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The Internet newsletter for the arms and armour community

The most exciting news is the investigation of the Roman armour from the Teutoburg - I am sure there will be more to follow. Otherwise updates on Viking ship excavations, new Danish warship found and the last of the cannon from the Kronan raised. Outside Scandinavia we have an online heraldry exhibition from Dublin, new museum in Plymouth and exploring the tunnels under Gibraltar.

Arms and armour in the news

Ancient arms

Persians made chromium steel a long time ago...

<https://phys.org/news/2020-09-chromium-steel-ancient-persia.html>

Roman armour from the site of the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest in Kalkriese
<http://www.thehistoryblog.com/archives/59648>

<https://www.ndr.de/nachrichten/niedersachsen/Roemischer-Schienenpanzer-in-Kalkriese-gefunden,kalkriese448.html>

Grave stories

Grave of a Parthian warrior armed with spear found

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/452917/Millennia-old-tomb-skeleton-and-spearhead-uneared-in-western>

Siberia graves throw light on violent lives

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/09/200918104259.htm>

<https://www.ladbible.com/news/interesting-remains-of-2500-year-old-warrior-couple-found-in-siberia-20200922>

Investigating the tomb of Montaigne - confused results

<https://artdaily.com/news/128451/-Mystery--endures-in-France-over-Montaigne-tomb--Archaeologist>

Remains from war of 1812 found in Vermont

<https://www.wcax.com/2020/09/17/war-of-1812-soldiers-remains-uneared-in-burlington/>

<https://www.wcax.com/2020/09/22/discovery-of-war-of-1812-soldiers-grave-likely-one-of-many/>

Castles and cannon

York walls to be repaired

<https://www.medievalists.net/2020/09/restoration-york-medieval-walls/>

Cannons for tourists revived in the Lake District

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/business/consumer/how-lake-district-town-ambleside-bouncing-back-pandemic-2974524>

Touring Gibraltar's siege tunnels

<https://www.chronicle.gi/a-wealth-of-history-at-the-great-siege-tunnels/>

Back to the front

Emergency funding for Bannockburn battlefield

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/bannockburn-benefits-from-heritage-emergency-fund>

The cost of Cromwell's Scottish invasion

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/18743305.cromwells-invasion-cost-lives-4000-scots/>

Investigating the war of 1812 at Horse Island

https://www.nny360.com/communitynews/education/horse-island-secrets-team-uncovering-key-details-of-war-of-1812-battle/article_87335b24-0367-5b03-90f3-c3d92fff8088.html

Living in the past

Feature on the restoration of Chilworth gunpowder mills

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/forgotten-gunpowder-mills-guildford-been-18945105>

Café Basiliscoe

2,500 year old vintage from Lebanon

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/2020/09/2600-year-old-wine-factory-unearthed-lebanon/#:~:text=Excavations%20at%20Tell%20el%20DBurak,roughly%20corresponded%20to%20modern%20Lebanon.>

With pomegranates

<https://theweek.com/articles/938115/righteousness-pomegranate-rosh-hashanah>

Nautical news - mainly Scandinavian...

Updates on the Gjelstad Viking ship excavation

<https://www.khm.uio.no/english/visit-us/viking-ship-museum/gjelstad-ship/index.html>

Sligo remembers the Spanish Armada

<https://www.independent.ie/regional/sligo-champion/news/remembering-the-spanish-armada-39530095.html>

New Danish warship discovered

<https://www.vikingskibsmuseet.dk/en/news/marine-archaeologists-from-the-viking-ship-museum-in-denmark-find-a-large-warship-from-the-17th-century>
<https://www.vikingskibsmuseet.dk/en/professions/maritime-archaeology/maritime-archaeology-projects/missing-for-400-years-archaeologists-discover-missing-17th-century-warship#c34874>

Update on the *London*

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/17724826.campaign-save-artefacts-350-year-old-southend-pier-shipwreck/>

Update on the Ottoman wreck we mentioned a few months ago

<https://eandt.theiet.org/content/articles/2020/09/deep-sea-treasures-unlocked-in-the-med/>

Salvaging the *Kronan*'s bronze guns- a bit late I am afraid...

https://www.vrakmuseum.se/en/news/the-crowns-last-bronze-cannons-salvaged?fbclid=IwAR1Gpea_RlswgQPMbDwH8R3nKQFnmlrEuPL5v_hFKgjakm_DhzLzQqrH-o
<https://www.regalskeppetkronan.se/en/>

Mexican slave ship identified

<https://phys.org/news/2020-09-mexico-submerged-mayan-slave-ship.html>

Dundee's line throwing gun

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/lifestyle/house-home/collectors-corner/1499329/collecting-rare-life-saving-gun-was-a-dundee-invention/>

Chinese warship *Dingyuan* excavated – lost 1895

<http://www.ecns.cn/news/culture/2020-09-20/detail-ihaaeqyp8471632.shtml>

USS *Grenadier* found?

<https://artdaily.com/news/128653/World-War-II-submarine-is-found-in-Southeast-Asia>

Museum news and exhibitions

News

English local museums in financial difficulties

<https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2020/sep/28/fund-civic-museums-to-help-reawaken-english-city-centres-bosses-urge>

News from the UK's Museums - mostly bad

<https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/>

New museums

The Box in Plymouth opens - many arms and nautical objects on view

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/sep/22/new-plymouth-museum-and-art-gallery-opens-with-mayflower-and-mammoths>

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2020/sep/22/the-box-plymouth-gallery-treasures>

New displays in the Mauritshuis

<https://artdaily.com/news/128583/New-room-presents-works-related-to-the-man-who-built-the-Mauritshuis>

Museum musings

Why Is the Dutch royal family's golden carriage so controversial?

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/netherlands-retire-carriage-dutch-golden-coach-180975791/>

National Trust rethinks its properties

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/sep/22/national-trust-reassesses-colonial-history-of-properties>

A new Museum of Colonialism?

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/sep/16/uk-needs-a-museum-of-colonialism-says-historian-william-dalrymple>

Conservation corner

Dealing with silver fish in your collection

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/pests-in-collections-silverfish>

Objects

Document on Napoleon's invasion of Malta goes on show

<https://www.independent.com.mt/articles/2020-09-15/local-news/Napoleon-letter-detailing-Malta-invasion-arrives-to-be-exhibited-during-Public-Service-week-6736226928>

When Ireland invaded Canada...

<https://www.americanrifleman.org/articles/2020/9/20/guns-of-the-first-fenian-raid-the-irish-invasion-of-canada/>

Interesting piece about gun collecting in Mysore

<https://starofmysore.com/of-good-old-guns-and-gunsmiths/>

Exhibitions

An online exhibition – heraldry in Dublin

<https://www.dublincastle.ie/exhibitions-2/splendour-and-scandal-the-office-of-arms-at-dublin-castle/>

Exhibitions at the Kremlin

<https://www.kreml.ru/en-Ur/exhibitions/>

This looks a real treat: Frans Hals militia pieces on view in Haarlem

<https://artdaily.com/news/128462/Frans-Hals-Museum-exhibits-all-of-Frans-Hals--militia-pieces>

Mayflower 400 at Plymouth

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/news/inside-the-box-plymouth-s-gbp48m-bid-for-cultural-revival>

Books

Older book, but apparently stocks getting low

Tobias Capwell, with David Edge & Jeremy Warren *Masterpieces of European arms and armour: Digital catalogue*

<https://wallacecollectionshop.org/collections/books/products/masterpieces-of-european-arms-and-armour-digital-catalogue>

And what else is there

<https://wallacecollectionshop.org/collections/books>

Online book

The *Dannebrogge*

<http://www.kulturarv.dk/publicffdata/documentation/file/doc/97658/public>

Popular culture

Gladiators on film

<https://www.dw.com/en/what-hollywood-got-wrong-about-the-gladiators-of-ancient-rome/a-54947047>

Tom Cribb (one of my favourite London pubs) in a graphic boxing match

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/a-tale-of-two-champions-the-cribb-and-molineaux-boxing-drawings-at-brodick>

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

Oct 22-23 Herman Historica

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

Websites and downloads

George III's Military Maps

https://militarymaps.rct.uk/?_ga=2.29035900.1901808373.1601385374-1527784533.1601385374

The Met's Despatches march on:

<https://us19.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=a84329d90ebce21b14f4a0c23&id=1891b1f9ee>

1066 etc: King Arthur & Robin Hood

<https://www.medievalists.net/2020/09/king-arthur-edward/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2020/09/robin-hood-man-myth-history-4/>

Finally

ICOMAM MAGAZINE: It's that time of year again...Contributions requested.

For past issues, see here:

<http://icomam.mini.icom.museum/the-magazine/>

This fortnight I have enjoyed Rooswijk1740 @rooswijk1740

<https://twitter.com/Basiliscoe>

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