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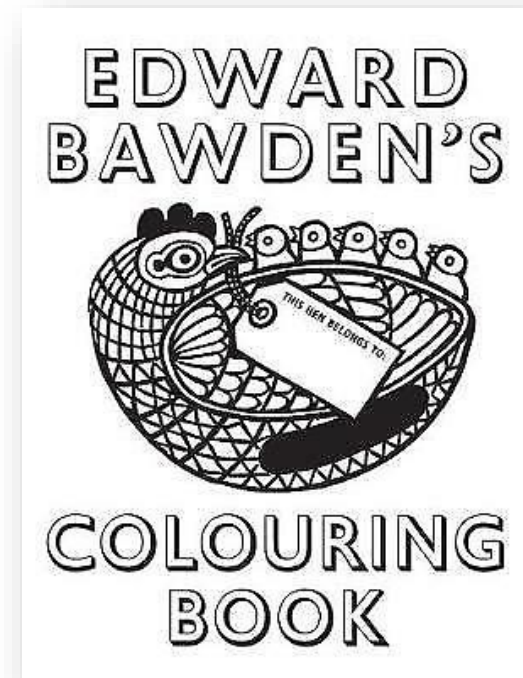
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A Gibson Library Reading Guide, 2022

The Great Bardfield Artists

also known as The Artists of North West Essex

~ A Reading Guide ~



THE GREAT BARDFIELD ARTISTS were individual artists who were drawn to the beauty and simplicity of life in the Northwest Essex countryside during the mid-20th century. They were diverse in style but shared a love for figurative art.

Initially **Edward Bawden** and **Eric Ravilious** settled there, soon followed by other artists and printmakers: John Aldridge RA, George Chapman, Stanley Clifford-Smith, Audrey Cruddas, Walter Hoyle, Sheila Robinson, Michael Rothenstein, Kenneth Rowntree, and Marianne Straub.

Other artists associated with the group include Bernard Cheese, Tirzah Garwood, Paul and John Nash, Graham Sutherland and John Piper, to name a few.

We have a wide range of books on a number of the artists within and around the circle, including titles illustrated by Bawden and Ravilious. These can be viewed in the Reading Room, please enquire in advance. The majority of the titles on this reading list can be borrowed on an Essex Libraries card.

THE GREAT BARDFIELD ARTISTS

Bawden, Ravilious and the Artists at Great Bardfield, Malcolm Yorke
Great Bardfield Artists, Colin MacInnes
Artists of Great Bardfield, Janet Dyson
Artists at the Fry: art and design in the North-West Essex Collection,
The Fry Art Gallery

EDWARD BAWDEN

The Inward Laugh: Edward Bawden and his Circle, Malcolm Yorke
Edward Bawden, war artist: and his letters home 1940-1945, Edited by
Ruari McLean

Edward Bawden at Home: A Working Life, Edited by Ruari McLean
Edward Bawden Scrapbooks, Peyton Skipwith & Brian Webb

ERIC RAVILIOUS

Eric Ravilious: Artist & Designer, Alan Powers
Ravilious in Pictures: A country life, James Russell
The England of Eric Ravilious, Freda Constable with Sue Simon
Eric Ravilious Scrapbooks, Peyton Skipwith & Brian Webb

OTHER

Long Live Great Bardfield: The Autobiography of Tirzah Garwood,
Tirzah Garwood and Anne Ullmann
Denise Hoyle, an artist at her kitchen table: collages and other works, Emma Mason
Before & After Great Bardfield: The Artistic Memoirs of Lucie Aldridge,
Lucie Aldridge
Random Spectacular 17: St Jude's and the Great Bardfield artists,
Simon Lewin