



# Salisbury Military History Society

May 2021 eNewsletter

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## Parish Notices

### **Wed 23rd June: 'Seapower States: Culture, Identity and Strategy' with Prof. Andrew Lambert**

Prof. Andrew Lambert will join us on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. An excellent and engaging speaker, you can read more about [Prof. Lambert here](#) and about his book '[Seapower States' here](#).

The Society – working with St. John's Place – will ensure all necessary precautions are in place for our forthcoming meetings and further details will be circulated in next month's eNewsletter, which will be broadcast on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Wed 28th July: 'Reflections on the First World War' with Allan Mallinson**

The epitome of the expression "third time lucky", we're pleased to announce that Allan Mallinson will be our second post-Covid 19 guest speaker. Having been booked previously for April last year and April this year, when the Committee agreed to host our first summer talks, we contacted Allan swiftly to secure his attendance. [Read his bibliography here](#).

### **Bookstall**

Once again, we'd like to invite members to get in touch with Andy if you have any books or DVDs in need of a new home - [computasaur@gmail.com](mailto:computasaur@gmail.com)

### **The Cultural Experience**

Alan Rooney is pleased to announce that The Cultural Experience will be recommencing its tour programme, the first confirmed post-Covid tours being '[The English Civil War](#)' with historian Col. Nick Lipscombe and '[Hadrian and the Roman Army in the North](#)' with Dr. Andy Fear.

### **Colonel Christopher Newbould CBE**

The Committee was saddened to hear of the passing of Christopher Newbould last week. He was a founder member of the Guild of Battlefield Guides and was one of the first to qualify for the Guild's prestigious guide badge. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

## Members' content

Our feature focusing on new books, articles, documentaries, podcasts and more.

### **'The Borneo Graveyard 1941-1945' by John SM Tulloch**

This book portrays the horrific story of Borneo during the Japanese occupation of 1941-1945. Thousands of Australian, British, Dutch and Indian POWs, internees, locals of Borneo and Javanese ramusha perished in Borneo during this period. It is a tribute to the strength of character and bravery of those who endured the Japanese occupation.

The book took 12 years of research, travelling the UK, Singapore, Sarawak, Brunei, Sabah and Australia. John is the sole outlet in the UK so members should contact him directly for a copy of his book.

## Military History News

### **Teeth of fallen soldiers hold evidence that foreigners fought alongside ancient Greeks**

It has long been known that Greek Hoplites were recruited into foreign armies, famed and feared for their discipline and skill on the battlefield. However, new bioarchaeological evidence from the graves of the 480 B.C. Battle of Himera on Sicily proves that foreigners joined Greek armies in their Mediterranean wars with the Carthaginians. [Read more](#)

### **New book reveals sophisticated German spy operation in South Africa during World War II**

When we think of the war in Africa, we're more likely to think of Tobruk and El Alamein than South Africa. However, the Nazis recruited the opposition Ossewabrandwag (ox wagon sentinels) party to pass back to Berlin (via Mozambique) details of Allied ships rounding the Cape of Good Hope. The post-war trial of leading figures of Ossewabrandwag ended in 1948 when the National Party came to power. [Read more](#)

### **What Caused the Korean War and Why Did the US Get Involved?**

Next month marks the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Democratic People's Republic of Korea troops crossing the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel into the Republic of Korea. What may appear to be a civil war was the first proxy war of the Cold War: Communist north against Democratic south. The origins lie in the Japanese surrender in 1945, ending 35 years of brutal rule. The division of Korea by the USA and Soviet Union along the 38th Parallel had no political, territorial or cultural significance. Border skirmishes in the years leading up to 1950 not only tested the opponent's strength, but also the possible reactions of the Superpowers. [Read more](#)

### **The Time a Black Bear Nearly Set off World War III**

During the alarming days of the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962, a shadowy figure appeared at the perimeter fence of the Duluth Air Force Base in Minnesota. On high alert and fearing a Soviet saboteur, a sentry fired warning shots and raised the alarm, scrambling nuclear-armed fighters at the Volk Field Air National Guard Base 200-miles away. Fortunately, before they took to the air it was confirmed that the shadow figure was simply an inquisitive black bear. [Read more](#)

### **Other articles**

[Key figure in English Civil War from Loughborough explored in new book](#)

[Jersey: How a tiny island has played an outsized role in English history](#)

[Boney's books: Why Napoleon was history's ultimate bookworm](#)

[The Irish Republican Army: a brief guide](#)

[The German Empire's World War I Heavy Tank was a Beast](#)

[How World War I Fueled the Russian Revolution](#)

[8 Reasons Why The Sherman Tank Was The Best Tank Of WW2](#)

[The First Intercontinental Weapons Were Ineffective Balloon Bombs](#)

[6 World War II Innovations That Changed Everyday Life](#)

[A brief history of the Israel-Palestinian conflict](#)

### **Online talks and podcasts**

Click on the links below for the next (and future) webinars from a range of historians and societies. Some of these talks may charge a small fee to join.

[Western Front Association](#)

Next talk: Women at the Front (Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May)

[The Royal Green Jackets \(Rifles\) Museum](#)

Next talk: In the Footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia (Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May)

[Army Flying Museum: Lockdown Lectures](#)

Next talk: Op GRANBY –The First Gulf War: The Reunion (Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May)

[Gallipoli Association](#)

Next talk: An analysis of the impact on the leadership of the 29th Division in the Dardanelles (Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May)

[Classic Battlefield Tours](#)

Next talks: Battle of Britain (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May)

[British Modern Military History Society](#)

Next talk: The Zeppelin Onslaught - Britain's Forgotten Blitz (Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June)

[Manchester Military History Society](#)

Next talk: Fortress/Battlefield Preservation (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June)

[Cardiff Castle Museum](#)

Next talk: Waterloo Anniversary Special (Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June)

[Old Front Line](#)

A weekly World War One podcast featuring 30-45min episodes.

[Peter Hart's Military History](#)

For more than 40 years historian Peter Hart has interviewed thousands of veterans about their experience of war.

[New Books Network](#)

A series of interviews with authors of military history books

We' look forward to welcoming you all back to St. John's Place in the near future.

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