

# The Basiliscope Mercury 386

## The Internet newsletter for the arms and armour community

One of sadder our newsletters, where we have to begin with the death of an old colleague who will be sadly missed:

Frederick Wilkinson

[https://thearmsandarmoursociety.org/?page\\_id=115](https://thearmsandarmoursociety.org/?page_id=115)

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/640601596052550/posts/5091968680915797/?comment\\_id=5092376364208362&notif\\_id=1655887321868389&notif\\_t=group\\_comment\\_reply](https://www.facebook.com/groups/640601596052550/posts/5091968680915797/?comment_id=5092376364208362&notif_id=1655887321868389&notif_t=group_comment_reply)

## Arms and armour in the news

### Ancient arms

Cache of Bronze Age weapons found in Uttar Pradesh

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/4k-year-old-copper-weapons-found-under-a-field-in-ups-mainpuri/articleshow/92423442.cms>

Warrior grave in Moravia

<https://english.radio.cz/young-mans-grave-discovered-germanic-langobard-burial-site-8754151>

### Beasts of assorted varieties...

Living with aurochs

<https://english.elpais.com/science-tech/2022-06-19/the-coast-of-the-giants-footprints-in-the-gulf-of-cadiz-confirm-the-coexistence-of-massive-aurochs-with-neanderthals-and-other-large-animals.html>

### Grave stories

Anglo-Saxon graveyard reveals violent deaths

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2022/06/discovery-of-anglo-saxon-burials-of-national-significance/143860>

The missing dead of Waterloo

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2022/jun/18/mystery-of-waterloos-dead-soldiers-to-be-re-examined-by-academics>  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15740773.2021.2051895>

## **Through the arrow-slit . . .**

Visit Craigievar Castle before it closes for 18 months of renovations

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/craigievar-castle-closure-autumn-2022-to-spring-2024>

Cavern under Pembroke Castle to be investigated

<https://www.westerntelegraph.co.uk/news/20214878.pembroke-castles-wogan-cavern-set-archaeological-dig/>

## **Cannons to the left, cannon to the right**

Feature on the Thanjavur cannon – google translate not all it might be, but excellent pictures....

<https://tamil.news18.com/news/thanjavur/thanjavur-400-years-old-cannon-specialities-skd-764965.html>

Cast-iron guns unearthed in Chester County, probably from Warwick Furnace

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2022/06/15/four-massive-revolutionary-war-era-cannons-unearthed-in-chester-county/>

<https://vista.today/2022/06/revolutionary-war-era-cannons/>

Southwold's cannon and ghosts

<https://www.suffolklive.com/news/ghost-gun-hill-soldier-suffolk-7271771>

Civil war cannon goes home

<https://www.okhistory.org/calendar/event/pawnee-bill-cannon-dedication-ceremony/>

## **Miscellany**

Trade in ivory in medieval Europe explored

<https://www.jpost.com/archaeology/article-709756>

Peninsular war officer medals to be sold

<https://artdaily.com/news/147507/Rare-Regimental-Commander-s-Peninsula-War-group-to-be-offered-at-Noonans>

Feature on the 1904 Russo-Japanese war

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/06/russia-war-ukraine-japan/661312/>

## **Café Basiliscoe**

Figs and olives on the menu 7000 years ago

<http://www.sci-news.com/archaeology/olive-fig-tel-tsaf-cultivation-10910.html>

Washed down with ancient Italian wine

<https://www.ajaonline.org/state-discipline/4508>

Or gunpowder tea

<https://www.mashed.com/908309/14-types-of-green-tea-and-what-makes-them-different/>

## Princesses and Amazons

Short feature of Queen Sybil of Jerusalem

<https://codelist.biz/2022/06/27/queen-sibyl-of-jerusalem-never-loved-alas-orlando-bloom-culture/>

The pirate queen

<https://www.bbc.com/reel/video/p0cgfmwn/zheng-yi-sao-the-most-successful-pirate-in-history>

## Nautical news

Feature on two wrecks off Salcombe, from two very different eras

<https://the-past.com/feature/moor-sand-a-new-bronze-age-shipwreck-revealed/>

Feature on the *Swan*, lost off Mull in the 1650s

[https://the-past.com/feature/\\_the-swan/](https://the-past.com/feature/_the-swan/)

17<sup>th</sup> century wreck on Oregon coast identified?

[https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/legendary-spanish-galleon-shipwreck-discovered-on-oregon-coast?rid=E254F9558DE62C679EDAED1959A3BD3E&cmpid=org%3Dngp%3A%3Amc%3Dcrm-email%3A%3Asrc%3Dngp%3A%3Acmp%3Deditorial%3A%3Aadd%3DAnimaIs\\_20220616&fbclid=IwAR0URg6Vmz\\_xe2e2oiAL\\_vCnR-aVUUA3cF\\_yQhCuWxE614zN9UFUjwSiNAc](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/legendary-spanish-galleon-shipwreck-discovered-on-oregon-coast?rid=E254F9558DE62C679EDAED1959A3BD3E&cmpid=org%3Dngp%3A%3Amc%3Dcrm-email%3A%3Asrc%3Dngp%3A%3Acmp%3Deditorial%3A%3Aadd%3DAnimaIs_20220616&fbclid=IwAR0URg6Vmz_xe2e2oiAL_vCnR-aVUUA3cF_yQhCuWxE614zN9UFUjwSiNAc)

Update on the future of the *Endurance*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-61890273>

Latest USS ship found at record level

<https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/sammy-b-roberts-wreck-victor-vescovo/index.html> <https://phys.org/news/2022-06-deepest-shipwreck-wwii-ship-philippines.html>

Assorted naval and nautical titbits here

[https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Thursday-Tidings.html?soid=1102959880889&aid=d\\_uxeg7pNEs](https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Thursday-Tidings.html?soid=1102959880889&aid=d_uxeg7pNEs)

It's summer - unfurl the pirate flags!

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2022/06/the-history-of-pirate-flags/143946>

## Museum news and exhibitions

### News

British heritage sites under threat from lack of funds

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2022/06/29/the-uks-cost-of-living-crisis-has-hit-its-museums-and-heritage-sites>

Admission fee for the Met rises

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2022/06/29/metropolitan-museum-increases-admission-fee>

### New museums

New museum planned for Fort Ticonderoga

[https://poststar.com/news/local/fort-ticonderoga-plans-new-museum-on-site-hotel/article\\_c37def44-f27c-11ec-b676-3b568da4efed.html](https://poststar.com/news/local/fort-ticonderoga-plans-new-museum-on-site-hotel/article_c37def44-f27c-11ec-b676-3b568da4efed.html)

### Museum musings

Feature on the Wellcome Collection

<https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2022/jun/27/macabre-biased-and-fascinating-why-you-should-visit-the-wellcome-collection>

### Exhibitions

Medieval fantasy in LA

<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/lifestyle/arts/getty-center-exhibit-medieval-manuscript-pop-culture-1235165478/>

Bones, bowels and body-snatchers – Anatomy: A Matter of Death and Life

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2022/jun/30/anatomy-matter-of-death-and-life-body-snatchers-review-national-museum-of-scotland-edinburgh>

### Books

Stefan Krause (ed.), *Tournaments: A Thousand Years of Chivalry*, Thomas Del Mar- a review

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2022/06/27/rich-volume-re-examining-knights-and-their-shining-armour-goes-beyond-popular-romantic-notions>

At last- a history of bollards!

<https://londonist.com/london/books-and-poetry/city-london-bollards-book-cathy-ross>

### Online Book

Latest ICOMAM magazine out

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

## **Popular culture**

New Lego castle kits available

<https://www.brickfanatics.com/three-sets-to-get-10305-lion-knights-castle/>

Sword making in Suffolk

<https://www.eadt.co.uk/lifestyle/woodbridge-blacksmith-paul-stoddart-on-kingdom-forge-9094596>

## **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 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference, Armourers Hall, London

<https://zfrmz.eu/NTJUW56JEuJHLD5u27uL>

### **Sales, fairs and auctions**

Piece on the Thomas Del Mar sale

<https://artdaily.com/news/147506/Thomas-Del-Mar-s-sale-to-include-items-to-benefit-The-Metropolitan-Museum-of-Art#.YrQXd0bMKUk>

## **Websites and downloads**

National Museum of Bermuda

<https://nmb.bm/>

US - Pacific Parks website

<https://www.pacifichistoricparks.org/>

1066 etc: Walls of Rome, Chivalric Scots & 100 years' War

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/06/combat-thirty/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/06/leonine-walls/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/06/honour-french-scots/>

## **Finally**

This fortnight I tweeted on cannon in Sweden.

<https://twitter.com/Basiliscoe>

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