



# Salisbury Military History Society

## September 2020 eNewsletter

*If you've missed any previous editions, you can find them on our website – [click here](#).*

We trust you're keeping well.

### Parish Notices

With the social meeting of groups now limited to six people and the 'R' number rising again, our Battle of Britain talk will not go ahead at St John's Place next Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

While we have considered hosting virtual talks, one of our major aims is to provide a social meeting place for people with an interest in military history and to provide thought-provoking speakers to address that group in a convivial setting. Following an excellent programme last year, we wouldn't want to short-change our members subsequently.

Therefore, the new subscription year will not commence until we have hosted four more talks to complete full members' 2019/20 membership fees and so no new subscription payments are due until further notice.

### Future dates for your diary (if circumstances permit):

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Oct: 'RNAS Armoured Car Expeditionary Force on the Eastern Front, 1915-17' - [Alan Wakefield](#)

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Nov: 'The Falklands War – There and Back Again: The Story of Naval Party 8901' - [Dr Mike Jones](#)

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: AGM and Christmas social (for full members)

### Military History News

#### Crimean Military Park Opens with Historical Bang

In keeping with the Kremlin's funding of patriotic endeavours, a re-enactment of the battle on the Fedyukhiny Heights has marked the opening of a new Crimean War theme park. World War Two events will also be held at the park. [Read \(and see\) more](#)

#### Drawing Lessons from the History of War

The Pritzker Military Museum & Library has launched a video series titled 'This Week in Military History' in which they release a 2-minute video every week. The first two videos have told the stories of the First Battle of the Marne and the Battle of Britain. [Read more](#) and [watch the video series](#)

#### Moscow City Court sentences war historian to 12.5 years for high treason

A warning for us all: A court in Moscow has found a military historian guilty of high treason and sentenced him to 12.5 years in a penal colony. Though few details of the case have been released, reserve Captain Andrey Zhukov was accused of crimes relating to the "history of Russia's Armed Forces and his intense activity on the Internet". Since 1941, a large part of the documents of Soviet and Russian Defence Ministries has been classified and protected by the state. [Read more](#)

### Webinars

Though museums are re-opening now, webinars and online talks continue and we've collated a selection you may be interested in this week. If you're not available this week, those webpages show future events too.

[History from Home](#)

Next talk: Wireless Operators of SOE (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September)

[Western Front Association](#)

Next talk: Propaganda and Reportage: How the press reported the War and how the News was received at home (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September)

[Royal Engineers Historical Society](#)

Next talk: Subterranean Warfare – From WW1 to the Present Day (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September)

[Army Flying Museum](#)

Next talk: The Royal Flying Corps: The Army in the Air in the First World War (Monday 21st September)

We'll keep you all up-to-date regarding our future plans and welcome your continued correspondence.

Best regards,

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