

# History Society FAQs



## What do the History Society do?

We are a Society for anyone interested in history. We put on a variety of both academic and social events to bring people with this shared interest together to help you feel at home here in Aberdeen. But as one of Aberdeen's largest and most active societies we have something for everyone, whether it's a great social or just learning something new, check us out!

## What are your plans for in person events?

Currently, September 2020, Scottish Government and AUSA guidelines mean that we cannot host in person events for the foreseeable future. We will keep you updated as regulations change and AUSA have measures ready to keep people safe when we are able to have events together again.

## What events do you normally host?

Hopefully we'll be able to show you the full range of events that the History Society normally provides soon. Social events we host include pub crawls and pub quizzes around Aberdeen's town centre, movie nights with pizza and popcorn (which we may be able to do online), and trips out of the city to castles and other historic sites. We also host a lecture series with some lecturers from our department and guest lecturers on their specialist subjects, and these will continue online this term but with the ending discussion unfortunately not taking place in the Bobbin. We usually put on a ceilidh in first term and a ball in second term which is a tradition we look forward to returning to when we can. Additionally, we normally have Bonfires, pub nights, potlucks, non-drinking (or optional drinking) socials such as bowling and laser tag, and society meals such as our Christmas extravaganza and buffets. The list is truly endless, and we hope we can do more of this soon.

## What events will you have this term?

Our lecture series, with a variety of resident and guest lectures talking on subjects from the history of Black Aberdeen to the Anglo-Scottish frontier in the medieval period, will be continuing online this year! Social events will continue too with pub quizzes, treasure hunts and more as we adapt to this term online. We also have an idea for a medieval recipe baking session which could either be fun or a disaster but well worth it either way. We still hope to collaborate with other societies, have drinking nights online, and give you all the opportunity to meet new people.

## Are you running any new events?

Yes! Who said its all doom and gloom? **History Hunters** is a new interactive and competitive tour initially around Aberdeen but then further afield that we hope to develop online and in person. **Refreshing History** is a lunchtime session than mixes fresh recipes with useful skill and employability workshops, ever unsure how to reach the next level, ever wondered how to get into academia? Ever wondered if education is for you? Ever left with burning questions, then this is for you. **Drunk History Night** is also new and is a great way to get drunk, talk about history and meet people with similar interests. As ever

we are always looking for new things to do and so always welcome our members suggestions. We have loads of ideas for new socials coming soon so make sure you follow us to find out more.

### **How can I meet new people?**

Understandably with lectures moving online, this makes it harder to mingle with people on your course and make those contacts that were so easy for previous years. Don't worry. We'll fill the gap by holding lots of socials where you can mingle freely between smaller breakout groups to meet friends in your own and other years.

### **Can I come to the Society for support?**

Absolutely. If you have any worries about student life or problems with your university study then we can help. A lot of us have been there too. We can mediate between the department, provide mentoring, or offer advice. We're here to help so please drop us a message.

### **Can I join the History Society if I'm not a history student?**

Of course! We take pride in the fact that many of our members don't study history but we all share an interest in the subject. You're also welcome to bring friends even if they don't have an enthusiasm for history, as our social events are mainly about having fun.

### **How do I join?**

You can get a membership right here <https://www.ausa.org.uk/societies/society/historysociety/>

### **How can I contact you?**

You can contact us by messaging us on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ABDNHistory/> or slide into our Instagram and Twitter dms @abdnhistory, or simply by emailing us directly at [info@abdnhistory.co.uk](mailto:info@abdnhistory.co.uk). Any questions are welcome so please give us a shout!

### **How can you contact me?**

We regularly update our social media feed and stories to ensure you are super up to date on everything History society so make sure to like and follow our pages, then smash that going button on all our events. You can also sign up for our mailing list on our website or by following this link to make sure you don't miss a thing:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rRkrjJxf1EmQdz7Dz8UrP2SNcR9H9u1FqweXlsOqfLxUMExGTEk3TIFHMFZXSzdPQTEsS0JES0ZXQy4u>