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TO HA MEMBERSHIP

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A vertical collage of circular images and text. At the top, a small circle shows a group of people at a table. Below it, a larger orange circle contains the text 'Teach History'. To the right, a purple circle contains 'Love History'. Below that, a circle shows a man and a woman in a classroom setting. At the bottom, a green circle contains 'Support History'. A small circle at the very bottom shows a woman's face. The text '2 | Welcome to the HA' is at the bottom left.

A warm welcome

We are delighted to welcome you as a member of the Historical Association.

By joining you've become part of a vibrant subject community made up of thousands of different people with a shared interest: history!

Whether you want to gain access to informative and engaging history resources, take part in exclusive events to learn from well-known historians and meet other members interested in history, or simply want to delve further into a subject you love, you're in the right place. We hope that this leaflet will give you practical guidance as you start out, but also help you to find where your next step could take you.

At the Kennington office (known as 59a) we have a small but active team of professional officers working to support you daily. However, we are also vitally supported by the inspirational work of hundreds of volunteers across the UK, from historians and academics to education specialists and enthusiasts who make up our committees, contribute to our journals, deliver events, and organise our local branches network –

all with the unifying aim of furthering the HA's core vision: the 'history of all for all'. Since its inception in 1906, that bringing together of the whole history community to share expertise and passion for the subject is one of the things that makes the HA so unique.

We know that your time is precious but hope you will take the opportunity to get involved however you are able to. By getting to know other members, sharing your feedback, taking part in activities, and contributing to the rich tradition of historical debate, your voice will be heard.

As well as opening up a world of historical support and resources, your membership is crucial in helping to protect the HA's ongoing work as an independent charity. Simply by being a member you are an important part of this. Thank you so much for your valued support.

**With best wishes from
the HA team**



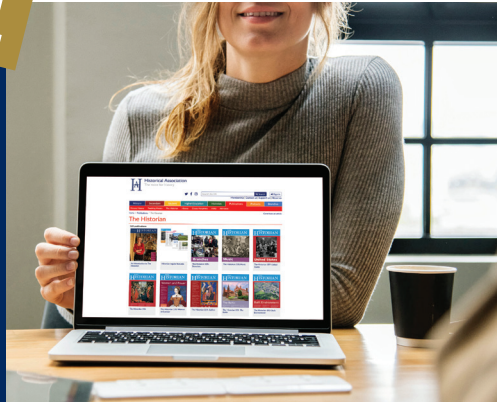
5 steps to get started today

1

Get logged in

Your entry point to a wealth of resources

Membership unlocks thousands of quality history resources on the HA website. Log in today to start exploring. Access all the resources in the Historian section including films, webinar recordings, podcasts, journals in the Publications section and more.



2

Add event dates to your diary

A range of opportunities to fit your schedule

Check this season's Historian events calendar for all the key dates for your diary! Most events are free to members, and the remainder are discounted by up to 40%.

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY



3

Find your local branch

Connecting you to great history locally

Over 45 local HA branches around the UK run a programme of events between September and May. As a member you can attend any event at any local branch for free, including online talks.



4 Watch a membership webinar

Practical guidance and Q&A

We run 'Making the most of your membership' webinars designed for new joiners. Join live or watch a recording of the latest session.



5 Look out for your welcome emails

Bitesize introductions direct to your inbox

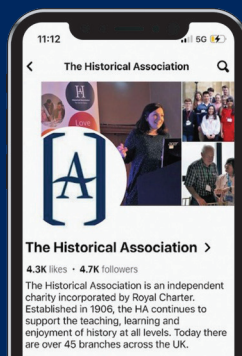
Over the coming weeks we'll be sending you a few emails to introduce you to key elements of your membership – keep an eye out!



And one extra step if you're on social media!

6 Follow the HA

Get connected with the HA network



For daily updates follow us on social media on X, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn @histassoc

If you need a hand...

The HA membership team is here to support you, so please don't hesitate to get in touch! We can help with practical queries and offer guidance in finding the resources you're interested in.

membership@history.org.uk

0300 100 0223

Lines open weekdays,
9.30am – 5.30pm

If you're having issues out of hours, check our FAQs or 'how to' video guides in the Membership section of the website.

Quick introductions and FAQs

When will I receive my first journal?

This will depend on when you've joined and where this falls in the publication schedule. However, you can access past editions in digital format through the Publications section right away.



The Historian

Published quarterly
January, April, July
and November

Our general interest history magazine, each edition examines lesser-known topics and shines light on

well-trodden areas from a new perspective.



HA News

Published March
and September

The HA's all-member magazine keeping you up to date with some of the fantastic work of members and with

what's coming up.

You may also be interested in:



History

This more in-depth academic-level journal is not included with membership, but you can save 60% if you subscribe as an additional journal. Published 5 times a year, it's ideal if you want to keep up to date with developments in more specialised historical research.

If you're interested in history education, you might also want to subscribe to our journals *Primary History* and *Teaching History* at a discounted rate.





Where should I start with digital resources?

The HA website is brimming with materials, but if you want a few pointers to help you start out, this page will help.

The Historian archive

Visit the Publications section to access over a thousand articles from the last 40 years. Think of it as your on-demand reference library.

Podcasts

Explore 450 podcasts delivered by experts. Filter by period, region and theme and listen as bitesize tracks or full podcasts that can be listened to on the move.



Film series

Existing series look at Tudor royal authority, the African-American Civil Rights Movement, and Germany 1871–1991. This year's film series looks at power and authority in Russia and the Soviet Union.



Past event recordings

Access a selection of filmed lectures and workshops from our past events, conferences and webinars through the 'What's On' section.

What types of events can I take part in?

The HA offers accessible and enjoyable history events wherever you are based and however much time you have available. You might prefer the social element of a face-to-face lecture from a local branch, the convenience of a one-off online webinar, an ongoing course with regular workshops, or a mixed economy to fit your schedule.

Short courses

Free to members, HA short courses offer a mix of live and recorded talks, interactive discussions, and a curated resource module centred around a dedicated topic. Our latest short course looks at Witchcraft, Werewolves and Magic in European History.

Local branch events

The HA's 45 local branches across the UK meet regularly, offering the chance to hear from historians and researchers in person, enjoy local trips, and meet other like-minded members. You can attend events at any HA branch for free, including online talks.



Local branch talks

HA Virtual Branch

Haven't got a local branch near you? Not to worry! Free and open to all, the HA's Virtual Branch runs monthly webinars, with recordings available exclusively to HA members on the website.

Members' subject webinars

Join free monthly subject knowledge webinars available exclusively to members.



Monthly webinars

HA Awards Evening

The HA's annual Awards Evening in London is open to all members and an opportunity to recognise all the many achievements and successes of its members and supporters. It includes a lecture from that year's Medicott Medal winner, with past recipients such as David Olusoga, Mary Beard and Antony Beevor.



David Olusoga

Mary Beard

[Visit the Historian events calendar for full details](#)

How else can I get involved?

VOLUNTEERING

If you'd like to give back while gaining new skills and connections, there are plenty of opportunities. Visit the 'Support Us' section of the website to find out more.

THE HISTORIAN LETTERS PAGE

We want to hear from you! What do you enjoy about *The Historian*? What caught your attention and what could we do

differently? What research conundrums are you facing where you need advice? Contribute to our letters page by emailing thehistorian@history.org.uk

SPONSORSHIP

If you'd like to sponsor a primary or secondary school to fund their membership of HA and support the teaching and learning of history for future generations, get in touch.



HA Annual Conference

Where innovation meets history

There are too many reasons to list why the HA Annual Conference is the highlight of the history year! Conference provides a wonderful forum for the HA's many members to come together and explore our dynamic subject while enjoying world-class research.

As well as plenty of opportunities for mental stimulation, there is time for meeting like-minded members during the breaks and at the HA quiz and dinner.

Highlights of HA Annual Conference:

- 3 keynote lectures from eminent historians and speakers
- 80 sessions and workshops to choose from
- 3 local walks and visits
- 400 attendees with a shared interest in history

Members enjoy exclusive early bird rates and savings of 40%.

CONFERENCE 2025: 9–10 May, Liverpool

www.haconference.com



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Helping you to...



Enjoy exploring the subject



Keep up to date with the latest research



Broaden historical knowledge



Engage with well-known historians



Support a charitable cause



Connect with the history community