



# Welcome Pack 2019-2020

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

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Welcome incoming Freshers!

We hope you're not finding university to be too daunting so far - we definitely remember it taking us a couple of weeks to settle in, so try not to stress too much.

At the start of term, you're going to realise you have a lot of free time on your hands and are surrounded by a lot of people you've yet to meet, and that's where we come in... HistSoc is one of the largest and most active academic societies at Warwick, which means we try to offer our members at least three events every week! At the start of every term we'll put a calendar out on our Facebook page, and we encourage you to check it out if you want to get involved with our socials, attend our talks or take part in some of our charity efforts.

In recognition of the society's success, HistSoc was shortlisted this year for the National Societies Awards Most Improved Society. As the society's new executive committee, we can't wait to build on the solid foundations laid by the previous exec. It's our personal goal to cultivate a greater sense of community, supporting a diverse membership of students in their academic and social lives.

We encourage you to read on to get an idea of who we are as a society, see some of the plans of our fantastic new executive team and learn how you can get involved!

HistSoc love xx



**Vanessa Mabelle**  
*Vice President*

**Evie Stoneman**  
*President*

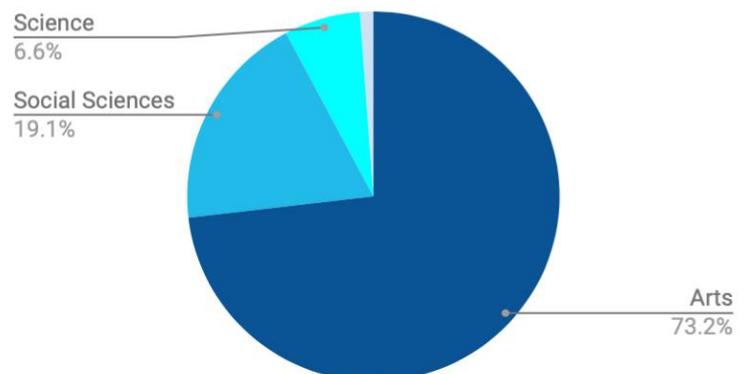
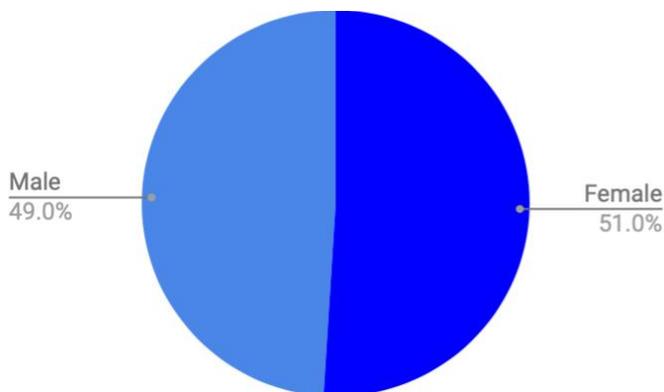
## Fresher Representatives

As an executive committee, we are made up of second year students so in order for us to feel more connected to our first year membership, we enlist the help of six freshers. Becoming a Fresher Representative is a great opportunity for you to learn more about how to run successful society events; you will help us advertise our first year events and get the chance to sit in on our executive meetings.

We are opening up applications from the start of term, with a deadline on Week 3 Friday, and successful candidates will be invited to interviews held during Week 4.

## Membership

The diversity of students who make up HistSoc speaks to the success of our events, drawing students from not only the arts but also social sciences and sciences. Inclusivity is highly important to us as an executive, so this is something we would like to continue to work on.



## Social Media

Add us on social media to learn more about who we are and what we do as a society!

On our **Instagram** you can check out:

- Reminders about our weekly newsletters
- Photos from our social, academic, sport and other events
- Stories on events occurring
- See History unfold in real life through our 'Travels of an Exec' during Christmas, Easter and Summer Time



On our Facebook you can check out:

- Posted events for people to click 'Going' to
- Updates on everything HistSoc
- Summaries of events that have occurred
- Termly calendars to know in advance what to expect from HistSoc



It's the moment you've all been waiting for... the HistSoc TERM 3 CALENDAR!

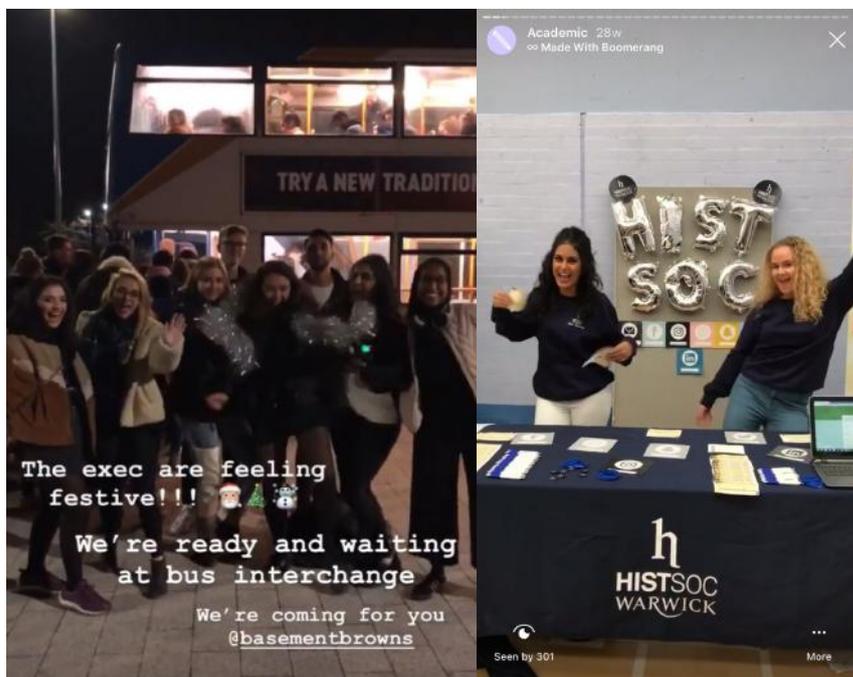
Your execs have been busy bunnies over the Easter break to bring you another egg-cellent variety of events (apologies).

Make sure you keep an eye on our social media pages for more information to follow!

| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                             | THURSDAY                                | FRIDAY                    | SATURDAY                         | SUNDAY |
|------|--------|---------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1    |        |         | 24/04                                 | 25/04<br>Degeneration of Mar, 1914-1923 | 26/04                     | 27/04                            | 28/04  |
| 2    | 29/04  | 30/04   | 01/05<br>HistSoc Circle               | 02/05                                   | 03/05<br>Post-Four Social | 04/05                            | 05/05  |
| 3    | 06/05  | 07/05   | 08/05<br>Yoga de-stress & Module Fair | 09/05                                   | 10/05<br>Renaissance Exam | 11/05<br>Renaissance stream meal | 12/05  |
| 4    | 13/05  | 14/05   | 15/05                                 | 16/05                                   | 17/05                     | 18/05                            | 19/05  |
| 5    | 20/05  | 21/05   | 22/05                                 | 23/05                                   | 24/05<br>JOGN Exam        | 25/05                            | 26/05  |
| 6    | 27/05  | 28/05   | 29/05                                 | 30/05                                   | 31/05<br>Post-Exam BBQ    | 01/06                            | 02/06  |
| 7    | 03/06  | 04/06   | 05/06<br>HistSoc Charity Circle       | 06/06                                   | 07/06                     | 08/06                            | 09/06  |
| 8    | 10/06  | 11/06   | 12/06                                 | 13/06                                   | 14/06                     | 15/06                            | 16/06  |
| 9    | 17/06  | 18/06   | 19/06                                 | 20/06                                   | 21/06                     | 22/06                            | 23/06  |
| 10   | 24/06  | 25/06   | 26/06                                 | 27/06                                   | 28/06                     |                                  |        |

On our **Twitter** you can check out:

- Retweets from historians on particular interesting historical topics
- Engagements with students on our radio show, including questions on themes and for staff members
- Weekly Q&A with Charity and Welfare officer, Charlotte Crabtree
- Posted photos of previous HistSoc events
- Upcoming events from the History Department



As a society, we are committed to offering a wide plethora of events and support in several areas of our members' lives at University. This includes academics, careers, sports, charity and welfare, social, ball and tour. Read on to gain a greater understanding of who we are as a society...

## ACADEMICS

Given that our society comes from an academic discipline, we recognise our responsibility to provide academic support to help guide students through your degree, as well as the potential to intellectually stretch you with extra-curricular talks.

### Ffion Hildred: Academic Officer

#### **Mentorship Scheme**

Our mentorship scheme pairs roughly 200 freshers with second and third year students. Both mentors and mentees learned teamwork, effective communication and confidence in interacting with new people of different peer groups, skills which easily translate to the workplace



- Freshers will be placed into mentor families with two/three other freshers and one mentee in either second or third year.
- Available to contact for support with first essays, settling into the format of seminars, seminar readings support etc.

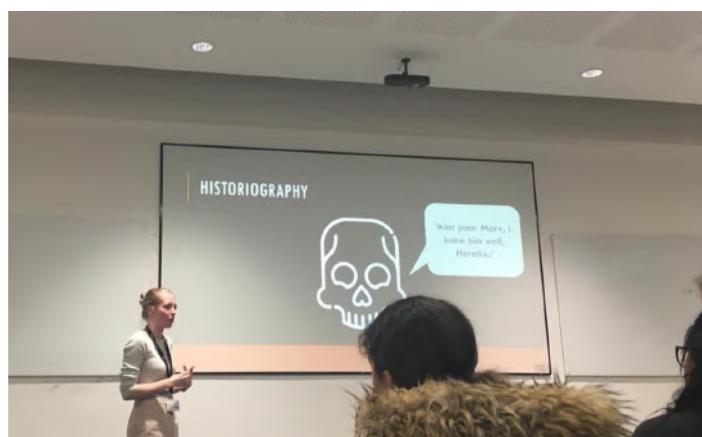


### How To: First Year Support

This “How To” series of workshops and talks provided informal tips and tricks related to specific hurdles we know students find intimidating such as “How to: First Year Essay Workshop”, which tackled the first big deadline for freshers.

### How To: Second Year, Third Year and Postgraduate Support

Our “How to: Second and Third Year Research Session” and “How to: Applying for a Master’s” events were part of an attempt to diversify the academic events we held, catering also to second and third years, as well as postgraduates.



### Angus Ewing: Talks Coordinator

We also aim as a society to offer intellectual stimulation outside of the curriculum with a variety of talks. In order to increase the number and diversity of talks held, we have introduced the position of Talks Coordinator this year.



### Legacy of World War One Series

This series marked 100 years since the First World War, inviting internal speakers from different disciplines who were specialists in their field to encourage a debate amongst them and intellectually challenge the audience. We collaborated with PPE Society (Philosophy, Politics and Economics), demonstrating our ability to coordinate with another executive to hold highly successful and thought-provoking talks.

### Torn From Home Series

Our Torn From Home Series involved a Holocaust Survivor Testimony from John Fieldsend in collaboration with Jewish Israeli Society Warwick, as well as a Testimony from Rwandan Genocide Survivor Naila Kira.

The latter was an event we were especially proud of, given that the Rwandan Genocide is an atrocity that is often overlooked and is well within living memory.



### Events for Next Year

- Black History Month Talks
- WWI Remembrance Talk
- LGBTQ+ Talk

### Emily Green: Renaissance Stream Officer

Another new role within Academics this year is the Renaissance Stream Officer. This is a slightly different course to that pursued by other single honours History students, in that Renaissance students also take Italian, and in third year spend a term learning in Venice.

This requires a different skillset, the arrangement of accommodation in Italy, and the potential for a greater sense of isolation since a smaller group of students take this course.

## Renaissance Meal

To cater more specifically to Renaissance Stream students this year, we held a meal at Basement Browns in Leamington where Italian students could gather and meet each other, eat pizza and reflect on the year and their time together.



## Events for Next Year

- Renaissance Stream Talk
- Italian Classes

# CAREERS

## Fatima Patel and Henry Potter: Careers Officers

Given that History as an academic subject does not lend itself to a specific and narrow career path, we want to illustrate to our members the wide assortment of opportunities available to them after graduation and offer assistance in the transition from University into the working world.

### **Past Events:**

- *Herbert Smith Freehills Presentation and Clinic*
- *Official CV Doctor - Get Ahead with Goldman Sachs*
- *LinkedIn Guidance with Steve Lewis*



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warwickhistsoc #Throwback to HistSoc's CV Doctor event, where we hosted ex Goldman Sachs, and current CEO of CV Doctor @afzal\_hussein who gave us invaluable professional advice and careers help. Thank you to @warwickeconsoc and @wrmsociety for collaborating on the event with us!

# SPORTS

## Emily Marsh and Luke Walters: Sports Officers

At university, it can be difficult for students to find the time or have the confidence to participate in the main teams. However since we recognise the value of exercise as a chance to unwind and build friendships, we offer a less intense place for our members to have fun and get healthy. We would like to encourage more students to engage in this year!



- ### About HistSoc Netball
- The only academic society in the league with two active netball teams
  - Brings in over 40 members together each week for training and matches
  - Consistently tops the University League, losing only 5 matches across the year
  - Creates another social side to the society, with netball team meals twice a term



- ### About HistSoc Football
- Play three times a week in the intramural 11-aside competitive leagues
  - Brings in over 40 members each week for training and matches
  - Finished 6th in Sunday League last year
  - Provides a place for socialising, with regular socials held throughout terms

### About HistSoc Summer Rounders

- Introduced for the first time to HistSoc this year as an additional sporting activity allowing for members to bond over a fun summertime sport
- Full team of over 12 members each week at every match
- Finished Third in the Wednesday League this term
- Took place in a tournament held at the end of term, putting all of our hard work at matches and training into practice!



### Sports Facebook Page

This year we have also created a Facebook page specifically for HistSoc Sports in order to demonstrate our commitment to this aspect of the society and to share news and updates about our matches.

*Like our page @HistSocWarwickSports to learn more!*

## CHARITIES AND WELFARE

### Charlotte Crabtree: Charity and Welfare Officer

As a society we like to give back to our local community and causes which we feel deserve more attention and support. Despite the previous executive committee's fantastic work with their charity of talk: CRASAC (Coventry Rape and Sexual Assault Centre), we know that HistSoc is capable of doing a lot more and cannot wait to push this aspect of the society further.



### CRASAC Talk

In order to better inform our members on our charity of choice, the society hosted representatives from CRASAC. They educated the audience by dispelling common myths surrounding rape and sexual assault and how we can better support survivors.

### HistSoc Charity Walk: Kenilworth Castle to Campus

The society raised £470 in support of CRASAC by doing a sponsored walk from Kenilworth Castle back to Campus. A well-attended event considering we had to rouse a group of sleepy students at 9AM on a Saturday, this was another collaboration with the Warwick DofE society who assisted in plotting our route and guiding us on the day.

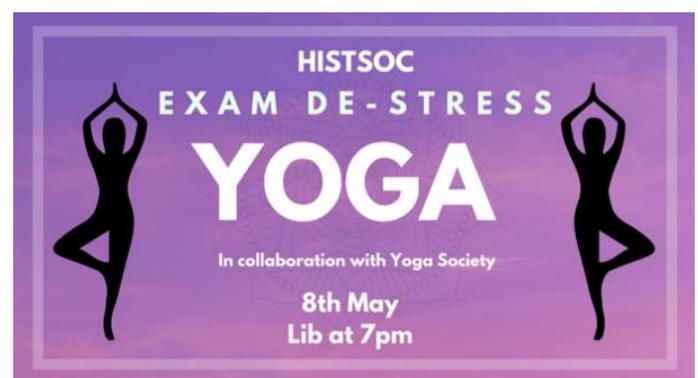


### Charity-themed Circle

In Term 3, the society held a charity-themed circle before POP! In order to enter the circle, our members had to bring at least one non-perishable food item to be donated to Leamington Night Shelter. We were able to collect over 100 goods which were greatly appreciated by both volunteers and recipients at the shelter.

### De-Stress Yoga

In recognition of the mental stress that exams can cause for students, the society hosted our first yoga de-stress session in collab with Yoga Society. This acted as the first of a series of welfare events to occur throughout the upcoming year.



# SOCIALS

## Luke Messom and Luke Heslin: Social Secretaries

Perhaps some of our best-attended events throughout the year are our diverse range of socials, which aim to put like-minded students in touch and provide an opportunity for letting off some steam during an otherwise academically-focused three years.



### **HistSoc Takes: Kasbah**

Hosted at the beginning of Term 1, this night intends to introduce History students to each other early on and to familiarise themselves with the executive team.

### **HistSoc's Christmas Dinner**

Held at Basement Browns in Leamington Spa, this event sought to round off the year with a society meal, celebrating the holidays. This late into the year different friendship groups within the society were given another opportunity to mix and mingle, strengthening bonds between members.



### **HistSoc Takes: LazerQuest and Sprinkles Gelato**

To further promote the idea that our society caters towards members who choose not to drink, we held another sober social in the new year playing LazerQuest in Coventry before having a meal to discuss the successes or failures of members in combat! This event truly speaks to the diversity of social opportunities given to students who are part of our society.

### **Previous Events**

- Two successful circle events attended by over 70 people
- Post-tour social at Kelseys followed by Neon

*Socials to be held on a roughly weekly basis!*

# BALL

## Ruth Bradbury and Louise Tribe: Ball Secretaries

The Ball is the starlight of the HistSoc social calendar! This serves as a formal place for our members to gather as a society and is also the final event organised by the executive committee so it provides the HistSoc team with a chance to reminisce on our time in tenure.



### **HistSoc Ball 2019: The Great Gatsby**

For last year's 1920s-themed ball, we sold tickets to 200 guests, which we intend to expand to 250 this year on the back of high demand last year among members and non-members particularly.



The Ball is a fantastic opportunity to get dressed up and feel glamorous for an evening, in comparison to more lowkey club nights and meals!



## TOUR

### Raffaella Culora and Emma Frost: Tour Secretaries

Alongside Ball, Tour is another of our larger events. Therefore lots of time and effort goes into providing students with a range of academic and social opportunities during the few days we are abroad.



### **HistSoc Tour 2019: Berlin**

Entrenched in history, it seemed only right that last year we held the International Tour in Berlin, Germany. Among many others, our members visited the following historical sites and landmarks:

- Eastside Gallery
- Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe
- Brandenburg Gate
- Checkpoint Charlie
- Alexanderplatz
- Reichstag Building
- Espionage Museum



### Domestic Tour

This year we intend on hosting a domestic tour during Term One to a city in the UK in addition to our tour abroad. This will allow for a greater number of students to get involved with the tour and ensure freshers connect with both each other and the executive very early on.

### Pre- and Post- Tour Socials

We also want to include socials before and after the tour as we recognised that members who went on the tour wanted the opportunity to get to know each other first, as well as reconnecting a few weeks after their return. The introduction of these events serves as evidence of our desire to listen and attend to the needs of our members.

