The Times Digital Archive, 1785-2014

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 2014, including articles, photographs, letters and advertisements. The Help feature (bottom of Home Page) 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 filters on the right hand side 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 Search For to see these fields.
Under **More Options** 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 display the drop-down menu and tick the options you want.

**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.

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 **pacifics*** 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** (top right corner) 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.

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**THACKERAY'S LAST WORK.**-Charles Dickens,

**Publication**: The Times (London, England)

**Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1864**  Issue 24778  **p. 7**  Article

The next screen displays the **full text of the article** with your search terms highlighted. Use the panel on the left to **browse** through or **search** for specific terms **within the article, page or issue**. Use the buttons (top right) to **download, print, email or cite** this source.
Keeping a record

Click and choose whether to email the result to yourself or send it to Google Drive or OneDrive.

TIMES ON MICROFILM
The full text of The Times is archived on microfilm from 1785 to almost the present. Please ask at the Information Desk for access or assistance using this resource.

TIMES INDEX
Printed indexes to the Times from 1941 to 2013 are at AN1.T35 on Level 2.