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We would be delighted if you would like to join the Society. You can either download the membership form from the Society's website <http://www.shastro.org.uk> or contact the Membership Secretary (see back of leaflet for postal and email address) who will send you the form by post.

SHA has a number of overseas members and institutional subscribers.

Payment of subscriptions can be made

- by cheque drawn on a British bank,
- through PAYPAL, or
- by direct funds transfer.



**Society for the  
History of Astronomy**

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Now ten years old, the Society regularly organizes meetings where you can hear lectures you will not find anywhere else. *Antiquarian Astronomer* and the *Bulletin* include articles of definitive quality, comprehensive length and illustration, of a biographical nature or about historical observatories and observations. There is also a web-based survey of the local history of UK astronomy.

Membership enquiries should be sent to the Membership Secretary, Mr P D Hingley, preferably by email at [pdh@ras.org.uk](mailto:pdh@ras.org.uk) or by post to:

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**The UK's national Society  
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*welcomes amateur or professional  
astronomers, historians and enthusiasts of  
all levels of experience and of all interests  
within the field of the history of astronomy  
and related subjects.*

***Why not join us today?***

## *About the Society*

The story of the history of astronomy is a fascinating and often dramatic one. The point and counterpoint of momentous discoveries, eccentric and often adventurous characters, remarkable observatories and great telescopes, form as much a history of humanity as does the march of armies and the life and death of kings. Equally fascinating - and accessible - is the local history of astronomy.

Founded at Wadham College, Oxford, in June 2002, the Society for the History of Astronomy is the UK's national society focusing on the history of the great science, especially at the local and regional level.

We know that there are people out there doing this kind of research in isolation, or who are interested in taking it up but are not sure how. There are also many people who are not active researchers, but simply have a great interest in the subject. All are welcome as members of the SHA, whether amateur or professional, academic or enthusiast.

Working together, we can bring the local history of astronomy to light, as well as enjoying its national and international story.

The Society's activities and benefits of membership include:

- A refereed journal, *The Antiquarian Astronomer*, carrying original research in the history of astronomy and usually published annually.
- The *SHA Bulletin*, usually published twice per year, which carries meeting reports, articles, letters, book reviews, news and other items.
- A quarterly newsletter, distributed electronically, containing news of forthcoming Society activities.
- Regular Saturday conference meetings, usually at least two per year.
- Visits, picnics and other events, usually at least one per year.
- The Survey of Astronomical History, a project on our website to compile local astronomical history throughout the British Isles, to which members can contribute.
- A reference and lending library, the Sir Robert Ball Library, based in the Birmingham and Midland Institute in central Birmingham.
- A discount on subscriptions to the *Journal for the History of Astronomy* and other publications.

## **Outline programme for the year**

### **Spring Conference**

Sometimes a joint meeting with another like-minded organisation, it is held at various venues, typically Cambridge, Greenwich and Manchester.

### **Summer Picnic**

Held at various locations of astronomical interest in the UK, recent picnics have been held at Orwell Park Observatory in Suffolk, Stonyhurst College in Lancashire and Hanwell Community Observatory in Oxfordshire.

### **Autumn Conference and AGM**

Held at the end of October at the Birmingham and Midland Institute

Additional meetings and visits may also be arranged during the year.

### **Registration fees**

Where needed to cover costs, a small fee is normally charged for meetings and events, apart from the AGM itself entry to which is free for members. Non-members are also welcome, subject to payment of the advertised fee.