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The Internet newsletter for the arms and armour community

News of course dominated by the conflict in Ukraine. On a cheerier note the news of the rediscovery of the *Endeavour* was the story we all needed. New study of mail for horses is also a good read.

Arms and armour in the news

Ancient arms

More on the recent discovery of Greek helmet

<https://greekcitytimes.com/2022/03/05/archaeologists-discover-weapon-parts-temple-in-ancient-greek-city-in-italy/?amp>

Investigating Scotland's largest Roman fort

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-60602352>

Pictish symbol stone found near ancient battlefield

<https://www.scotsman.com/heritage-and-retro/heritage/pictish-stone-found-near-ancient-battle-site-in-truly-remarkable-discovery-3600094>

Round the world

War club found on Vancouver Island

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/ancient-coast-salish-war-club-discovered-in-vancouver-island-man-s-backyard-1.6380970>

Miscellany

Testing out medieval mail horse armour

<https://www.horsetalk.co.nz/2022/03/07/medieval-warhorse-armour-arrows-study/>

<https://www.ancient-origins.net/news-history-archaeology/horse-armor-0016506>

Investigating Wade's road and Moy in the Highlands

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cmjngvyeyyyo>

Investigating Napoleonic era barracks in Essex

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-60603566>

Ripon's military history site under threat

<https://thestrayerferret.co.uk/ripons-rich-military-history-threatened-by-1300-home-barracks-scheme/>

Caltrops are back in fashion

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/jgmkv3/medieval-blacksmiths-are-helping-the-ukrainian-war-effort>

Cannons to the left, cannon to the right

Iron gun turns up in Dutch excavations

<https://www.rtvdrenthe.nl/nieuws/14492231/historisch-kanon-duikt-op-bij-opgravingen-valtherschans>

Two Dutch bollards to be excavated

<https://www.ad.nl/woerden/oude-kanonnen-voor-de-deur-van-de-heksenwaag-moeten-toch-wijken~a6696ec4/>

New homes found for two cast-iron cannon in India

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolhapur/two-200-yr-old-cannons-to-be-placed-at-iyotiba-mahalaxmi-temples-after-trials/articleshow/90137624.cms>

Collection of 18th century cannon shells to be displayed in Indian fort

<https://www.news18.com/news/india/47-cannon-shells-stored-by-tipu-sultans-army-discovered-from-keralas-palakkad-fort-4828619.html>

Californian cannon fires again

<https://keyt.com/lifestyle/community/2022/03/02/old-cannon-on-stearns-wharf-to-be-fired-off-for-the-first-time-in-years/>

Parrott shell found in Georgia

<https://www.archaeology.org/news/10396-220307-georgia-unexploded-shell?fbclid=IwAR1C0n0qvPRo4vLEOOhdeAwc8yMxcTZplAe4-J-x3RVI80Y5pAHn6HFrf4o>

School restore World War II Japanese trophy

<https://waupacanow.com/2022/03/02/students-recognized-for-cannon/>

Nautical news

Interesting graffiti of ancient ships found in Izmir

<https://www.dailysabah.com/arts/2500-year-old-ship-graffiti-sails-back-to-turkeys-izmir-history/news>

Drebbel's submarine

<https://londonist.com/london/history/king-james-submarine-thames>

Some details of the Solebay Tapestry

<https://museumcrush.org/the-solebay-tapestry-a-closer-look-at-a-monumental-naval-artwork-saved-in-a-day/>

Update on the discovery of *Endurance*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-60662541>

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2022/mar/09/lost-and-found-story-of-shackleton-endurance-expedition>

Museum news and exhibitions

News

Kremlin's new exhibition on the *Duel* caught in the crisis

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/mar/15/queen-cultural-boycott-russia-swords-moscow-royal-collection-ukraine>

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2022/03/14/european-museums-pull-loans-duel-exhibition-kremlin-museum>

In general, Russian objects on loan now stuck in limbo

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2022/03/01/what-will-happen-to-russias-treasures-on-loan-in-london-and-paris>

UNESCO's fears over damage to Ukraine's culture

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2022/03/04/unesco-gravely-concerned-about-damage-to-ukrainian-cultural-heritage>

Fears of Ukraine damage

<https://artdaily.com/news/144561/-This-is-everyone-s-Culture---Ukraine-s-architectural-treasures-face-destruction>

The Arts Newspaper is rounding up the cultural fallout of the Russia-Ukraine crisis on a rolling page

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/keywords/russia-ukraine-crisis-2022>

Museum musings

Smithsonian returning Benin bronzes

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/the-smithsonians-return-of-the-benin-bronzes-comes-after-years-of-relationship-building-180979716/>

Conservation corner

Short article on copper and its use through the ages

<https://www.livescience.com/29377-copper.html>

Restoring stonework with bacteria

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/mar/09/florence-tomb-by-michelangelo-restored-with-aid-of-bacteria>

V&A helping out establishing a conservation workshop in Palestine
<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2022/03/10/saving-the-art-of-palestinian-textiles>

Exhibitions

Indonesian independence in Amsterdam
<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2022/03/02/revolutionary-rijksmuseum-exhibition-reckons-with-dutch-colonial-conflict-in-indonesia>

Artists and war in Massachusetts
<https://www.clarkart.edu/microsites/as-they-saw-it/>

Books

Latest releases
<https://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/>
<https://ospreypublishing.com/>

Online Book

Mortella III wreck (1527, Corsica, France). Excavation report of the year 2019. 6th field campaign (22sd September to 22sd October 2019), Arrêté n°2019-308, (n French, but illustrated) OA3873
https://digital.csic.es/bitstream/10261/245875/1/2020_MIII_Rapport_Fouille_2019.pdf

Events

Conferences

20-28 August 2022 Prague
ICOM-ICOMAM 2022 ANNUAL MEETING
<https://icomam.mini.icom.museum/icom-icomam-meeting-2022/>

Websites and downloads

1066 etc

Carnage, Ukraine and the Hundred Years War

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/03/battering-ram-and-fire-civic-glory-and-devastation-in-dantes-age/> <https://www.medievalists.net/2022/03/medieval-warfare-invasion-ukraine/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/03/usso-ukrainian-war-medievalist-community/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/02/ukraine-as-europe-medieval-and-modern/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/02/document-from-the-hundred-years-war-goes-on-sale-for-75000/>

Finally

This fortnight I tweeted more on the #Armourers700

<https://twitter.com/Basiliscoe>

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