

The Basiliscoe Mercury 366

The Internet newsletter for the arms and armour community

Now a Bazzy for every day of a Leap Year, too.

Swords in Ottawa and Norfolk, Castles in Scotland and Sweden and searches for wrecks. Tudor summer in Leeds and Sir Walter Scott in Edinburgh. Finally a request for help with Spanish artillery.

Arms and armour in the news

Ancient arms

Dagger with part of hilt found in Indian excavations

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/for-the-first-time-keeladi-site-yields-iron-dagger-with-wooden-handle-madurai/article35732053.ece>

Rethinking Alderney's Roman fort

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-guernsey-58015191>

Roman weapon cache found on Menorca

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2021/07/roman-weapons-deposit-unearthed-at-son-catlar-prehistoric-settlement/139792>

Part of Hadrian's Wall found under Newcastle street

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/aug/11/part-of-hadrians-wall-discovered-in-newcastle-city-centre>

Anglo-Saxon sword mount from Norfolk

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-norfolk-57999456>

More on the finds from Norway's retreating glaciers

<https://phys.org/news/2021-08-ice-high-altitude-reveal-viking.html>

Grave stories

Tough life in the fortress of Louisbourg

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/bones-young-girl-fortress-louisbourg-1.6132578>

Through the arrow-slit . . .

Studying Margat Castle

<http://www.jordantimes.com/news/region/syrian-hungarian-archaeological-mission-explores-margat-castle>

Searching for a lost Swedish castle

<https://sputniknews.com/europe/202108031083513977-archaeological-sensation-as-ancient-mythical-castle-discovered-on-swedish-island/>

Excavations at Richmond Castle

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/heritage-and-retro/heritage/archaeological-dig-at-richmond-castle-reveals-forgotten-entrance-and-silver-penny-from-william-the-conquerors-reign-3331615>

Small castle found in Shropshire

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-58069335>

Fascinating long illustrated article on Castle Tioram

<https://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/acharacle/castletioram/index.html>

Forts and cannon

Update on the damage to Hurst Castle

<https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/hurst-castle-collapse-climate-change-b1895717.html>

Feature on Darlington's Crimean cannon

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/19498028.darlingtons-russian-cannon-south-park-crimean-war/>

Weapons

Bronze sword to go on display in Enniskillen

<https://www.impartialreporter.com/news/19494025.enniskillen-castle-museums-becomes-permanent-home-sword/>

Ottawa couple find old sword

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/ottawa-homeowners-unearth-19th-century-sword-during-backyard-renovations-1.5542314>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/sword-found-ottawa-backyard-mystery-1.6121923>

Magnet fishing in Toronto

<https://www.blogto.com/city/2021/08/magnet-fishers-find-gun-stash-historic-toronto-harbour/>

Back to the front

Investigating the fall of the Aztecs

<https://www.discovermagazine.com/planet-earth/the-fall-of-the-aztec-empire-what-really-happened-in-the-battle-of>

New thoughts on Cumberland's campaign

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/nostalgia/3381892/butcher-cumberland-chapel/>

Investigating the Battle of Stonnington

https://news.yahoo.com/historical-society-found-didnt-battle-040100003.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xILmNvLnVrLw&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAjKagewrvrh_GxZ7G6UHchCAYUKhwHKh9O9gc3ORO1ZSZGjDQ_wQzvoYNqCRCTXpYL_bjiDR0HcJcivzVbMZe7S5GTYmVD7Cc9TkRRqUws7A3t4NQrlmXL7ja50Gdu-xtl0weo0Skpqa_xPauoyXuXuaEsUmRJTrlwY5aoOTq3y

Searching for the Battlefield of Medina

<https://sanantonioreport.org/battle-of-medina-search-continues/>

Living in the past

Recreating 18th century living

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/gallery/2021/jul/26/inside-dennis-severs-house-in-pictures>

Café Basiliscoe

Roman snack bar

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2021/aug/09/pompeis-fast-food-joint-unearthed-in-2019-opens-to-public>

Let's hope the kitchen renovations work better than Thomas Cromwell's...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-57990681>

And a slice of wedding cake...

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/aug/12/charles-diana-wedding-cake-sells-auction-1850-royal-family>

Princesses and Amazons

Were the Valkyries real?

<https://sputniknews.com/europe/202108091083560735-were-valkyries-real-viking-assembly-line-rethinks-artefact-production-in-medieval-scandinavia/>

Women in the Civil War

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/english-civil-war-women>

Into the 20th century

Friendly fire in WW2

<https://www.nation.lk/online/was-battle-of-britain-hero-sir-douglas-bader-almost-killed-by-raf-106675.html>

Nazi cache found hidden in German house

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2021/08/hidden-nazi-cache-revealed-in-hagen/139846>

Nautical news

Searching the Solent for 16th century galleys

<https://maryrose.org/news/search-for-sunken-galley/>

Revisiting the discovery of a royal French cannon

<https://www.varmatin.com/histoire/retour-sur-le-mystere-du-navire-royal-de-francois-ier-englouti-en-rade-de-toulon-706610?fbclid=IwAR040WQnBUWVt0FSPgEOdPlw6iNRMVsZXhckWpfXPvLLkdz99KkAwLpB5fs>

Has the Dutch *fluit* been identified?

<https://www.dutchnews.nl/news/2021/08/sailing-ship-discovered-in-baltic-sea-may-have-been-the-17th-century-swan/>

Searching for slave ships round the world

<https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/searching-for-slave-ship-wrecks-scn/index.html>

Scanning weapons from the *Hazardous* - wonderful results!

<https://www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org/ct-scan-for-free>

Museum news and exhibitions

News

Greek sites and museums close because of wild fires

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/news/heatwave-forces-acropolis-in-athens-to-close-to-visitors>

New museums

Beirut National Museum re-opens

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/news/beirut-national-museum-slowly-re-opens>

Museum musings

Interesting article on the UK's military museums

<https://rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/commentary/we-will-remember-them-wont-we-uks-military-museums>

Conservation corner

Conserving Falkland Palace's tapestries

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/stitching-the-past-the-tale-of-the-falkland-tapestries>

Exhibitions

Sir Walter Scott in Edinburgh

<https://artdaily.com/news/138144/New-display--Inspiring-Walter-Scott--opens-at-the-National-Museum-of-Scotland->

Books

New book explores Indigenous Australian collections in museums across the UK for first time

<https://artdaily.com/news/138077/New-book-explores-Indigenous-Australian-collections-in-museums-across-the-UK-for-first-time>

Book on van Dyck portraits

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/review/van-dyck-s-grand-opera>

Book list for summer

<https://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/>

Popular Culture

Orfordness - photo essay

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2021/aug/03/orford-ness-afterness-artangel-national-trust-suffolk>

New uses for new mail

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02116-2>

More on Sir Gawain

<https://www.medievalists.net/2021/08/the-green-knight-and-sir-gawain/>

Events

Tudor summer in Leeds

<https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/people/tudor-prowess-heralded-at-leeds-royal-armouries-3332264>

Days out at Crownhill Fort

https://www.landmarktrust.org.uk/crownhill-fort/crownhill-fort-whats-on/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=crownhill-whats-on&fbclid=IwAR2Zgj_FBF8adiOK2TwhRyrWcyqsve31c1KG5YCAPlr3ISeQgTtLogfJieQ

Summer in Scottish castles

<https://www.medievalists.net/2021/07/castlefest-launched-in-scotland/>

Summer at the Medieval Centre

<https://middelaldercentret.dk/>

ICOMAM conference –Toledo, Spain

New dates - delayed until November

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

Sales, fairs and auctions

27 Aug Los Angeles

The Early West

<https://www.bonhams.com/auctions/27262/>

Websites and downloads

Celebrating Grinling Gibbons

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/preview/glorious-grinling-gibbons>

Latest from Sweden's military museums

<https://www.sfhm.se/english/>

1066 etc: Sir Orfeo, Wallingford Castle, & 1066 (no, really)

<https://www.medievalists.net/2021/08/medieval-storytime-sir-orfeo/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2021/08/preservation-work-to-be-carried-out-at-wallingford-castle/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2021/08/saga-swegen-godwinson/>

John Morris would like some help with identifying Spanish cannon; contact

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