

# The Basiliscoe Mercury 436

## The Internet newsletter for the arms and armour community

A little late for Hallowe'en comes the story of the skeleton in the well, as well as Viking ship burials. Otherwise, a Martello Tower for sale, Charlston's Shipwreck Museum's contents go on sale and Bonfire night in Lewes

### Arms and armour in the news

#### Ancient times

Bronze Age sword found in Moravia

<https://english.radio.cz/moravias-excalibur-bronze-age-sword-uneearthed-near-prerov-8832735>

Copper age dagger found in Italy

[https://www.sci.news/archaeology/copper-dagger-italy-13384.html#google\\_vignette](https://www.sci.news/archaeology/copper-dagger-italy-13384.html#google_vignette)

Investigating cults in Roman fort in Georgia

<https://arkeonews.net/a-mysterious-deitys-ancient-gold-gift-was-discovered-at-georgias-gonio-apsaros-roman-fort/>

New discoveries along the Silk Road

<https://www.newsweek.com/archaeologists-reveal-hundreds-medieval-structures-famous-silk-road-1973783>

#### Princesses and Amazons

Woman with weapons on Mycenaean art

<https://www.labrujulaverde.com/en/2024/10/the-sword-bearers-an-analysis-uncovers-female-figures-with-weapons-in-mycenaean-art/>

#### Grave stories

Fascinating piece about Body-in-the-well and Icelandic saga

<https://www.medievalists.net/2024/10/medieval-dna-reveals-skeletons-link-to-norse-saga/>

Excavating 18<sup>th</sup> century prisoner of war camp near Bristol

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvg45zr05jyo>

Drinking out of skulls?

<https://www.medievalists.net/2024/10/grisly-power-plays-did-medieval-rulers-drink-from-enemy-skulls/>

## **Basiliscoe wardrobe**

The robe of Alexander the Great found?

<https://www.ekathimerini.com/culture/1251723/alexander-the-greats-tunic-found/>

The cloaks of Durer

<https://www.medievalists.net/2024/10/animating-albrecht-durers-cloaks/>

Gloves of Shakespeare

<https://phys.org/news/2024-10-exploring-authenticity-pair-storied-gloves.html>

## **Miscellany**

Coin hoard from Somerset from the time of the Norman conquest acquired

<https://artdaily.com/news/175076/Norman-Conquest-coin-hoard-acquired-for-the-nation>

New view of the Lewis chessmen

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/videos/c75l7v3pxq2o>

More battles at Bannockburn

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/report-shows-bannockburn-proposals-to-be-unacceptable>

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

Artefacts found in search for lost Scottish castle

<https://www.thenational.scot/news/24691311.medieval-artefacts-found-archaeological-dig-lost-castle/>

New investigation into Barnard Castle

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/travel/news/dig-at-county-durham-castle-aims-to-shed-more-light-on-site-s-rich-history/ar-AA1t4zFE?apiversion=v2&noservercache=1&domshim=1&renderwebcomponents=1&wcseo=1&batchservertelemetry=1&noservertelemetry=1>

Chance to buy your own Martello Tower

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/money/31396506/gun-tower-ww2-cannons-seaside-views-for-sale/>

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

From the depths of Limerick's harbour (spoiler alert - I get a mention)

<https://www.limerickleader.ie/news/local-news/1637709/historians-blown-away-by-rare-danish-cannon-found-in-limerick.html>

Staffordshire's Crimean trophies

<https://cooper314.blogspot.com/2018/04/cannons-from-crimea.html#:~:text=Standing%20outside%20of%20the%20Brampton%20Museum%20in%20Newcastle-under-Lyme%20is%20a>

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

2 helmets found related to WW” massacre in north France

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cd7x7wx2rnwo>

WW2 plane crash discovered in Northern Ireland

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckqv28vlnpvo>

## Nautical news

New ship and mound burials discovered in Sweden

<https://arkeonews.net/archaeologists-found-three-large-shipwrecks-and-139-viking-graves-and-a-ship-shaped-mound-in-sweden/>

<https://www.medievalists.net/2024/10/viking-burial-ground-uneared-in-sweden/>

But fears for the future of the Gjellestad Viking ship

<https://thevikingherald.com/article/gjellestad-viking-ship-in-danger-of-disappearing/1044>

Investigating the health of the *Mary Rose*’s crew

<https://www.discovermagazine.com/the-sciences/human-skeletal-remains-of-the-mary-rose-shipwreck-give-insight-to-health-of>

## Museum news and exhibitions

### News

Theft reported from Montacute House

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cnvjz6pllp8o>

Leeds Royal Armouries’ site for sale

<https://www.placeyorkshire.co.uk/canal-river-trust-floats-royal-armouries-deal/>

Piece on Chateau de Morges, Switzerland

<https://gazette.vd.ch/2024/septembre/titre-par-default/une-piece-de-musee-trouvee-a-larmee-du-salut>

Contents of the Charleston Shipwreck Museum now up for sale

<https://divernet.com/scuba-news/wrecks/thousands-of-uk-shipwreck-items-go-on-sale/>

<https://www.davidlay.co.uk/auction/details/swmu-charlestown-shipwreck-museum->

[sale/?au=409&fbclid=IwY2xjawGLQU9leHRuA2FibQIxMAABHWFIf1FB20xZp\\_waoBgQCoUQ1w7GyC6LsID\\_9h7nXaI3LRSXX0X4rhyEWFQ\\_aem\\_PQduOw\\_aR0wOt5tlcJK5gUQ](https://www.davidlay.co.uk/auction/details/swmu-charlestown-shipwreck-museum-sale/?au=409&fbclid=IwY2xjawGLQU9leHRuA2FibQIxMAABHWFIf1FB20xZp_waoBgQCoUQ1w7GyC6LsID_9h7nXaI3LRSXX0X4rhyEWFQ_aem_PQduOw_aR0wOt5tlcJK5gUQ)

But the plot thickens...

<https://news.justcollecting.com/institutional-buyer-swoops-but-leaves-titanic-haul-for-buyers-in-shipwreck-sale/>

A visit to Karimnagar's Museum

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/good-news/2024/Oct/27/a-paradise-for-time-travellers-at-karimnagar-gandhi-centenary-museum>

## **New museums**

Ankara's Technological Museum

<https://www.dailysabah.com/arts/ankaras-museum-of-military-history-honoring-turkiyes-legacy/news>

Hanoi's Military History Museum

<https://vietnamnet.vn/en/hanoi-s-military-history-museum-opens-moving-visitors-with-iconic-artifacts-2337885.html>

Wallace Collection looking for a new masterplan

<https://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/competitions/wallace-collection-masterplan-london>

## **Museum developments**

New places to display Rome's historic artefacts

<https://artdaily.com/news/175114/New-program-displays-hidden-cultural-heritage-in-Rome>

Latest tour round the Prado - botany

<https://artdaily.com/news/175155/The-Museo-del-Prado-invites-visitors-to-discover-more-than-40-botanical-species-represented-in-its-collection>

## **Objects**

Prado acquire fascinating painting of Brussels 1615 procession

<https://artdaily.com/news/175025/Prado-Museum-acquires-historic-1615-painting-by-David-Noveliers>

Rare WW2 firearm found in Polish museum

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/toy-gun-left-in-museum-warehouse-for-12-years-turns-out-to-be-rare-historic-weapon/ar-AA1soa0u>

## **Exhibitions**

Medieval women in London

<https://artdaily.com/news/175150/British-Library-opens-exhibition-that-tells-the-story-of-medieval-women-in-their-own-words>

Gladiators in Britain coming to Dorset in the New Year

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/travel/news/gladiators-of-britain-new-exhibition-explores-ancient-roman-battles-on-uk-soil/ar-AA1pvS9y?apiversion=v2&noservercache=1&domshim=1&renderwebcomponents=1&wcoseo=1&batchservertelemetry=1&noservertelemetry=1>

Women artists in Rome

<https://artdaily.com/news/175053/-Women-Artists-in-Rome--Celebrating-Centuries-of-Talent--opens-at-Museo-di-Roma-in-Palazzo-Braschi>

Disability in Baroque art in Dresden

<https://artdaily.com/news/175154/-Admired--collected--and-put-on-display--Disability-in-Baroque-and-contemporary-art--opens-in-Dresden->

## Books

***The Book of the Deeds of the Good Knight Jacques de Lalaing***

<https://www.medievalists.net/2024/10/new-medieval-books-the-book-of-the-deeds-of-the-good-knight-jacques-de-lalaing/>

Latest books from Osprey

<https://www.ospreypublishing.com/uk/discover/available-this-month/>

## Online book

M C Krivor, J de Bry, N J Linville, and DJ Wells: ***Archival investigations for Colonial-era shipwrecks in ultra-deepwater within the Gulf of Mexico.***

<https://epis.boem.gov/final%20reports/5109.pdf>

## Popular culture

New tv serial - ***Gunpowder Siege***

<https://www.history.co.uk/articles/how-to-watch-gunpowder-siege>

And the final instalments of ***Wolf Hall*** returning soon...

<https://www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2024/oct/25/wolf-hall-the-mirror-and-the-light-bbc>

Brass bands a legacy of Napoleon, not Industrial Revolution

<https://phys.org/news/2024-10-britain-brass-bands-older-thought.html>

## Events

### Diary Dates

6th November 2024 (18:00 - 20:00) Swedish church, London

Lecture - Gribshunden 1495

[angloswedishsociety.org.uk/events/?event\\_id=168&lang=en](https://angloswedishsociety.org.uk/events/?event_id=168&lang=en)

## **Conferences**

12 -13 November Nationaal Militair Museum, Soesterberg. Netherlands  
Honour & Discomfort: War Booty in Museum Collections.

[https://nl.linkedin.com/posts/koninklijkedefensiemusea\\_de-stichting-koninklijke-defensiemusea-skd-activity-7238868547911790593- ofL](https://nl.linkedin.com/posts/koninklijkedefensiemusea_de-stichting-koninklijke-defensiemusea-skd-activity-7238868547911790593- ofL)

## **Sales, fairs and auctions**

4-7 November, Munich

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

11 – 20 November 2024 London

Antique Arms and Armour

<https://www.bonhams.com/auction/30445/antique-arms-and-armour/>

Results from NY Civil War sale promising

<https://artdaily.com/news/175062/Roland-Auctions--rare-Civil-War-items-from-General-D-S--Stanley-sell-at-Oct--19th-sale>

## **Websites and downloads**

Medieval ghosts and their messages

<https://www.medievalists.net/2024/10/medieval-ghosts/>

Feature on Lewes Bonfire Night

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/history-lewes-bonfire-night-event-050000777.html>

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