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The Internet newsletter for the arms and armour community

The big story this week is the major exhibition in Paris on the 16th century Wars of Religion.

Arms and armour in the news

Ancient arms

Crystal weapons

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2022/06/the-prehistoric-weapons-made-from-crystal/143821>

Ancient ritual weapons engraved with tigers found in China

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2023/04/archaeologists-uncover-4500-year-old-ritual-weapon-engraved-with-tigers/146757>

Bronze age axe from Poland

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2023/03/bronze-age-treasure-found-in-poland/146680>

Greek helmets

<https://greekreporter.com/2023/03/26/ancient-greek-helmets/>

Fascinating piece on the Viking shields from the Gokstad ship burial

<https://www.livescience.com/1100-year-old-ceremonial-viking-shields-were-actually-used-in-battle-study-suggests>

Battles, towers and forts

Interesting piece on Rhodes and its Colossus

<https://www.thecollector.com/colossus-of-rhodes-ancient-wonder/>

Battle of Teutoburg mountain

<https://www.thecollector.com/battle-of-teutoburg-forest-quinctilius-varus/>

A roman fort in Jordan

<https://www.jordannews.io/Section-115/Around-Jordan/Qasr-Bshir-Conserving-a-special-Roman-fort-27842>

Beasts of assorted varieties...

The hidden history of American's horses

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2023/03/230330172129.htm>

Hunting round the world and through the ages

How to hunt like a Neanderthal

<https://phys.org/news/2023-03-clues-behavioral-variability-neanderthal-parties.html>

6000-year-old copper fish hook

<https://www.archaeology.org/news/11315-230330-israel-copper-fishhook>

The hidden history of American's horses

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2023/03/230330172129.htm>

Grave stories

Severed hands could be ancient Egyptian war trophies

<https://www.science.org/content/article/severed-hands-unearthed-ancient-egyptian-site-may-have-been-battle-trophies>

Hunting for the heart of Otto the Great

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg25734331-600-the-hunt-for-the-missing-heart-of-holy-roman-emperor-otto-the-great/>

Investigating the lost crew of the Vasa

<https://phys.org/news/2023-04-sunken-warship-vasa-crewmen-woman.html>

Identifying an unknown WWI soldier

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/war-detectives-solve-birmingham-ww1-26568309>

Cannons to the left, cannon to the right

17th century English cannon dug up during works in Gujarati – nice pictures

<https://gujarati.news18.com/news/kutchh-saurashtra/morbi-during-demolition-work-in-nagar-darwaza-historical-cannon-found-no-action-taken-by-the-system-pkm-local18-1373085.html>

Reis Magos Fort, Goa

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/reis-magos-fort>

Researching an 18th century Spanish bronze gun in Santa Barbara

<https://www.edhat.com/news/history-of-the-la-arcada-cannon>

Feature on London cannon bollards and where to find them

<https://www.londonxlondon.com/london-cannon-bollards/>

The mystery of York's war trophy

https://uk.news.yahoo.com/photo-day-cannon-doing-york-10000225.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xILmNvLnVrLw&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAJxSQ9SNxQmFeeJ_6dOzdxy1ozr_wMa2yOkEyWf5KCLe5dqzJPMx0UsBqSYJNCMUe8GBtlm8MAouazPXIoL4u_aLqgPnGUO4OvGPMR3Nrhne5LFqJuRjrKipJ7jVAfJ_92rxdqSsu5mehnCBZUCGaqoqEhSL8_Yi9eky2vGIUtljVK

Hampton City's cannon on the move?

<https://www.wtkr.com/news/hampton-city-council-to-discuss-relocation-of-historic-cannon>

New wheels for historic cannon in Pennsylvania

https://valley.newhavenindependent.org/article/new_wheels_in_place_for_historic_cannon_in_derby

Historic gun to be installed at Seaham

<https://www.sunderlandecho.com/heritage-and-retro/heritage/historic-gun-to-be-installed-at-seafront-as-seaham-welcomes-another-wartime-attraction-4086420>

Bronbeek's Pepper Gun goes on manoeuvres with the army

https://magazines.defensie.nl/defensiekrant/2023/14/02_verplaatsing-peperstuk_14?fbclid=IwAR1EpoWjpMYn6hFCpOyo1eduqYFofXRcCWGoQggd-g9jK_LRA_Fok1QUo50

Miscellany

Medieval women's lives - digitalized records

<https://blogs.bl.uk/digitisedmanuscripts/2023/04/managing-a-medieval-household.html>

Feature on the Coronado gun barrel

<https://www.americanrifleman.org/content/a-conquistador-s-cannon-uneearthed/>

Feature on the coronation regalia, with brief mention of the swords

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/about-the-abbey/history/coronations-at-the-abbey/spotlight-on-coronations/royal-regalia>

Oldest tartan in the world

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-65081312>

Living in the past

World's largest trebuchet being built in Devon

<https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/devon-firm-creates-worlds-largest-8307269>

Living as an older re-enactor

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2023/apr/10/a-new-start-after-60-i-left-the-civil-service-and-started-dressing-in-tudor-costume>

Café Basiliscoe

Prehistoric snails

<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/homo-sapiens-supersized-snails>

...washed down with yak's milk

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2023/03/230331144517.htm>

On the frontlines

Finds from the battle of Medina

<https://sanantonioreport.org/munitions-artifacts-point-to-location-of-1813-medina-battlefield/>

Investigating Guam's battlefield

<https://taskandpurpose.com/news/guam-world-war-ii-expedition-survey/>

Somme crucifix to return to French village

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-65201597>

Nautical news

Mapping the oceans bottoms

<https://www.bradford.ac.uk/news/archive/2023/geo-archaeologists-hunting-for-evidence-of-humans-amid-sunken-ice-age-landscapes.php>

Pondering the coal on the Queen Anne's Revenge

<https://phys.org/news/2023-04-solution-coal-conundrum-famous-pirate.html>

Museum news and exhibitions

News

Art Newspaper's reports of museum figures round the world for 2022

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/keywords/visitor-figures-2022>

What went wrong at Nottingham castle?

<https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/analysis/2023/03/what-needs-to-change-at-nottingham-castle/#>

New museums

New museum at Het Loo

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/apr/14/engineering-museum-dutch-palace-paleis-het-loo-william-iii>

Conservation corner

Recreating ancient Greek armours

<https://greekreporter.com/2023/03/29/ancient-greek-armor/>

Studying the origins of the bronze in Benin

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2023/04/shipwrecks-reveal-origins-of-metal-used-to-cast-the-benin-bronzes/146777>

Restoring Yemeni weapons for museum displays

<https://sg.news.yahoo.com/ancient-weapons-yemen-restored-display-062459864.html>

Exhibitions

Turner and the sea in Liverpool

<https://artdaily.com/news/156171/Exhibition-focuses-on-the-power-and-politics-of-the-sea>

Pirates in Falmouth

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2023/apr/04/woke-plank-pirate-ships-diversity-democracy-cornwall-exhibition>

Wars of Religion in Paris

<https://www.musee-armee.fr/au-programme/expositions/detail/la-haine-des-clans-guerres-de-religion-1559-1610.html>

Juan de Pareja in New York

<https://artdaily.com/news/156154/A-portrait-s-subject-emerges-as-artist>

Books

Daniel Jaquet, Iason-Eleftherios Tzouriadis, Regula Schmid (ed.): ***Martial Culture in Medieval Towns; An Anthology***

<https://schwabe.ch/martial-culture-in-medieval-towns-978-3-7965-4713-3>

Philippe Hamon et al: ***Les Guerres de Religion (1559 - 1610)*** (Exhibition catalogue)

<https://boutique.musee-armee.fr/en/exhibition-catalogs/les-guerres-de-religion-1559-1610-la-haine-des-clans/4303.html>

Keith Lawrence: ***The Farndon Civil War Window***

<https://nantwichmuseum.org.uk/product/the-farndon-civil-war-window/>

Nantwich Museum online bookshop

<https://nantwichmuseum.org.uk/our-shop/#Booklets>

Adrian Roads & De Witt Bailey: ***British Ordnance Muskets of the 1830s and 1840s: George Lovell's Legacy***

<https://shop.royalarmouries.org/collections/books-dvds/products/british-ordnance-muskets-1830s-1840s-george-lovells-legacy>

Popular Culture

Armourers and Brasier's podcasts reach the 17th century

<https://www.armourershall.co.uk/index.php/tours/podcasts>

Events

Diary Dates

18th April, 2023 Greenwich

Discovering *Klein Hollandia* - a Warship from the Dutch Golden Age of Sail

<https://www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org/Event/discovering-klein-hollandia-a-warship-from-the-dutch-golden-age-of-sail>

Arms and Armour Society events

https://thearmsandarmoursociety.org/?page_id=62

Conferences

Summer school for graduate students: First World War Museums and Exhibitions

<https://1418.hypotheses.org/2246>

12-13 May 2023 Norwich

HMS *Gloucester*

<https://www.gloucestershipwreck.co.uk/conference-announcement>

https://www.gloucestershipwreck.co.uk/files/ugd/e3580b_5dcb8e74a23c41b08f6c1735eee5abfe.pdf

Sales, fairs and auctions

24 April- 4 May 2023 Bonhams Skinner Massachusetts

Historic Militaria & Sporting Arms

<https://www.bonhams.com/auction/28577/historic-militaria-and-sporting-arms-bonhams-skinner/>

3 May 2023 London

The Samurai: Japanese Arms and Armour

<https://www.sothebys.com/en/buy/auction/2023/the-samurai-japanese-arms-and-armour?locale=en>

6-12 May 2023 Munich

Arms and armour

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

28 June London

Antique Arms, Armour & Militaria

<https://www.olympiaauctions.com/auctions-valuations/auction-calendar/>

Websites and downloads

Flodden 1513 Ecomuseum

<https://www.flodden1513ecomuseum.org/>

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<https://twitter.com/Basiliscoe>

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