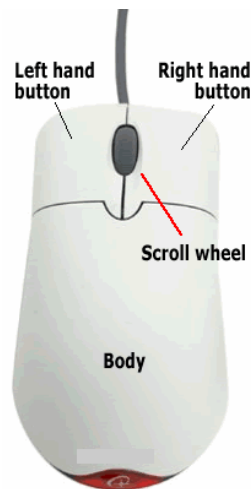


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# Oxford Dictionary Of National Biography

This presentation will show you step-by-step instructions to do a quick search using the Oxford DNB Online. Each step shows you the screen image you will see. If you need help, ask a member of library staff or ask about our **FREE Internet Taster Sessions** available in your library.



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  - 10,000 expert contributors - 60 million words
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  - Quick search by name or word or search in many ways - by date, field, of interest/occupation/place of birth / education/ residence/death/burial/ religious affiliation and more
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  - Browse alphabetically or by date

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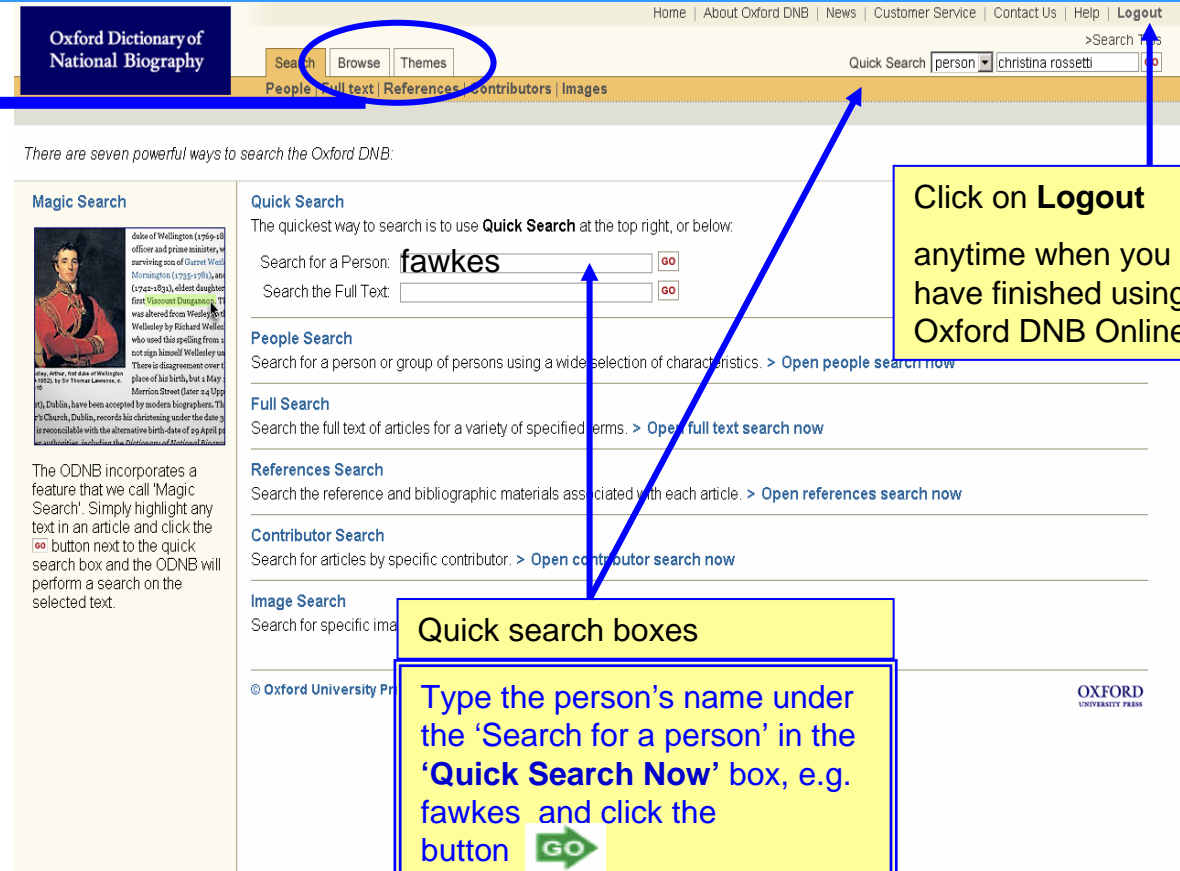
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#### Book Search

#### Business Information

**Step 2:** From the Oxford DNB Online homepage - you can now perform a quick search or browse using the links on this page. Here is a simple guide to get you started ...

<Browse> and  
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**Magic Search**

**Quick Search**  
The quickest way to search is to use **Quick Search** at the top right, or below:  
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Quick search boxes

Type the person's name under  
the 'Search for a person' in the  
'**Quick Search Now**' box, e.g.  
fawkes and click the  
button 

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Browse through the search results page and click on the person you wish to find more information on. In this case it's:  
**Guy Fawkes - conspirator**

#### Step 4: Reading search results

Your search returned **4** results. 1 - 4 shown in alphabetical order, ascending  
Searching for subjects: called *fawkes*

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**Fawkes, Francis** (*bap.* 1720, *d.* 1777), poet and translator

**Fawkes, Guy** (*bap.* 1570, *d.* 1606), conspirator 

**Fawkes, Isaac** (*d.* 1731), magician

**Fawkes, Walter Ramsden Hawkesworth** (1769–1825), politician and art collector

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## Step 5: Reading the article

Use the content panel to navigate the article. Just click on the links. For example by clicking on "Historical significance" will take you to that part of the article.

Print Email Cite Francis Fawkes (bap. 1720, d. 1777) Isaac F

**Fawkes, Guy** (bap. 1570, d. 1606), conspirator by Mark Nicholls

- Military career
- The Gunpowder Plot
- Imprisonment, trial, and execution
- Historical significance**

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**Content panel**




**Fawkes, Guy** (bap. 1570, d. 1606), conspirator and second child of Edward Fawkes (d. 1575) and his wife, Edith Jackson, was born in the district of York and baptized at the church of St. Andrew on 16 April 1570. Edward Fawkes later advocate in the consistory court of York and registrar of the exchequer court like his father as far as can now be discerned, a staunch Protestant. His paternal grandparents were William Fawkes and Ellen Haryngton (d. 1575), daughter of a York merchant. Edward Fawkes died in January 1575 and was buried in York Minster. By February 1576 he had become a Roman Catholic and was educated at St. Peter's School in York.

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**Fawkes, Guy** (bap. 1570, d. 1606), by unknown engraver, c. 1605 [The Gunpowder Plot Conspirators, 1605; (left to right) Bates, Robert Winter, Christopher Wright, John Wright, Thomas Percy, Guy Fawkes, Robert Catesby, and Thomas Winter]

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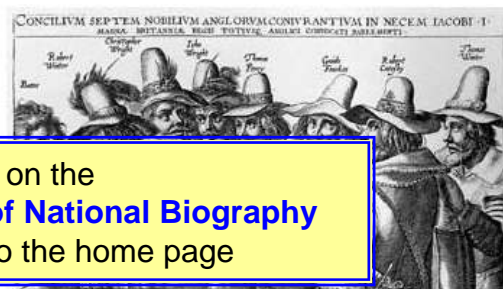
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**Fawkes, Guy** (bap. 1570, d. 1606), conspirator  
by Mark Nicholls



**Fawkes, Guy** (bap. 1570, d. 1606), conspirator, only son and second child of Edward Fawkes (d. 1579) of York and his wife, Edith Jackson, was born in the Stonegate district of York and baptized at the church of St Michael-

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**Guy Fawkes** (bap. 1570, d. 1606), by unknown engraver, c.1605 [*The Gunpowder Plot Conspirators, 1605*, (left to right) Bates, Robert Winter, Christopher Wright, John Wright, Thomas Percy, Guy Fawkes, Robert Catesby, and Thomas Winter]

became a Roman Catholic as a result of his connection with Peter's School, in York.

**Military career**

Guy Fawkes was by profession a soldier. In 1592 he sold the

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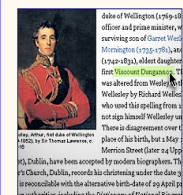
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
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Magic Search



The ODNB incorporates a feature that we call 'Magic Search'. Simply highlight any text in an article and click the  button next to the quick search box and the ODNB will perform a search on the selected text.

Use the **<Browse>** or **<Themes>** link buttons to use the Oxford DNB online if you are not doing a specific person search.

Just click on the link buttons either **<Browse>** or **<Themes>**. For example by clicking on **<Browse>** will take you to **<Browse>** page.

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## Step 7

Using the browsing options to explore Oxford DNB Online. From this page you can now browse using various browsing options ...



The screenshot shows the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Home, About Oxford DNB, What's new, Subscriber services, Contact us, Help, and Logou. Below this is a search bar with a dropdown menu set to 'person' and a 'GO' button. The main content area displays a list of biographies, starting with 'Aaron, Richard Ithamar (1901–1987), philosopher'. The 'Browse' section on the left offers several options: 'Alphabetical order' (selected), 'Birth date order', 'Death date order', and 'Reverse Order'. Below these are alphabetical links from A to Z. A 'Go to name starting:' search box is also present. Three yellow callout boxes with blue borders provide instructions: 1. 'Click in the radio button to select your browse option' points to the 'Alphabetical order' radio button. 2. 'Use the <A-Z> links to browse alphabetically by simply clicking on the letter of your choice or ...' points to the alphabetical links. 2a. 'Use the search box to 'Go to name starting:' Simply click and type your starting name, e.g nelson and then click the GO button or ...' points to the search box and its 'GO' button. 2b. 'Browse by page number - simply type in the page number you want to go to, e.g 45 and then click on the GO button' points to the 'Go to page #' field and its 'GO' button.

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### Other quick search example to try

Try another quick search to find biographical information about North East painter called Lowry as well as wealth left at death by typing your search word as: **Lowry** and click on the **<GO>** button

- Wait for the search results page to load
- Browse through the search results page
- Point and click on **Lowry, Laurence Stephen (1887 - 1976), painter** to view the article
- Wait for the page to load on the link you have clicked
- Read the article and scroll down through the article page to view the wealth left at death

Other quick examples to try:

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