News and Newspapers: Times Digital Archive and other historic newspapers

There are links to the Times Archive and other historic newspapers online from the library catalogue iFind at http://ifind.swan.ac.uk/ and from Libguides pages. Login with your Swansea University username and password required for off campus access.

The Times Archive provides the entire Times newspaper, from its beginning in 1785 up to 2013, including articles, photographs, letters and advertisements. The Help feature under Tools (top right) provides detailed information about how the database can be searched.

Simple Search
Use the search box on the Home Page to do a quick keyword search of the archive. You can then use the search result sidebar to analyse and fine-tune your results.

Advanced Search
Advanced Search lets you customise your search by allowing you to specify the fields you want your search terms to appear, apply limits and include spelling variations. Click on the down arrow next to Keyword to see these fields.
You can also search within different sections of the newspaper by clicking on Publication Section and different parts (letters to the editor, obituaries etc.) by clicking on Document Type. Use the options under Illustrated Works to search for articles with photos, graphs, maps etc. Simply select the option you want and click Add.

**Combining Terms**
You can combine search terms with AND, OR or NOT.

For instance, the search above would look for articles mentioning both Dickens and Thackeray between October 1850 and December 1864.

Searching for **dickens OR thackeray** would find articles containing either word (a much larger number).

**Searching for Multiple Terms or a Phrase**
To search for a phrase, enclose it within double quotation marks (e.g. “First Anglo-Boer War”). Do the same if a phrase contains and, or or not (e.g. “black and white photographs”).

**Wildcards and truncation**
The asterisk * can be used to stand for any number of letters. Typing pacifis* will find pacifism, pacifist, pacifists etc.

? can be used to stand for any one letter.
wom?n will find both woman and women

! stands for one or no letters.
colo!r will find colour or color

**Browse by Date**
Browse by Date allows us to view the Times on a particular date.

**Displaying the text of articles**
In your list of results click on the **Title** to access the article.
The next screen displays the **full text of the article** with your search terms highlighted. Use the panel on the right to browse through or search for specific terms within the article, page or issue. Use the buttons along the top to download, print, email or cite this source.

**Keeping a record**

To keep a record of your results, you will need to set up an account first. Click on **Sign In**, then click **Create Account** and fill in the form. Then, when you have carried out a search, you can click on the **Add to Folder** icon to save a result. When you have opened up the full text of an article, you can also add tags (see Public and Private Tags under the article). To retrieve articles, simply click on **Tools** at the top right of the screen and click on documents or tags.

**TIMES ON MICROFILM**

The full text of The Times is archived on microfilm from 1785 to almost the present. It is stored at Micro 1 in AV Room 1, West Wing Level 2 of the Library. Please ask at the Information Desk if you require any assistance using this resource.

**TIMES INDEX**

Printed indexes to the Times from 1941 to 2013 are at AN1.T35 on Level 2. Printed indexes from 1790 up to 1940 are in the Library Store.

For alternative formats please contact:

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OTHER HISTORIC NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES

Swansea University students and staff also have access to these newspaper databases:

19TH CENTURY BRITISH LIBRARY NEWSPAPERS
19th Century British Library Newspapers contains about 70 British newspapers selected by the British Library’s editorial board, such as the Western Mail. Many are available in complete runs, and all are searchable full-text. There are 2 million newspaper pages.

17TH–18TH CENTURY BURNEY COLLECTION NEWSPAPERS
This gives online access to the British Library’s collection of newspapers, pamphlets, books and other materials gathered by Charles Burney (1757-1817). Besides titles published in the British Isles, it contains papers from British colonies in Asia and the Americas. More than twelve hundred titles and one million pages are included.

DAILY MIRROR and EXPRESS ARCHIVE (in UKPressonline)
The Daily Mirror from its beginning in 1903 to the present and the Express from its beginning in 1900 to the present.

ECONOMIST
- The Economist from 1917-1995 is in the Library Store, available on request.
- The Economist from 1843-1916 is on microfilm and microcard, Micro 51/A and Micro 202.