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The Internet newsletter for the arms and armour community

This week's news include a grave from crusading times, coloured photographs from the first Sutton Hoo excavations and a new Museum of Wrecks in Stockholm. Something to occupy you as the weather turns colder and the days shorten - try the origami knight!

Arms and armour in the news

Ancient arms

Feature on linen armour and if it existed in the ancient world

<https://www.ancientworldmagazine.com/articles/glued-linen-armor/>

Greek battles

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/ancient-greece/greek-warfare-battles-hoplites/>

Early photographs of Sutton Hoo excavations made available

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2021/sep/29/prickles-down-the-neck-project-reveals-unsung-female-heroes-of-sutton-hoo-dig>

Byzantine axe and machete

<http://www.thehistoryblog.com/archives/62222>

Hunting stories

Prehistoric hunters' camp and butchery site excavated

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-58653988>

Shooting and fishing in Scotland

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/sporting-collections>

Grave stories

Mass grave of slaughtered crusaders found in Lebanon

<https://www.livescience.com/mass-grave-of-christian-crusaders>

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/mass-graves-of-13th-century-crusaders-reveal-brutality-of-medieval-warfare-180978712/>

Searching Dublin for Robert Emmet

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/remains-found-in-dublin-adds-intrigue-to-search-for-robert-emmet-s-grave-1.4679218>

Medieval times

Investigating Old Wick Castle

<https://www.scotsman.com/heritage-and-retro/heritage/one-of-scotland-oldest-castles-could-be-200-years-younger-than-first-thought-3395818>

Short introduction to the Knights Templar

<https://www.livescience.com/knights-templar.html>

Researching medieval gunpowder

<https://interestingengineering.com/a-team-of-researchers-have-been-blowing-up-medieval-gunpowder>

Cannons to the left, cannon to the right

Short piece about Paris's sundial cannon

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/small-cannon-of-the-palais-royal>

New book on cannon hunting in New South Wales, Australia

<https://sydneynewstoday.com/mike-scanlons-new-book-hidden-hunter-revives-readers-memories-of-cannons-and-underground-historical-discoveries-newcastle-herald/352920/>

Studying cannon can lead to embarrassing situations

<https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/man-stuck-in-historic-cannon-rescued-by-firefighters-168069>

Culture wars reach cannon now

<https://saportareport.com/dekalb-countys-indian-war-cannon-may-be-removed-by-county-commissioners/sections/reports/david/>

Miscellany

Latest finds from Roanaoke excavations

<https://coastalreview.org/2021/09/latest-dig-yields-new-clues-at-fort-raleigh-historic-site/>

Two letters from Prince Charles Edward Stuart on view at Culloden

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/in-his-own-hand-a-unique-insight-into-bonnie-prince-charlie>

Fragments of a V2 rocket uncovered in Kent fields

<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/malling/news/nazi-terror-weapon-unearthed-in-cornfield-254494/>

Nautical news

Researching the life of a black pilot in the Golden Age of exploration

<https://www.discovermagazine.com/planet-earth/the-forgotten-tale-of-a-black-mariner-during-the-age-of-exploration>

Investigating a mysterious 18th century warship off Finland

https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/mysterious_18th_century_warship_artefact_pulled_from_gulf_of_finland/12100320

Visiting Gallipoli's lost fleet

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2021/09/19/travel/off-the-gallipoli-peninsula-in-turkey-the-remains-of-some-two-dozen-ships-from-world-war-i-are-memorialized-in-a-park/amp/>

Museum news and exhibitions

News

Royal Armouries, Leeds, is looking for new curators

<https://www.cloudonlinerecruitment.co.uk/royalarmouries/Vacancy.aspx>

Feature on museums in Riyadh, including the Military Museum

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1932876/saudi-arabia>

New museums

Wreck Museum in Stockholm

<https://www.vrak.se/en/>

Oscars Museum in LA

<https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2021/sep/21/inside-the-new-academy-museum-motion-pictures-hollywood-exclusion>

Museum developments

Interactive guide for Greek archaeological museums

<https://www.archaeology.wiki/blog/2021/09/17/new-digital-interactive-guide-with-all-of-the-greek-archaeological-museums/>

Museum musings

Why we keep stuff - including the bones of our ancestors/enemies

<https://www.sapiens.org/archaeology/iron-age-britain-houses/>

Conservation corner

Cleaning Scottish cannon

<https://www.culturepk.org.uk/museums-galleries/blog/#Volunteering-in-Conservation-Part%205>

Objects

Wearing armor at the Met

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CI_niyEAnjM&t=22s

It's a lot to hang on one museum exhibit – starting WWI!

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/sep/19/the-kaiser-and-the-paperweight-how-cecil-rhodes-helped-inspire-the-first-world-war>

Exhibitions

Frans Hals portraits in London

<https://www.wallacecollection.org/art/exhibitions-displays/frans-hals-the-male-portrait/>

Grinling Gibbons at Compton Verney

<https://artdaily.com/news/139675/Exhibition-reveals-the-life--genius-and-legacy-of-the--Michelangelo-of-Wood->

Renaissance portraits at Amsterdam

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2021/09/29/no-fillers-in-weighty-show-of-renaissance-portraits>

Italian Renaissance women painters in Connecticut

<https://artdaily.com/news/139792/Italian-women-artists-celebrated-in-groundbreaking-exhibition-at-the-Wadsworth-Atheneum>

France and Greece at the Louvre

<https://artdaily.com/news/139695/Louvre-Museum-set-to-open--Paris---Athens-The-Birth-of-Modern-Greece--1675-1919->

Books

Robert F. Smith: ***Manufacturing Independence; Industrial Innovation in the American Revolution***

<https://www.westholmepublishing.com/book/manufacturing-independence-robert-f-smith/>

Online Book

Reports from the Museum of Wrecks- brush up your Swedish!

<https://www.vrak.se/sv/marinarkeologi/rapporter/>

Popular Culture

How to make an origami knight

<https://nerdist.com/article/single-sheet-origami-knight-time-lapse/>

What submariners thought of ***Vigil***

<https://www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2021/sep/25/vigil-portrayed-us-as-malevolent-robots-submariners-torpedo-bbc-nautical-hit-thriller>

Events

Diary Dates

Toledo Conference ICOMAM 15-19 November 2021

<https://icomam.mini.icom.museum/374/>

Sales Fairs and auctions

Miller and Miller online auction

<https://artdaily.com/news/139615/Miller---Miller-s-Firearms--Sporting---Canadiana-auction-is-slated-for-Oct--9>

24 Sept - 7 Oct 2021 Online

Photography of the Civil War: Property from The Metropolitan Museum of Art

<https://onlineonly.christies.com/s/photography-civil-war-property-metropolitan-museum-art/lots/2070>

6 Oct 2021 London

The Marine Sale

<https://www.bonhams.com/auctions/26779/>

27 Oct 2021 London

Napoleon Bonaparte

<https://www.bonhams.com/auctions/26939/>

Nov. 22 - 26, 2021 Herman Historica

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

Websites and downloads

Catch up with the latest Dispatches from the Met

<https://mailchi.mp/5cdad8587d2a/dispatches-from-the-field-2021-6302699?e=cffd2a6c61>

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

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