



Spring Conference, Chetham's Library

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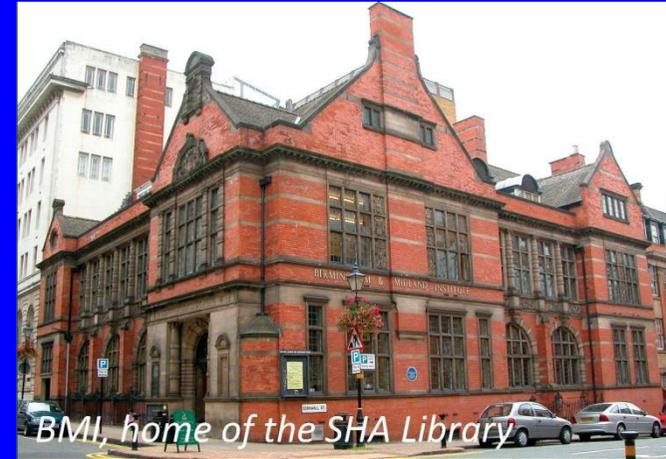
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Founded at Wadham College, Oxford in June 2002, the Society for the History of Astronomy regularly organizes meetings with a particular focus on the history of astronomy at the local and regional level. Our publications *The Antiquarian Astronomer* and the *Bulletin* include articles of a biographical nature or about historical observatories and observations. There is also a web-based Survey of the local history of UK astronomy, arranged by county.

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The UK's national Society for the History of Astronomy



BMI, home of the SHA Library

The SHA 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.

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About the Society

The story of the history of astronomy is a fascinating and often dramatic one. The 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.

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 are bringing the local history of astronomy to light, as well as enjoying its national and international story.

SHA Council

The Society's activities and benefits of membership include:

- an annual refereed journal, *The Antiquarian Astronomer*, carrying original research in the history of astronomy;
- the SHA *Bulletin*, published at least once per year, includes meeting reports, articles, letters, book reviews, news and other items;
- a quarterly *e-News* newsletter, by email, containing news of Society activities;
- two Saturday conference meetings per year, discounted for Members;
- at least one Picnic per year to places of significant astronomical interest;
- the Survey of Astronomical History, a web-based compilation by members of local astronomical history – uniquely by county;
- our Sir Robert Ball Library, lending and reference, in Birmingham;
- research grants on merit, at Council's discretion, for SHA Members undertaking research in History of Astronomy;
- 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, including Cambridge, Greenwich, Manchester and York.

Summer Picnic

Held at various locations of astronomical interest in the UK, recent picnics have been held at Mill Hill Observatory, London, Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge and Orwell Park Observatory in Suffolk.

Autumn Conference and AGM

Held in late October at the Birmingham and Midland Institute.

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

