Tudor price rise', Past and Present 1997
D. Woodward, Men at Work (19950 chs. 6, 7

J.A. Chartres, Internal Trade in England 1500-1700 (1971)

C. Muldrew, 'Interpreting the market: the ethics of credit and community relations in early modern England', Social History, 1993

9. Change in rural society and economy (See also Local Community Studies)

J. Thirsk, Agricultural Regions and Agrarian History...1500-1750 (1987)
J.R. Wordie, 'The chronology of English enclosure', Econ H.R., 1983
R.C. Allen, Enclosure and the Yeoman (1992)
J. Goodacre, The transformation of a peasant economy: the Lutterworth area, 1500-1700 (1994) ch. 3
A. McRae, God Speed the Plough. The Representation of Agrarian England, 1500-1660 (1996)

M. Spufford, Contrasting Communities: English Villages in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries (1974), Part I
V. Skipp, Crisis and Development: An Ecological Study...Arden (1978).
E.A. Wrigley, 'Urban growth and agricultural change...' J. of Interdisciplinary H., 1985
R.B. Outhwaite, 'Progress and backwardness in English agriculture, 1500-1650', Econ H.R., 1986
10. Urban society and urban growth

i. General:


ii. Provincial towns:

a) 1500-1640
D.M. Palliser, 'A crisis in English towns?', *Northern History*, 1978
C. Phythian Adams, *Desolation of a City: Coventry and the Urban Crisis of the Later Middle Ages* (1979)
D.M. Palliser, *Tudor York* (1979)

b) 1650-1750

iii. London:

E.A. Wrigley, 'A simple model of London's importance...1650-1750', *Past and Present*, 1967
11. Industries & industrial development

P. Hudson, 'Proto-industrialization', *Re-Fresh* 1990
D.C. Coleman, 'An innovation...the "New Draperies"', *Econ.H.R.*, 1969
M.B. Rowlands, *Masters and Men in the West Midland Metalware Trades* (1975)
D.G. Hey, *The Rural Metalworkers of the Sheffield Region* (1972)


12. Trade and overseas expansion

J. de Vries, *The Economy of Europe in an Age of Crisis, 1600-1750* (1976) ch. 4
R. Davis, *English Overseas Trade, 1500-1700* (1975)

13. Poverty and social welfare

A. Fletcher, *Reform in the Provinces* (1986) ch. 7
B. Stapleton, 'Inherited poverty and life-cycle poverty', *Social History* 1993
P. Slack, 'Dearth and social policy in early modern England', *Social Hist. of Medicine* 1992

14.Consumption and Material Culture

L. Weatherill, 'Consumer behaviour, textiles and dress in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries', *Textile History*, 1991
N. Zahedieh, 'London and the colonial consumer in the late seventeenth century', *Econ H.R.*, 1994
M. Johnson, *An Archaeology of Capitalism* (1996) chs. 6-9
15. Witchcraft and magic

S. Clark, 'Inversion, misrule and the meaning of witchcraft', *Past and Present* (1980)
C. Holmes, 'Women, witnesses and witches', *Past and Present*, 1993
L. Jackson, 'Witchcraft, wives and mothers', *Gender and History*, 1995
J. Jones & M. Zell, “The devils speciall instruments: women & witchcraft before the ‘great witchhunt’”, *Social History* 30 (2005)

16. Crime and the Law

D. Hay, 'Property, Authority & the criminal law', in D. Hay et al. (eds.) *Albion's Fatal Tree* (1975)


17. Popular protest and uprisings

A. Fletcher & D. MacCulloch, Tudor Rebellions (4th edit. 1997)
J. Walter and K. Wrightson, 'Dearth and the social order in early modern England', Past and Present, 1976
B. Sharp, In Contempt of all Authority...Riot in the West..., 1586-1660 (1980) esp. chs.4-6
J. Walter, 'Grain Riots..' in J. Brewer and J. Styles (eds.) An Ungovernable People (1980)
D. Underdown, Revel, Riot and Rebellion (1985) esp. ch.2
R.B. Manning, Village Revolts (1988) esp. chs. 1-6, 9
R.B. Outhwaite, Dearth, Public Policy and Social Disturbance (1991)
E.P. Thompson, Customs in Common (1991), chs. 4-5
A. Wood, 'Custom, identity & resistance: English Free Miners and their Law', in P. Griffiths et. al. (eds.)
The Experience of Authority in Early Modern England (1996)
A. Wood, 'The place of custom in plebian political culture', Social History, 1997
S. Hindle, 'Persuasion and protest in the Caddington common enclosure', Past and Present, 1998
J. Bohstedt, 'The pragmatic economy, the politics of provisions, and the invention of the food riot tradition in
Authority (2000)
R.W. Hoyle, The Pilgrimage of Grace & the Politics of the 1530s (2001)
K.J. Kesselring, The Northern Rebellion of 1569: faith, politics & protest in Elizabethan England (1569)

18. Education, literacy and print culture


W. Prest, The Inns of Court (1972)

M. Spufford, Contrasting Communities (1974) Part II
M. Spufford, 'First steps in literacy', Social History., 1979
D. Cressy, Literacy and the Social Order (1980)
R. Houston, Scottish Literacy and the Scottish Identity (1985)

B. Capp, Astrology and the Popular Press (1979)
T. Watt, Cheap Print and Popular Piety, 1550-1640 (1991)
J. Raven et.al (eds.) The Practice and Representation of Reading in England (1996)
Adam Fox, ‘The authority of writing’, in P. Griffiths et.al. (eds.) The Experience of Authority (1996)
Adam Fox, Oral & Literate Culture in England (2000)

19. Stuart Politics & Government
(See also Local Community Studies – counties)

Keith M. Brown, Kingdom or Province? Scotland & the Regal Union, 1603-1715 (1992)

R. Cust & A. Hughes (eds.) Conflict in Early Stuart England (1989)
R. Cust & A. Hughes (eds.) The English Civil War (1997) [collection of key articles]
D. Hirst, The Representative of the People? (1975)
M. Kishlansky, The Rise of the New Model Army (1979)
D. Underdown, Pride’s Purge: Politics in the Puritan Revolution (1971)

A. Fletcher, Reform in the Provinces. The government of Stuart England (1986)
M. Braddick, State Formation in Early Modern Britain, 1550-1700 (2001)

T. Harris, Politics under the later Stuarts. Party conflict in a divided society (1993)
M. Knights, Politics and Opinion in the Exclusion Crisis, 1678-81 (1994)
J. Scott, Algernon Sidney & the Restoration Crisis, 1677-1683 (1991)
M. Goldie et.al. (eds.) The Politics of Religion in Restoration England (1990)
T. Harris, Restoration: Charles II & his Kingdoms (2005)
S. Pincus, 1688. The First Modern Revolution (2009)
G. de Krey, A Fractured Society. The politics of London in the first age of party, 1688-1715 (1985)

20. Local Community Studies

Studies of particular localities have been a major feature of the historiography of early modern England, and have had a very important influence on the interpretation of the period, not least by demonstrating the manner in which different forms of change intersected in the lives of particular local societies. The following studies provide much valuable information on local economies, social structure, religion, local government and politics etc. and can help to give both nuance and a human face to the broad processes of change in the period.

i. County studies:

W.B. Willcox, Gloucestershire 1590-1640 (1940)
T.G. Barnes, Somerset 1625-40 (1961)
C.W. Chalklin, Seventeenth-century Kent (1965)
J.S. Morrill, Cheshire 1630-1660 (1974)
A. Hassell Smith, County and Court: Government and Politics in Norfolk, 1558-1603 (1974)
M.E. James, Family, Lineage and Civil Society (Durham 1500-1640) (1974)
S.J. Watts, From Border to Middle Shire, Northumberland 1586-1625 (1975)
A.Fletcher, A County Community in Peace and War: Sussex 1600-1660 (1975)
B.E.Blackwood, The Lancashire Gentry and the Great Rebellion (1978)
D. MacCulloch, Suffolk under the Tudors (1985)
A.J. Pollard, North-Eastern England During the Wars of the Roses (1990)
ii. Rural communities:

M. McIntosh, *A Community Transformed ... Havering 1500-1620* (1991)
J. Goodacre, *The transformation of a peasant economy, the Lutterworth area, 1500-1700* (1994)

iii. Towns:

C. Phythian Adams, *Desolation of a City: Coventry and the Urban Crisis of the Later Middle Ages* (1979)
D.M. Palliser, *Tudor York* (1979)
J. Smail, *The Origins of Middle Class Culture: Halifax, Yorkshire, 1660-1780* (1994)

22. **British Dimensions**

The historiography of early modern Scotland and Ireland has been transformed in recent years, though Wales before 1700 remains rather neglected. The following are some of the most significant recent works.

i. Scotland

J. Wormald, *Mary, Queen of Scots* (2001)
Keith M. Brown, Kingdom or Province? Scotland and the Regnal Union, 1603-1715 (1992)
R.A. Houston, Scottish Literacy & the Scottish Identity (1985)
R.A. Dodgshon, From Chiefs to Landlords. Social & economic change in the Western Highlands (1998)
Jane Dawson, Scotland Re-formed, 1488-1587 (2007)

ii. Wales

G. Williams, Renewal & Reformation. Wales, 1415-1642 (1993)
J.G. Jones, Early Modern Wales (1994)

iii. Ireland

R.F. Foster, Modern Ireland, 1600-1972 (1988)
R. Gillespie, Colonial Ulster (1985)
S. G. Ellis, Ireland in the Age of the Tudors, 1447-1603. English expansion & the end of Gaelic rule (1998)
S.J. Connolly, Religion, law and power. The making of Protestant Ireland, 1660-1760 (1992)
Nicholas Canny, Making Ireland British, 1580-1650 (2001)