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The Internet newsletter for the arms and armour community

Still sword stories from Norway and Japan. Important excavations on English castles. A number of interesting e-books to enjoy and more exhibitions are open. Strong showing in the popular section, with t-shirts, musical Henry VIII and Mulan.

Arms and armour in the news

Ancient arms

Bronze Age Havering Hoard goes on show

<https://www.independent.ie/entertainment/bronze-age-hoard-unearthed-near-river-thames-goes-on-display-39520176.html>

Iron Age sword and other weapons found in Polish graves

<https://archaeologynewsnetwork.blogspot.com/2020/08/iron-age-sword-spears-unearthed-in.html>

Remembering Thermopylae and Salamis

https://www.thenationalherald.com/archive_associations/arthro/embca_presents_the_2_500th_anniversary_of_battles_of_thermopylae_and_salamis-787060/

Viking and his sword found in Norwegian grave

<https://phys.org/news/2020-08-viking-sword-grave-central-norway.html>
<https://www.livescience.com/viking-warrior-sword-left-burial.html>

Grave stories

Tomb of Andrew II of Hungary found?

<https://balkaninsight.com/2020/09/02/archeologists-in-romania-discover-revered-hungarian-kings-tomb/>

For those who enjoy this section, here is a film you will want to see

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-54015723>

Through the arrow-slit . . .

Excavating Shrewsbury Castle

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/entertainment/attractions/2020/09/02/archaeologists-dig-deeper-into-history-as-second-castle-excavation-starts/>

And Sheffield castle rediscovered

<https://metro.co.uk/2020/09/07/lost-medieval-castle-found-hidden-under-market-by-archaeologists-13234494/>

1066 etc Robin Hood

<https://www.medievalists.net/2020/08/robin-hood-man-myth-history-1/>
<https://www.medievalists.net/2020/09/robin-hood-man-myth-history-2/>
<https://www.medievalists.net/2020/09/robin-hood-man-myth-history-3/>

Back to the front

Were these axes used at the battle of Grunwald?

<https://www.thefirstnews.com/article/600-year-old-axe-heads-used-in-hand-to-hand-fighting-in-battle-of-grunwald-found-in-field-15320>

Artefacts from the Battle of Sackets Harbor, 1813 excavated

<https://www.archaeology.org/news/9010-200909-battle-sackets-harbor>

Cannons to the left, cannon to the right

Update on the 6 British cast-iron cannon found last year in Nagpur

<https://www.nagpurtoday.in/six-british-era-cannons-found-at-nagpurs-kp-getting-rusted-at-central-museum/08271811>

The Alamo reopens and announces replica cannon programme

<https://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/Awe-inspiring-feeling-Alamo-church-to-15526939.php>

Interesting feature on collection of mainly 19th century cannon in Saigon

<https://e.vnexpress.net/photo/places/saigon-cannon-collection-bursts-with-history-4154243.html>

Demands for historic round shot to be returned

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/archaeologist-calls-return-historic-cannonball-believed-stolen-transmission-gully-worksite>

Miscellany - all Scottish this week

Tartan in portraits

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/tartan-in-art>

James Nasmyth - art, engineering and alchemy

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/james-nasmyth-and-the-philosophers-stone>

Living in the past

Bringing Kamianets-Podilskyi Fortress, Ukraine, back to life

<http://euromaidanpress.com/2020/09/12/wonders-of-ukraine-kamianets-podilskyi-fortress-and-its-people/>

Café Basiliscoe

Sturgeon fit for a king

<https://phys.org/news/2020-08-atlantic-sturgeon-king-pantry-unique.html>

Still looking...

<https://www.thedrinksbusiness.com/2020/08/project-to-uncover-scottish-illicit-distilling-heritage-launched/>

Analysing the cooking pots

<https://phys.org/news/2020-08-ceramic-cooking-pots-history-ancient.html>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/14/science/archaeology-food-pots.html>

Eat like a Norman

<https://www.archaeology.co.uk/articles/examining-norman-nutrition.htm>

Princesses and Amazons

The life of Anne, Duchess of Hamilton

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/anne-3rd-duchess-of-hamilton-1631-1716>

Into the 20th century

Salvaging a lost RAF bomber from a Dutch lake

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/sep/07/dutch-salvage-mission-begins-for-raf-bomber-shot-down-77-years-ago>

Feature on Jewish resistance fighters

<https://museumcrush.org/the-wiener-library-on-jewish-resistance-to-the-holocaust/>

Nautical news

Update on the earlier HMS *Victory*

https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.com%2Fnews%2Fuk-england-47044932%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR3_H3aF9OBW9FqCru2_HRII_Zovmaa-VIB1fOzvcuyUhs-sa3om1GnatAk&h=AT1w3dqXjvXL5_jwWvcg0QKZEZksyiGCGS6R2CqxSBpKbskW3bZJo3Zuhfl7nbNv7klmvljJLt4if2VkxYvspt2wf50fNMplGSDW4AWD8QqdL7hrbjxtsskVeJX3A9CZBpTisQVIJLrBCnggE7J6uYFRbIVE4E

Update on the Franklin Expedition

<https://www.grunge.com/246205/what-really-happened-to-the-franklin-expedition/>

Black divers investigate slave trade through wrecks

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/black-scuba-divers-document-slave-shipwrecks-forgotten-generations/story?id=72621540>

Exploring wrecks and cannon off Bauline, Canada from the comfort of your computer

<https://vocm.com/2020/08/27/shipwreck-prevention-society-bauline-cannons/>

Karlsruhe found off Norwegian coast

<https://sputniknews.com/europe/202009081080395791-sunken-nazi-german-wwii-warship-found-off-norwegian-coast---photo/>

Museum news and exhibitions

News

Funding and British National museums

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/comment/dcms-leaked-letter-museums>

National Museum of Lebanon picks up the pieces

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/news/four-weeks-after-blast-rehabilitation-work-begins-at-national-museum-of-beirut>

Museum developments

Colouring the terracotta warriors

<https://www.scmp.com/abacus/tech/article/3099065/ancient-chinese-terracotta-warrior-brought-life-coder-using-artificial>

Museum musings

Statues still on the move, by hurricane...

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/news/having-weathered-protests-confederate-statue-felled-by-hurricane>

Confederate statue removed - no word on what is happening to the cannon

<https://artdaily.com/news/128221/Charlottesville-removes-Confederate-statue-near-site-of-white-supremacist-rally>

And Oxford removes its shrunken heads from public display

<https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2020/sep/13/off-with-the-heads-pitt-rivers-museum-removes-human-remains-from-display>

Objects

Crowds visit Japanese museum to see newly acquired 700 year old sword

<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/news/ata glance/1126/>

Exhibitions

National Gallery's castles resumes tour of UK

<https://artdaily.com/news/128273/-Castles--Paintings-from-the-National-Gallery--London--resumes-tour-at-Sunderland-Museum---Winter-Gardens>

Civil war armour at West Berkshire Museum

<https://www.newburytoday.co.uk/news/news/31934/england-gears-up-for-civil-war.html>

1940 in Paris

<https://www.musee-armee.fr/au-programme/expositions/detail/exposition-comme-en-40.html>

Military quilts in Adelaide

<https://artdaily.com/news/128208/Quilts-from-military-fabrics-on-view-in-Adelaide-for-the-first-time-at-the-David-Roche-Foundation--->

Books

John Walter: ***Weapons of the Civil War Cavalryman***

<https://ospreypublishing.com/store/military-history/upcoming-books/available-this-month/weapons-of-the-civil-war-cavalryman>

<https://www.boutiquesdemusees.fr/fr/catalogues-d-exposition/comme-en-40-catalogue-d-exposition/20515.html?r=L2ZyL2NhZGVhdXgvNS1jYXRhbG9ndWVzLWV4cG9zaXRpb24vMS8%253D>

Comme en 40... - Catalogue d'exposition

<https://www.boutiquesdemusees.fr/fr/catalogues-d-exposition/comme-en-40-catalogue-d-exposition/20515.html?r=L2ZyL2NhZGVhdXgvNS1jYXRhbG9ndWVzLWV4cG9zaXRpb24vMS8%253D>

Edward Hampshire: ***Soviet Cold War Attack Submarines: Nuclear classes from November to Akula***

<https://ospreypublishing.com/store/military-history/upcoming-books/available-this-month/soviet-cold-war-attack-submarines-pb>

Online Books

John Moreland, Dawn Hadley: ***Sheffield Castle: Archaeology, Archives, Regeneration, 1927–2018***

<https://universitypress.whiterose.ac.uk/site/books/m/10.22599/SheffieldCastle/>

Arqueología de la Fortaleza de Las Isletas

<https://studylib.es/doc/7512105/arqueolog%C3%ADa-de-la-fortaleza-de-las-isletas---la-memoria-del>

The Utrecht, A shipwreck of the Dutch admiralty in the Baía de Todos os Santos, Brazil

<https://english.cultureelerfgoed.nl/topics/maritime-heritage/publications/publications/2016/01/01/the-utrecht>

Popular Culture

Mulan finally reaches cinemas

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/04/movies/mulan-clip.html>

Film about the theft of Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington in the 1960s

<https://www.theguardian.com/film/2020/sep/04/the-duke-review-jim-broadbent-roger-michell-venice-film-festival>

Musical about Henry VIII's six wives leads the way back to the theatres

<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2020/sep/14/six-musical-six-wives-henry-viii-double-revival-west-end-salford>

Met & J Crew team up to produce themed t-shirts - arms and armor available

<https://news.yahoo.com/j-crew-just-teamed-metropolitan-215924581.html?guccounter=1>

Events

Diary Dates

ICOMAM conference – new dates

Toledo, Spain

17 – 21 May 2021

https://ejercito.defensa.gob.es/eventos/icomam_toledo_2021/

Sales Fairs and auctions

Fort Paull, Hull, sold and contents to be auctioned

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/heritage-and-retro/retro/yorkshires-only-napoleonic-fort-has-been-sold-subject-contract-2950557>

23 Sep 2020 London

Fine Antique Arms & Armour Including An Important Group Of British Firearms

<https://www.bonhams.com/auctions/25976/#/>

24 Sep 2020 New York

Fine Japanese and Korean Art

<https://www.bonhams.com/auctions/26088/>

25 Sept 2020 castle of Greding.

From castles and palaces - selected art and works of art from antiquity to the 20th century

<https://www.hermann-historica.de/en>

<https://artdaily.com/news/128068/Hermann-Historica-GmbH-announces-highlights-of-auction-at-Castle-Greding-near-Munich>

Finally

This fortnight I tweeted Suffolk cannons

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