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The Internet newsletter for the arms and armour community

Major new underwater discoveries in Columbia and Great Yarmouth; several items relating to clothes, uniforms and swords.

Arms and armour in the news

Ancient arms

Discussion of spread of ancient stone tool and weapon technology

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2022/jun/09/65000-year-old-swiss-army-knife-proves-ancient-humans-shared-knowledge-research-says#:~:text=Australia%20news-.65%2C000%20year%2Dold%20'Swiss%20Army%20knife'%20proves%20ancient,humans%20shared%20knowledge%2C%20research%20says&text=A%2065%2C000%2Dyear%2Dold%20tool,were%20communicating%20with%20each%20other.>

Rock crystal weapons from Spain

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2022/06/the-prehistoric-weapons-made-from-crystal/143821>

Trove of Bronze Age axes found in Wales

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-61632636>

Piece on Miltiades and his helmet

<https://greekreporter.com/2022/05/24/miltiades-helmet-ancient-greek-warrior-discovery/>

Two iron age swords found in Germany - pictures

<https://arkeonews.net/2800-year-old-two-swords-found-in-germany-from-the-start-of-the-iron-age/>

Viking sword restored

<https://www.livescience.com/rare-viking-sword-discovered-norway>

Grave stories

Shallow graves in Cork may hold 4 executed men

<https://www.thejournal.ie/nancy-spains-skeletons-cork-barrack-street-5788938-Jun2022/>

Thirty graves from 1812 war investigated

<https://www.wcax.com/2022/06/05/exhumed-war-1812-veterans-burlington-reinterred-lakeview-cemetery/>

Forts and Cannons

Piece about Fort Massachusetts

<https://theberkshireedge.com/connections-violence-and-bravery-in-18th-century-berkshire-county/>

Poor cannon gets the rainbow treatment!

<https://www.al.com/news/2022/06/mobile-cannon-painted-in-honor-of-lgbtq-pride-month-stirs-backlash-receives-support.html>

Backlash against Philippines cannon recreations

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1610395/war-guns-replica-total-distortion-of-history>

Miscellany - swords and uniforms

Japanese sword found in Customs

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/may/31/14th-century-samurai-sword-found-in-car-at-swiss-border>

Rusty sabre found in Greek monastery

<https://www.livescience.com/medieval-saber-found-greek-monastery>

16th century arming doublet

<https://blog.nms.ac.uk/2022/06/10/dressed-to-kill-a-16th-century-doublet-in-historical-context/>

Uniform of the Royal Company of Archers goes on display at Falkland Palace

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/a-jubilee-exhibition-at-falkland-palace>

Podcast about naval uniforms

<https://snr.org.uk/the-mariners-mirror-podcast/dressed-to-kill-a-history-of-naval-uniform/>

Café Basiliscoe

Moa omelette anyone?

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/05/220525102937.htm>

Princesses and Amazons

Illustrated feature on the women warriors of Dahomey

<https://www.pulse.ng/lifestyle/food-travel/the-amazons-of-dahomey-legend-of-benins-fearless-female-warriors/6q5ezx8>

Digital exhibition on queens

<https://www.sothebys.com/en/digital-catalogues/power-image-royal-portraiture-iconography?locale=en>

Into the 20th century

Pets at war

<https://museumcrush.org/the-forgotten-grave-of-harelquin-the-dog-and-the-role-of-army-pets-and-mascots/>

D-Day clickers found in Wiltshire

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-wiltshire-61716168>

Nautical news

Lot of coverage of the discovery and identification of *HMS Gloucester*, lost 1682

<https://www.uea.ac.uk/news/-/article/wreck-of-historic-royal-ship-discovered-off-the-english-coast>

They now have their own website

<https://www.gloucestershipwreck.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR0Wz5JpOb5GBtB7dpliniSjBdXrn7S4XXoCXAZRLWidXb4j1Gwt7IVcSxg>

New photos and surveys of the *San Jose*

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2022/06/images-of-the-san-jose-treasure-galleon-revealed/143794>

And two more wrecks identified

<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/colombia-discovers-two-historical-shipwrecks-caribbean-2022-06-07/?rpc=401&>

Rudder from *HMS Invincible* uncovered

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2022/06/underwater-archaeologists-uncover-rudder-from-the-first-hms-Invincible/143788>

18th century cockroach found in 18th century shipping archive - I think it was dead...

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/jun/15/eighteenth-century-cockroach-found-in-slave-trading-ships-accounts>

Museum news and exhibitions

New Museums

Norway's new National Museum

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/norway-national-museum>

Museum musings

Looting Ukrainian culture

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jun/12/specialist-gang-targeting-ukrainian-treasures-for-removal-to-russia>

Exhibitions

Still time to see the Men in Steel in Vienna

<https://ironmen.khm.at/>

War in Kyiv

<https://artdaily.com/news/146961/In-a-museum-show--Ukraine-tells-the-story-of-a-war-still-in-progress-#.YqRIR-7MKUk>

Kimonos in NY

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2022/06/13/met-exhibition-frames-the-kimono-is-a-global-transmitter-of-style-beyond-national-costume>

Books

This month's titles from Osprey

<https://ospreypublishing.com/store/military-history/upcoming-books/available-this-month>

Popular Culture

A guide to Arthurian literature

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/05/monmouth-malory-arthurian-literature/>

Review of the gunpowder plot experience at the Tower of London

<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2022/jun/10/the-gunpowder-plot-review-tower-vaults-london>

Events

Diary Dates

2 July Linlithgow

Spectacular Jousting

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/whats-on/event/?eventId=9900cfd4-6d7f-4c28-a954-a5b600b09d17>

Conferences

20-28 August 2022 Prague

ICOM-ICOMAM 2022 Annual meeting

<https://icomam.mini.icom.museum/icom-icomam-meeting-2022/>

17-18 October 2022 London

Armourers & Brasiers/Arms and Armour Society 700th anniversary conference, Armourers Hall, London

<https://zfrmz.eu/NTJUW56JEUJHLD5u27uL>

Sales Fairs and auctions

29 June 2022 London

Antique Arms, Armour & Militaria

<https://www.olympiaauctions.com/sales/arms-armour/as290622/?p=1&s=40&v=list>

20-24 June Online auction

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

Websites and downloads

Suomenlinna fortress

<https://www.suomenlinna.fi/en/>

1066 etc Medieval Holy wars, deceptions, and the sack of Rome

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/06/medieval-holy-wars/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/06/deception-in-medieval-warfare-with-james-titterton/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/06/sack-rome-1527/>

Finally

This fortnight I will be tweeting pictures from our recent trip to Sweden and Helsinki

<https://twitter.com/Basiliscoe>

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