



# Anniversary Meeting (Annual General Meeting)

at 6.00pm, on Friday 24 November 2023

to be immediately followed by

## Royal Historical Society Presidential Address: 'European Exploration, Empires, and the Making of the Modern World' - Professor Emma Griffin

The meeting and lecture will be held in the:  
**Brewer & Smith Room**

[Mary Ward House, 5-7 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SN](#)  
and online.

**Followed by a drinks reception.**

*For those unable to attend in person, you may also attend using the Society's online events platform. Joining details for the **Anniversary Meeting & Presidential Address** will be distributed by email closer to the event.*

**[All attendees must pre-register via this online page.](#)**

*Please note that all papers can be viewed individually via the links below, or as a **[full set of papers here.](#)***

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## ANNIVERSARY MEETING AGENDA

*Please note that only Fellows may vote on resolutions presented at the Anniversary Meeting. In order to ensure the meeting keeps to time, all Fellows will be sent a ballot link by which they may cast their vote to support or decline a resolution within the email notifying you of this meeting. If you are a Fellow and have not received your email by Friday 17 November 2023, please contact [governance@royalhistsoc.org](mailto:governance@royalhistsoc.org) noting 'AGM' in the subject line.*

1. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Anniversary Meeting of 25 November 2022 ([Annexe 1](#))
2. To receive a report on the activities of the Royal Historical Society
3. To commend the '*Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023*' into the records of the Royal Historical Society ([Annexe 2](#))
4. To receive an update on succession planning for the next President of the Royal Historical Society
5. To receive an Announcement of the Election of Officers

In accordance with By-laws XX and XXI, the following Officers will retire from Council during this meeting:

- **Professor Jonathan Morris**, Vice-President for Research Policy
- **Professor Jon Stobart**, Honorary Treasurer
- **Professor Julian Wright**, Secretary for Professional Engagement

Additionally, in accordance with changes to the Royal Historical Society's By-Laws, approved by Special Resolution at the Anniversary Meeting of 26 November 2021, the following changes to the structure of the Council are implemented at this meeting:

- the addition to Council of the position of **Vice-President**
- the removal of the position of Vice-President for Research Policy, and the addition of the position **Secretary for Research**

Also, in accordance with By-Laws XX and XXI the following Fellows have been appointed by Council to fill the vacancies created by the retirement of the aforementioned Officers and new positions implemented:

- **Professor Clare Griffiths** (Cardiff University) to the position of **Vice-President**
- **Professor Barbara Bombi** (University of Kent) to the position of **Secretary for Research**
- **Dr (Michael) John Law** (lately of University of Westminster) to the position of **Treasurer**

#### 6. To receive an Announcement of the Election of Councillors.

In accordance with By-Law XXIII, the following Councillors will retire from Council during this meeting:

- **Professor Barbara Bombi**, who will take on a new role (see above)
- **Professor Thomas Otte**

In accordance with By-law XXIV, the following have been elected in their place:

- **Professor Mark Knights** (University of Warwick)
- **Professor Iftikhar Malik** (Bath Spa University)

#### 7. To receive notification of the Fellowship and Membership fees for the coming year

The following represent an increase in RHS membership rates, effective from 1 July 2024. These will be the first since 2018 and follow a review of the Society's subscription rates by the RHS Council.

Membership fees account for between 45 and 50% of RHS income, which goes directly to support our full programme of activities and services. The increase comes, in part, in response to rising costs faced by the Society in many aspects of its work over several years. In addition, as reported in the Trustees Annual Report (Agenda Item 3 above) the Society is extending its planned activities; for example, in the amount, extent and recipients of research funding and greater engagement with historians across the UK. It is projected that increases to membership fees from July 2024 will successfully support this work in the coming years.

	Within UK	Outside UK
<b>Fellow</b>	70.00	80.00
<b>Fellow (Online Only)*</b>	65.00	75.00
<b>Retired Fellow</b>	45.00	55.00
<b>Retired Fellow (Online Only)*</b>	40.00	50.00
<b>Associate Fellow</b>	50.00	60.00
<b>Associate Fellow (Online Only)*</b>	45.00	55.00
<b>Member</b>	45.00	55.00
<b>Member (Online Only)*</b>	40.00	50.00
<b>Postgraduate Member**</b>	20.00	20.00

\* **Online only:** this is a new option available from 1 July 2024. It will enable Fellows and Members to opt to receive new volumes of the journal, *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*, as an online publication only, with a related reduction in subscription fee. As now, from July 2024, full content of the journal (1872-2023) will remain accessible online to all categories of membership.

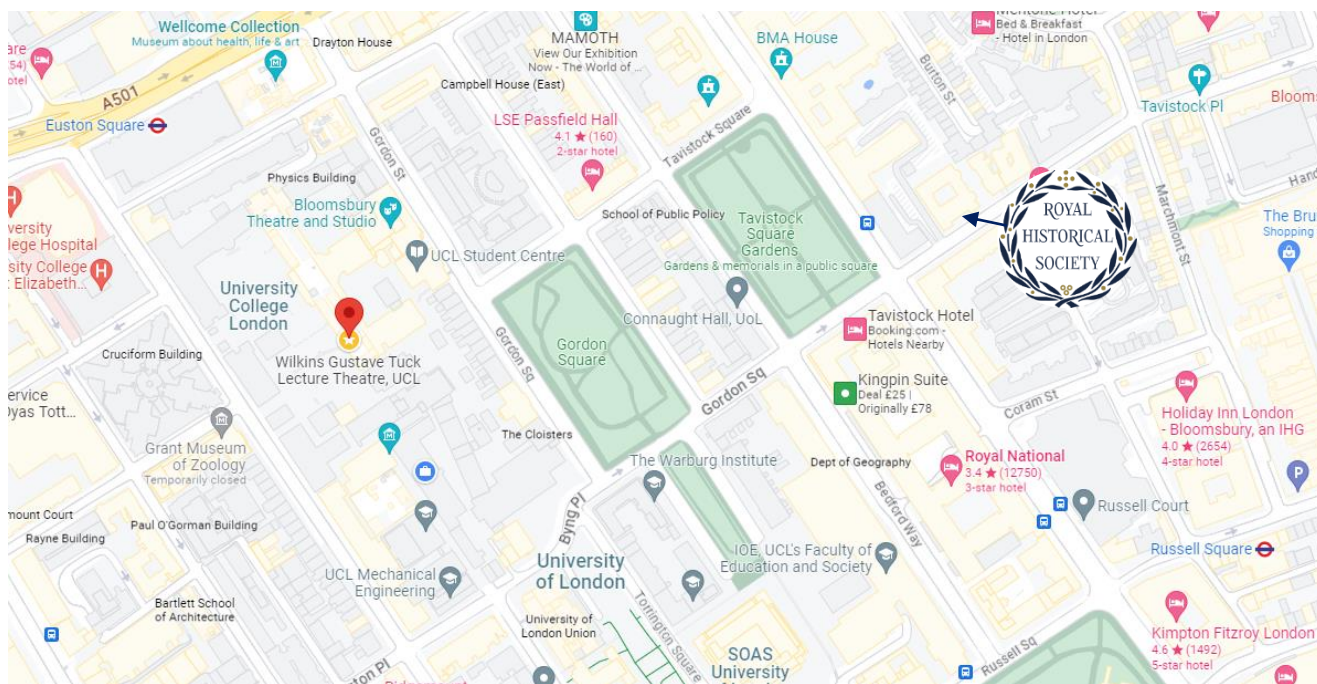
\*\* **Postgraduate Membership:** currently offers online only access to new volumes of *Transactions* as standard. This will continue after 1 July 2024. N.B: Hardship rates may be applied upon request.

## 8. To re-appoint the Auditors

**Xeinadin Auditing** (Nightingale House, 46-48 East Street, Epsom, Surrey. KT17 1HQ), previously known as Tudor John, present themselves for reappointment as Auditors of the Royal Historical Society

**Please join us for the annual Presidential Address and drinks reception taking place immediately after the anniversary meeting.**

## To find the venue:



### Venue:

Brewer & Smith Room  
**MARY WARD HOUSE,**  
5-7 Tavistock Place,  
London. WC1H 9SN

### Nearest Underground Stations:

**Russell Square** (Piccadilly Line)  
**Euston Square** (Circle, Hammersmith & City, Metropolitan Lines)



Venue of meeting in previous years (Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre, UCL)

