19th Century British Library Newspapers

Coverage
The 19th Century British Library Newspapers collection contains full runs of 70 newspapers selected by the British Library to represent nineteenth century Britain. It includes national and regional newspapers and can be particularly useful if you are researching local or family history.

Starting
a. Do an iFind search for 19th Century British Library Newspapers, click on the title and then click on link indicated at Resource available at:. If prompted, enter your Swansea University username and password.

Or:
b. Access the resource via your subject’s library guide. If prompted, enter your Swansea University username and password.

Searching
There are several ways you can search: Basic, Advanced, Publication Search and Topic Finder. You can also Browse Publications by Location.

Basic search
Type terms in the search box and click or tap the magnifying glass to view results. Enclose your search terms in double quotation marks (" ") when you are looking for words together in a specific order. e.g. “singleton abbey”.

Combining Terms
Terms are combined using the Boolean Operators AND, OR or NOT:
Merthyr AND riot* would find items which are on both Merthyr and riot, riots etc.
Swansea OR copper would find records containing either Swansea or Copper. A larger number of results will be returned.
Disraeli NOT Gladstone would find articles about Disraeli but not Gladstone.

You can also search for terms within a number of words of another term:
Hafod n3 copper
finds results where the two terms are within 3 words of each other.

Truncation
Use an asterisk (*) to stand for any number of characters e.g. bird* finds bird, birds, birding, etc.
Use a question mark (?) to stand for exactly one character e.g. wom?n finds woman or women
Use an exclamation point (!) to stand for one or no characters e.g. colo!r finds colour and color.
Advanced Search
Advanced Search allows you to search in more than one field. Click on the drop down arrow next to each search box to select the field you want to search in (Keyword, Document Title, Publication Date etc.)

Allow variations
Historical documents often contain variant/approximate spellings and the Allow Variations search functionality can be useful as it retrieves near matches on a term or terms. e.g. a search for "llanelli" with a tick next to Allow Variations will return results containing both "llanelli" and "llanelly".

More options
As with Basic Search, you can limit your results to a particular date or publication title. If you scroll down the Advanced Search screen you'll see further ways to limit your search e.g. by publication section, document type, etc. You can also limit your results to those articles containing images.

Publication Search
This option allows you to see which newspapers are available in the database. You can search by title or browse by clicking on List All Publications. You can then drill down to the date you are looking for.

Displaying Results
When you run your search, your results will be returned 20 a page. Click on Sort by if you would like results to be displayed in a different order e.g. by Newest, Oldest, Document Title, etc.

To view an article, click on the title - you will see that your keywords are highlighted.
Use the icons in the top right-hand corner to Cite, Send To…, Download, Print or Get the Link to the document.
To get back to your list of results, click on Results (top left-hand corner). You can review, repeat and revise previous searches by clicking on Search History (top right-hand corner).

Help
Online help is available by clicking on Help (bottom of each screen).
For further help you can contact the Arts and Humanities Subject Librarians at artslib@swansea.ac.uk or ask at the Information Desk (Tel: 295500).

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