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The Internet newsletter for the arms and armour community

Interesting stories on Norwegian fishing, Inuit culture and recreating Roman armour. Updates on the *Gribshunden*, wrecks with Australian connections and an online book on fortifications in southern India.

Arms and armour in the news

Ancient arms

What they have been finding on the Isle of Man

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-isle-of-man-63014604>

Illustrated feature on armour through the ages

<https://allthatsinteresting.com/historical-armor>

Recreating Roman armour

<https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/news/2022/09/02/exact-replica-of-early-roman-armour-created.html>

Hunting round the world and through the ages

Ancient Norwegian fish traps found

<https://sciencenorway.no/archaeology-stone-age/7000-year-old-fish-traps-discovered-in-the-norwegian-mountains/2085776>

Uncovering the history of Inuit

<https://nunatsiq.com/stories/article/toronto-u-k-groups-uncover-inuit-history-behind-whaling-artifacts/>

Grave stories

Update on the Neolithic headless skeletons

<https://arkeonews.net/archaeologists-uneearth-the-remains-of-three-dozen-headless-people-at-a-stone-age-settlement-in-vrable-slovakia/>

Genetic studies of Anglo-Saxon graves - results

<https://www.cranfield.ac.uk/press/news-2022/the-anglo-saxon-migration-new-insights-from-genetics>

Through the arrow-slit . . .

Six English castles at danger of falling into the sea

<https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2022/sep/23/tintagel-among-castles-at-risk-coastal-erosion-english-heritage>

Interesting finds from Carrignacurra castle near Inchigeela in Cork

<https://www.irisht Examiner.com/news/munster/arid-40970432.html>

Conserving Navan's town walls

<https://www.meathchronicle.ie/2022/10/01/conservation-works-to-start-on-navans-medieval-town-wall/>

Through the gunloop...

Update on the Hull blockhouse excavations

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/heritage-and-retro/heritage/inside-a-tudor-fortress-yorkshire-dig-reveals-tantalising-details-of-the-past-3853998>

Illustrated feature on Golconda Fort

<https://www.ritiriwaz.com/golconda-fort-500-years-old-historic-structure/>

Cannons to the left, cannon to the right

Historic cannon have been doing a lot of saluting these last weeks

https://www.thesuburban.com/news/city_news/westmount-commemorates-the-queen-with-historic-cannon-tribute/article_005ed8c7-e7b5-52a1-abfc-a0169f7ee151.html

Neponset's Civil War cannon

<https://eu.starcourier.com/story/news/2022/09/26/dick-wells-neponsets-civil-war-cannon-makes-its-1st-trip-north/69513787007/>

The wandering cannon of Fort Bliss

<https://eu.elpasotimes.com/story/news/local/el-paso/2022/09/30/fbi-not-amused-with-theft-of-cannon-from-fort-bliss-in-practical-joke/69514457007/>

How Japan defended the emperor in 1945

<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20220916/p2a/00m/0na/019000c>

Miscellany

Feature on the medieval wounded man

<https://www.openculture.com/2022/09/ behold-the-medieval-wound-man.html>

Living in the past

Historical reenactors fear arrest in New York

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/new-york-historical-reenactments-canceled-fear-participants-thrown-jail-gun-laws>

Café Basiliscoe

Cheese of the pharaohs...

<https://www.jpost.com/archaeology/article-717365>

...and other ancient foods

<https://www.discovermagazine.com/the-sciences/the-discovery-of-7-200-year-old-cheese-and-other-ancient-food-and-drink>

Princesses and Amazons

Never too old to take up fencing

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/people/veteran-fencer-89-on-her-love-for-the-sport-and-winning-against-teenage-opponents-3848945>

Judith wielding her sword bought by Norway

<https://artdaily.com/news/150320/Rare-Artemisia-Gentileschi-painting-acquired-for-Norway-s-National-Museum#.YzVKmTTMKUk>

Nautical news

Update on the *Gribshunden*

<https://www.livescience.com/balctic-warship-served-as-floating-castle>

Short feature on the bounty of shipwrecks

<https://blog.oup.com/2022/09/shipwreck-tales-bounty-from-the-archives/>

HMS *Endeavour* cannon and relics go on display in the Australian Maritime Museum

<https://www.miragenews.com/hmb-endeavour-cannon-and-shipwreck-relics-on-861603/>

Schermuly lifesaving rockets

<https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/newdigate-local-history-society-displays-schermuly-pistol-rocket-apparatus-for-heritage-open-days/>

Digitalizing the excavation archives of HMS *Pandora*

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-09-18/hms-pandora-shipwreck-digital-museum-tropical-queensland-archive/101438522>

Museum news and exhibitions

News

Short feature on Stockholm's Armemuseum

<https://www.all4shooters.com/en/shooting/culture/stockholm-army-museum/>

Russian forces absorbing Ukrainian museum collections

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2022/09/29/russia-to-take-over-ukrainian-museum-collections-as-formal-annexation-plans-announced>

Damage being done to Ukraine's heritage

<https://phys.org/news/2022-09-russian-invasion-ukraine-historic-artworks.html>

New museums

CIA museum gets a makeover - but most can't see it

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/09/24/us/cia-nsa-museums.html>

Books

Jessie Childs *The Siege of Loyalty House: A Civil War Story*,

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2022/09/20/how-the-civil-war-laid-waste-to-englands-grandest-private-house>

Michael G. Laramie: *Gunboats, Muskets, and Torpedoes; Coastal South Carolina, 1861–1865* (now rather topical...)

<https://www.westholmepublishing.com/book/sc-gunboats-laramie/>

Online books

British Journal of Military History

<https://bjmh.gold.ac.uk/issue/view/122>

Jean Deloche: *Studies on fortification in India* (available in French or English)

<https://books.openedition.org/ifp/3975>

Leroy Thompson: *Soviet Pistols*

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

William Suttie: *Chobham Armour*

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

Latest books from Pen and Sword

<https://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/>

Popular culture

The Woman King

<https://www.thewomanking.movie/>

Ghost stories in ruined abbeys

<https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2022/sep/30/english-heritage-ghost-story-tours-monasteries>

Events

Conferences

17-18 October 2022 London (booking closing soon!)
Armourers & Brasiers Company/Arms and Armour Society 700th anniversary
conference, Armourers Hall, London

<https://zfrmz.eu/NTJUW56JEuJHLD5u27uL>

Calls for Papers

26 January 2023 Leeds
Weapons in Society III (deadline 17 October)

<https://royalhistsoc.org/calendar/weapons-in-society-iii/?fbclid=IwAR0Kwu-D1892Vt-fEVkeD6IYISEN-dPSFrirA8eAJrXUW7LuXacqRAta5Q>

Sales, fairs and auctions

22-28 October 2022 Munich

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

26 October 2022 New York

Arts of the Samurai

<https://www.bonhams.com/auction/27616/arts-of-the-samurai/>

Websites and downloads

Belgium's Military Museum

<https://klm-mra.be/en>

Thursday Tidings for naval historians

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Thursday-Tidings.html?soid=1102959880889&aid=uyd-JSiyey8>

1066 etc: the Sieges of Lisbon & Soane & Joan of arc

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/09/siege-lisbon-1147/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/09/saladin-siege-saone/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2022/09/joan-arc-heretical-tree-domremy/>

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