

# The Basiliscoe Mercury 423

## The Internet newsletter for the arms and armour community

No swords from lakes, but we can offer a helmet and a hussar's armour instead in quite an artefact-laden newsletter. Exhibitions begin again and more unusual items include the graves of jousting horses and sword fighting in Paris.

### Arms and armour in the news

#### Ancient arms

Copper axe found in Poland

<https://www.aol.com/news/metal-detectorist-stumbles-worn-tool-152519818.html>

Iron age sword to go on display in Malton Museum

<https://www.gazetteherald.co.uk/news/24209468.malton-museum-opens-fascinating-iron-age-exhibition/>

Leicestershire Roman helmet is conserved and displayed

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-68627992>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-68674319>

Roman fort discovered in Aachen

<https://www.livescience.com/archaeology/romans/1700-year-old-roman-fort-discovered-in-germany-was-built-to-keep-out-barbarians>

Piece on Viking berserkers

<https://allthatsinteresting.com/viking-berserkers>

#### Grave stories

Battle injuries in the Middle Ages and the story they tell

<https://www.medievalists.net/2024/03/medieval-battle-injuries/>

Victim of Pearl Harbor identified

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/sailors-remains-identified-more-than-80-years-after-the-attack-on-pearl-harbor-180984066/>

#### In the lists

Jousting horses buried at Westminster Abbey

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2024/03/exotic-horses-used-for-jousting-tournaments-were-buried-in-westminster/151155>

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

Medieval castle found in Brittany

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2024/03/inrap-archaeologists-uncover-medieval-castle-beneath-french-hotel/151219>

Searching for Sir William Wintour's home

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2024/03/archaeologists-search-for-traces-of-elizabethan-manor/150984>

Balmoral castle opens to select visitors – tours already booked out...

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/british-royal-family-just-opened-up-balmoral-castle-scotland-first-time-ever-8624683>

Fort Gilkicker surveyed

<https://the-past.com/news/preserving-a-palmerston-fort-in-portsmouth/>

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

Edinburgh's one o'clock gun saved

<https://www.forces.net/military-life/scotland/shapps-steps-ensure-edinburgh-castles-historic-one-oclock-gun-wont-be>

Update on South Africa's historic gun register

<https://www.defenceweb.co.za/military-history/sa-heritage-gun-register-totals-five-hundred-plus/>

## **Miscellany**

16<sup>th</sup> century cabasset found off Sicily

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2024/03/late-medieval-helmet-found-off-sicilian-coast/151258>

Parts of 17<sup>th</sup> century hussar armour found in Mikułowice, Poland

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2024/04/17th-century-hussar-armour-discovered-in-mikulowice/151318>

## **Back to the front**

Remembering Culloden

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/commemorating-the-278th-anniversary-of-culloden>

Sketching the continental army

<https://artdaily.com/news/167985/Rare--newly-discovered-eyewitness-sketch-of-Continental-Army-sheds-new-light-on-wartime-life>

## **Café Basiliscoe – this week a chicken sandwich**

Oldest bread in the world

<https://arkeonews.net/archaeologists-discover-8600-year-old-bread-at-catalhoyuk-may-be-the-oldest-bread-in-the-world/>

Chicken

<https://phys.org/news/2024-04-reveals-chickens-widely-southern-central.html>

## **Princesses and Amazons**

Shakespeare's sister

<https://phys.org/news/2024-03-shakespeare-sister-digital-archives-reveal.html>

## **Into the 20<sup>th</sup> century**

US Park Service in Wartime

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/50-nifty-finds-45-holding-the-line.htm>

## **World Heritage**

The real English samurai

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/culture/2024/04/04/books/william-adams-biography-shogun-inspiration/>

## **Nautical news**

Overview on recent developments in underwater archaeology

<https://artdaily.com/news/167786/It-s-a-golden-age-for-shipwreck-discoveries-Why->

Russian divers raise 19<sup>th</sup> century iron gun from waters outside Sebastopol

[https://uk.news.yahoo.com/divers-raise-19th-century-cannon-160000396.html?guccounter=1&guce\\_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xILmNvLnVrLW&guce\\_referrer\\_sig=AQAAAJxSQ9SNxQmFeeJ\\_6dOzdxY1ozr\\_wMa2yOkEyWf5KCLe5dqzJPMx0UsBqSYJNCMUe8GBtlm8MAouazPXIoL4u\\_aLqgPnGUO4OvGPMR3Nrhne5LFqJuRjrKipJ7jVAfJ\\_92rxdqSsu5mehnCBZUCGaqoqEhSL8\\_Yi9eky2vGIUtljVK](https://uk.news.yahoo.com/divers-raise-19th-century-cannon-160000396.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xILmNvLnVrLW&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAJxSQ9SNxQmFeeJ_6dOzdxY1ozr_wMa2yOkEyWf5KCLe5dqzJPMx0UsBqSYJNCMUe8GBtlm8MAouazPXIoL4u_aLqgPnGUO4OvGPMR3Nrhne5LFqJuRjrKipJ7jVAfJ_92rxdqSsu5mehnCBZUCGaqoqEhSL8_Yi9eky2vGIUtljVK)

Exploring Breakwater Fort by kayak

<https://divernet.com/world-dives/uk/breakwater-fort-by-kayak/>

## **Museum news and exhibitions**

### **News**

Update on the British Museum thefts

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-68665773>

Pinterest and museums

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2024/04/03/not-so-new-kid-on-the-block-pinterest-moves-in-on-museums>

### **New museums**

Perth's new museum opens

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-68625908>

Hever Castle's rooms get a new interpretation

<https://artdaily.com/news/167790/Authentically-re-interpreted-Boleyn-family-rooms-at-Hever-Castle-will-transport-visitors-back-to-the-Tudor-era>

### **Conservation corner**

Conserving Ireland's history

<https://artdaily.com/news/168001/A-new-chapter-for-Irish-historians---Saddest-Book->

Making new ancient weapons

<https://www.newsandstar.co.uk/news/24230594.carlisle-blacksmith-forging-new-connections-ancient-history/>

### **Objects**

Musket goes on display in Manx museum

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4nd092j10wo>

Update on the Charleston pistol

<https://www.kentucky.com/news/nation-world/national/article286263880.html>

### **Exhibitions**

Caravaggio in London

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2024/04/03/secrets-of-caravaggios-last-masterpiece-revealed-in-new-london-show>

Charles VII in Paris

<https://www.musee-moyenage.fr/activites/programmation/les-arts-sous-charles-vii-expo.html>

Renaissance portraits at the Met

<https://artdaily.com/news/168057/-Hidden-Faces--Covered-Portraits-of-the-Renaissance--opens-at-the-Metropolitan-Museum-of-Art>

## **Books**

Crécy. Battle of Five Kings

Michael Livingston

<https://www.ospreypublishing.com/uk/cr%C3%A9cy-9781472847065/>

New book about Henry Avery, pirate

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/mar/30/explorers-unlock-the-mystery-of-pirate-king-henry-avery-who-vanished-after-huge-heist-at-sea>

French museum books & catalogues

<https://www.boutiquesdemusees.fr/fr/cadeaux/4-librairie/1/>

## **Online Book**

Report on 16<sup>th</sup> century merchant ship found off the coast of Portugal

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11457-024-09388-5#Fig6>

## **Popular culture**

*Shogun* still ruling the roost

<https://nofilmschool.com/shogun-behind-the-scenes>

<https://amateurphotographer.com/latest/photo-news/shoguns-a-big-tv-hit-whats-it-like-to-be-the-stills-photographer/>

## **Events**

### **Conferences**

29 September - 4 October 2024 London & UK

ICOMAM conference

<https://icomam.mini.icom.museum/icomam-2018-conference/>

### **Sales**

12-21 April 2024 London

Spring sale, including arms and armour

<https://www.olympiaauctions.com/auction/details/210424-olympia-timed-spring-2024/?au=139>

May 2024 Munich Arms, armour and militaria

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

## **Websites and downloads**

Feature on a medieval Fighting book

<https://www.musee-moyenage.fr/collection/dossiers-thematiques/comment-combattre-a-l-eepee.html>

1066 etc: Viking warriors, Ramla, Gaza & Halidon Hill

<https://www.medievalists.net/2024/03/most-important-quality-viking-warrior/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2024/03/battle-ramla-1102/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2024/03/crusaders-gaza/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2024/04/battle-halidon-hill-1333/>

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