

Bratton Reading List

All the items mentioned can be seen in the Local Studies Collection at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre in Chippenham. A few can be found in local libraries such as Westbury and Trowbridge, and Bratton villagers own copies of many others.

Title	Author, Publisher & Date	Format	Notes
Sheep Bell and Ploughshare	Marjorie Reeves. Moonraker Press, 1978 (and paperback 1980)	Book	The story of the Reeves and Whittaker families of Bratton
Maisie and Me	Stella Ashton. Ex Libris Press, 1992	Book	Childhood in Bratton in the 1920s
The Diaries of Jeffery Whitaker, Schoolmaster of Bratton, 1739–1741	Edited by Marjorie Reeves & Jean Morrison. Wiltshire Record Society, 1989	Book	The introduction and notes have a wealth of historical information about Bratton
William Whitaker (1776–1840) His Book	Edited by Jean Morrison. West Wilts Branch of the Historical Society, 1974	Booklet	Autobiography of another local Whitaker, again with helpful introduction
Pursuing the Muses: Female Education and Nonconformist Culture 1700–1900	Marjorie Reeves. Leicester University Press, 1997	Book	Draws heavily on the Whitaker family circle for examples
The Life and Thought of Marjorie Reeves (1905–2003), Advocate for Humanist Scholarship and Opponent of Utilitarian University Education. An Edition of her Unpublished Memoirs.	Edited by (her nephew) Anthony Sheppard. The Edwin Press 2011	Book	A fascinating account of her early family life growing up in pre-WW1 Bratton living at The Elms, playing in the woods and going to the Baptist church before Oxford in 1923. The second half covers her notable academic life and is equally fascinating.

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The Parish Church of St James, Bratton	Jean Morrison. Holloway Bros, Westbury, 1977, and subsequent reprints	Booklet (on sale in the church)	History and description of the church with much additional detail on local people etc. (Note: the History Centre also has copies of earlier guides including ones by Stott, 1967 and Michael, late 19th century.)
A History of the Baptist Church, Bratton, 1662-1962	Edited by: E S W Reeves, K Reeves, M Reeves, 1962. Also a new edition with notes by Jean Morrison, 1995	Booklet	
Memorial of the Lord's Dealings with the Baptist Church, Bratton	Hugh Anderson. 1862	Booklet	
The Man on the Hill	Anthony Wharton. T Fisher Unwin, 1923	Book	Novel in which Bratton appears as 'Mayford'
Spycatcher: A Biography of Detective-Superintendent George Gordon Smith	Norman Lucas. W H Allen, 1973	Book	Smith was born in Bratton in 1905
Not an ordinary life	Eileen Younghusband. Cardiff Centre for Lifelong Learning, 2009	Paperback	Formerly ran The Duke at Bratton, with her husband
The Titford family 1547-1947	John Titford. Phillimore, 1988	Book	Some Bratton connections
A Wiltshire Saga: the story of nine generations	Sheila Bell. Brabourne Books, 2004	Booklet	Concerns the Blatch family, including Bratton connections
The Battle of Ethandun AD 878	Jean Morrison, 2000	Pamphlet	Update of a 1978 publication written with Harry Ross
The Importance of the Battle of Edington AD 878	Lecture by Dorothy Whitelock, 1977	Pamphlet	

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Alfred's Defeat of the Vikings	John Peddie & Patrick Dillon. Ethandun Memorial Trust reprint of 1981 publication.	Pamphlet	
The Victoria County History of Wiltshire: vol VIII, Westbury & Whorwellsdown Hundreds	Westbury (incl. Bratton) section by Elizabeth Crittall. Oxford University Press, 1965	Book	First port of call for historical background, though some information needs updating
Records of Wiltshire Parishes: Bratton	Compiled by E M Thompson for Wiltshire Notes & Queries, vols II-IV, 1899-1905	Serial publication in bound volumes	Invaluable source of medieval and later records (often translated from Latin) otherwise viewable only at The National Archives
Andrews' and Dury's Map of Wiltshire 1773	Wilts Archaeological & Natural History Society Records Branch, 1952	Book (facsimile reprint)	
White Horses and other Hill Figures	Morris Marples. 3rd edition, Sutton Publishing, 1981	Book	Contains a chapter on the Westbury (Bratton) horse
Lost Gods of Albion	Paul Newman. Sutton Publishing, 1997	Book	Updates earlier books on hill figures, including a chapter on the Westbury (Bratton) horses old and 'new'
Wiltshire and Somerset Woollen Mills	Edited by Kenneth Rogers. Pasold Research Fund, 1976	Book	Includes Bratton
Warp and Weft: The Somerset and Wiltshire woollen industry	Kenneth Rogers. Barracuda Books, 1986	Book	Includes Bratton
Droving in Wiltshire: The Trade and its Routes	Edited by K G Watts. Wiltshire Life Society, 1990	A4 comb-bound publication	Includes mention of Bratton Sheep Fair
The Bratton Experiment 1904 <i>in</i> The Labourer and his Cottage	Robert Williams. Twentieth Century Press, 1905	Chapter in book	

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Edington and Bratton with 6 illustrations	Picturesque Wiltshire series no.1, 1912	Booklet	
Bratton History Association journals vols 1–6	Various local authors, 1990–1996	A4 booklets	All the articles specific to Bratton and Edington will appear on this website
Bratton Conservation Area	West Wiltshire District Council, no date, ?1987	Leaflet	
Beauties of Bratton	Mary Reeves. 1906	Pamphlet	Poem
My life on and around Salisbury Plain 1941-2011	Johnny Stokes. 2012	Book (Self-Published)	Memories of farming at West Down and Stoke Hill Farms from the 1960s on, and the people he has known and worked with in Bratton and district.
<i>A selection of other magazine and journal articles:</i>			
Bratton House, Wiltshire	John Cornforth. Country Life, August 1971	Magazine article	
Village life – Bratton whales its past	Rex Sawyer. Wiltshire Life, July 1999	Magazine article	
On the trail of Alfred's white tail (Walk)	Chris Coles. Wiltshire Life, April 2002	Magazine article	
Village life – Bratton's bookish past	Michael Marshman. Wiltshire Life, September 2004	Magazine article	
Various short articles on aspects of Bratton	Kathleen White, Jean Morrison, and others. Wiltshire Folklife, issues for 1976, 1978, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1992	Newsletter articles	Subjects include R. & J. Reeves, Bratton's Worst Murder, Bratton Woollen Mills, The Village School, Farming, White Horses
An ancient source of water <i>and</i> The ancient hamlet of Little Stoke	Kathleen White. Trowbridge History, vol 1, 1991	Journal articles	

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The Lost Horse of Westbury	Duncan Egdell. 3rd Stone: the Magazine for the New Antiquarian, issue 36, 1999	Magazine article	
Burials at Bratton and Longbridge Deverill <i>and</i> Bratton: A Romano-British burial	F K Annable. Journal of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, vols 56, 1955, & 57, 1960	Journal articles	This journal is hereafter shown by its usual abbreviation, WANHM. See under Bratton in its index for additional short reports of trial excavations in advance of developments, etc
George Whitaker 1811-1882: a forgotten native of Bratton	Marjorie Reeves. WANHM, vol 72/3, 1977/8	Journal article	
A late Bronze Age razor from Bratton	Margaret Guido. WANHM, vol 74/5, 1979/80	Journal article	
Defoe and the White Horse	Frank Bastian. WANHM, vol.77, 1982	Journal article	
Roman silver rings from Wiltshire	Martin Henig. WANHM, vol 79, 1985	Journal article	Includes one from Bratton
A Romano-British lead coffin at Birchanger Farm, Bratton	Alan Graham. WANHM, vol 82, 1988	Journal article	
A Bristol Bottle from Bratton <i>and</i> An eighteenth century tombstone from Bratton	Larry Luckett. WANHM, vol 83, 1990	Journal articles	
A Romano-British prone burial from Bratton	Stella Maddock & Pamela Mahon. WANHM, vol 99, 2006	Journal article	

Unpublished research projects by students and historians:			
Historical Notes on the Village of Bratton	Students of St Boniface College, Warminster. circa 1946	Typescript (photocopies in several local collections)	Mainly derived from printed sources such as <i>Records of Wiltshire Parishes</i> (Notes & Queries, see above) but they also talked to local residents
Study of the Village of Bratton	Jean Davis. 1953	Research file	
Parish of Bratton Field Study 1964–7	Margaret Cooper. 1967	Research file	
The Grange and Farm of Bratton	Jean Morrison. Entry in the Wiltshire Folklife Local History Competition, 1988	Typescript and associated material	
Isaac Burgess of Bratton, the story of a village family	Jean Morrison. Entry in the Wiltshire Folklife Local History Competition, 1989	Typescript and associated material	
Rebecca Smith – villain or victim?	Chris Hinton. For WEA course, 2002	Typescript	
A Tale of Three Dunes and the Identity of Headinghill	Alison Maddock. 2009	Typescript	
More Light on the Whitaker Families around Westbury, Bratton & Edington in Wiltshire - Their Relationships and Land Holdings	Alison Maddock. 2015	Typescript	Five papers taking further the work of Jean Morrison, addressing some particular puzzles and making some amendments, including research on the Melbourne House and 'Steps' lines.
Owners and Occupiers of Land in Bratton 1840–42: A Key to the Tithe Map	Alison Maddock. 2015	Typescript	
Reports by and for local and national government:			
Report on proposed Conservation Area for Bratton (designated 1975)		Report	

Report of working party on repair and maintenance of the White Horse <i>in</i> 'Odinic Rite', 1992	Newsletter	
Future arrangements for Primary Education in Bratton and Edington, 1994	Report	
Archaeological evaluations prior to developments: Lower Road, 1992 (Wessex Archaeology); The Orchard, Garston Lane, 1994 (H A Stevens); plot at 10 Court Lane, 2000 (Bernard Phillips)	Reports	
<i>Ephemera etc:</i>		
Wiltshire & Swindon Archives (particularly Jean Morrison's research papers and items donated by her) and the library Local Studies Collection – both housed in the History Centre – include Bratton ephemera and miscellanea of all kinds, including posters and programmes for events and activities, press cuttings, house sale particulars, sermons preached locally, Ted Cleverly's memories of farming in Bratton, photocopied First World War diaries of H Couldrake 1917–19, poems, and much more.		