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## The Internet newsletter for the arms and armour community

Ancient swords and helmets being dug up by the handful, new research on Tattershall Castle and John Morris is investigating a Civil War gun's history.

### Arms and armour in the news

#### Ancient arms

Mycenaean sword/dagger found in Anatolia

<https://www.ancient-origins.net/news-history-archaeology/mycenaean-dagger-sword-0017034>

Bronze Hittite helmet displayed in Turkish museum

<https://www.hurriyetaiklynews.com/unique-warrior-helmet-on-display-175420>

Roman era cavalry helmet (well part of it) identified

<http://www.thehistoryblog.com/archives/64643>

Update on the 1000-year-old sword found in Poland

<https://notesfrompoland.com/2022/07/22/rare-1000-year-old-sword-found-in-poland/>

Update on the Norwegian sword in three pieces

<https://phys.org/news/2022-07-unique-sword-viking-voyages-north.html>

#### Battles, towers and forts

Roman may have destroyed metal sites in NE Scotland

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cw41ll3dw12o>

Project to investigate Roman camps along the Rhine frontier

<https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/news/ten-million-euros-for-archaeologists-at-the-university-of-bonn>

#### Beasts of assorted varieties...

Domesticating the horse

<http://www.sci-news.com/archaeology/post-columbian-domestic-horse-genome-11040.html>

Medieval horse pendant found

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2022/jul/30/medieval-pendant-with-three-lions-unveiled-ahead-of-womens-football-final>

Vikings and the trade in beaver fur

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/07/220727141347.htm>

## **Grave stories**

Update on the mass grave of British 18<sup>th</sup> century soldiers in the Netherlands

<https://the-past.com/news/british-soldiers-whose-remains-were-excavated-in-dutch-city-died-of-illness-not-injury-research-finds/>

Update from Waterloo - skeleton recovered

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/archaeologists-uncover-rare-human-skeleton-waterloo-battlefield-180980439/>

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

Investigating Shrewsbury castle

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-62092426>

Important new research on Tattershall castle

[https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/press-release/research-sheds-new-light-on-the-age-of-tattershall-castle-its-use-by-aristocracy-and-servants-and-how-it-inspired-an-entire-style-of-english-architecture?campid=Social\\_Central\\_Heritage\\_Twitter\\_TattershallCastle\\_280722](https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/press-release/research-sheds-new-light-on-the-age-of-tattershall-castle-its-use-by-aristocracy-and-servants-and-how-it-inspired-an-entire-style-of-english-architecture?campid=Social_Central_Heritage_Twitter_TattershallCastle_280722)

<https://www.lincolnshireworld.com/heritage-and-retro/heritage/research-sheds-new-light-on-tattershall-castle-3784501>

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

More on the Warwick furnace cannon

[https://www.wfmz.com/features/historys-headlines/historys-headlines-cannon-underground/article\\_0c4e0022-038c-11ed-9d34-e716d19c359b.html](https://www.wfmz.com/features/historys-headlines/historys-headlines-cannon-underground/article_0c4e0022-038c-11ed-9d34-e716d19c359b.html)

Paris loses two Krupp guns

<https://news.artnet.com/art-world/musee-de-larmee-war-cannons-2152036>

John Morris's Parrot Project - update

<https://www.go2gbo.com/threads/1861-parrott-rifle-2-9-inch-registry-number-10.424808/#post-2056113465>

## **Miscellany**

Remains of a Mongol palace found?

<https://www.livescience.com/hulagu-khan-palace>

Hyderabad's fortifications suffering neglect

<https://www.siasat.com/hyderabad-lying-in-neglect-old-burj-at-shalibanda-may-collapse-2377705/>

Exploring a medieval ivory box and its story

<https://www.openculture.com/2022/07/behold-a-medieval-graphic-novel-carved-on-an-14th-century-ivory-box.html>

## **Back to the front**

New discoveries on the battle of Culloden

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/about-us/news/discovery-sheds-new-light-on-the-battle-of-culloden/>

WWI letters in York Army Museum

<https://museumcrush.org/these-poignant-letters-are-the-last-trace-of-a-wwi-tragedy/>

## **Café Basiliscoe**

Maya hot chocolate

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2022/07/maya-chocolate-vessel-found-in-cave/144168>

And something for afterwards

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/a-mysterious-ivory-item>

## **Princesses and Amazons**

Egypt's female rulers

<https://www.discovermagazine.com/the-sciences/ancient-egypts-fiercest-female-rulers>

From Russian Princess to Empress

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/07/rusian-princess-european-empress/>

Nice article about fans

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/a-fan-of-fashion>

## **Obituaries**

Fred Wilkinson - you need to scroll a bit

<https://mailchi.mp/sal/salon-issue-547203?e=323947c3e4>

## **Nautical news**

Building a replica Viking boat

<https://norwaytoday.info/culture/full-scale-viking-ship-replica-project-to-start-soon-in-denmark/>

Update on Tallin's 16<sup>th</sup> century ship

<https://news.err.ee/1608658156/ongoing-work-on-16th-century-wreck-should-shed-light-on-its-origins>

Two 17<sup>th</sup> century Dutch wrecks off Dorset listed

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-dorset-62225539>

17<sup>th</sup> century trading vessel found in Keil

<https://phys.org/news/2022-07-17th-century.html>

## **Museum news and exhibitions**

### **New museums**

New gallery at Allahabad Museum

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/lucknow-news/allahabad-museum-soon-to-open-digital-azad-gallery-101658515347585.html>

### **Exhibitions**

Vikings in Thetford

<https://museumcrush.org/archaeological-treasures-tell-the-story-of-thetfords-vikings/>

WWII women at Biggin Hill

<https://museumcrush.org/remembering-the-role-of-women-in-wwii-at-biggin-hill/>

### **Books**

Some medieval books for summer reading

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/07/new-medieval-books-castles-queens-and-crecy/>

### **Online books**

Summer edition of the Artillery Man is free to view

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/f82051e2-7bdf-4ff3-8d39-74cd5b7cf3b1>

Scottish archaeological reports online

<https://www.archaeologyreportsonline.com/publications.html>

### **Events**

#### **Diary Dates**

Landmark Crownhill fort open days

<https://www.landmarktrust.org.uk/crownhill-fort/crownhill-fort-whats-on/>

## **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>

## **Websites and downloads**

Latest US naval historian's letter

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Thursday-Tidings.html?soid=1102959880889&aid=4p7ZasFfRsU>

1066 etc: heralds & Crusader castle

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/07/medieval-heralds-and-the-tournament-at-chauvency/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/07/why-crusaders-built-castles/>

## **Finally**

My twitter account

<https://twitter.com/Basiliscoe>

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