

Britain Between The Wars

Each week in a ten weeks course we analyse a different theme exploring social, cultural, economic and political changes between the wars and impact on people's lives. Extensive research has been carried out to describe vividly what life was like in all sectors of society.

My aim is to bring history alive and make linkages between what may seem disparate events. The three Ms of media, motoring and music illustrate profound changes, influenced by two diverse American industries: steel and entertainment – and advertising. They transformed British society, attitudes and social norms, against the backdrop of the depression years and rise of Communism and Fascism, especially Nazism.

The format is mainly presentational with plenty of discussion and opportunity to bring your own vignettes to provide even greater insight.

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Each section is available as a pdf, accessible via my website <http://ideascafe.co.uk>. The entire course content is produced as an A4 booklet.

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