



Salisbury Military History Society

December 2021 eNewsletter

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Parish Notices

Review: Wed 24th Nov: 'I Knew the Few' with Dilip Sarkar

"I'm just an ordinary bloke", started Dilip Sarkar who grew up in the 1960s when everyone still talked about World War Two and the epic 'Battle of Britain' movie was released. A passion had been ignited and in 1990 Sarkar published his first book. However, it's not just on the aces that he focuses, but what Peter Hutton Fox called the "also rans" too.

Upcoming talks

Wed 26th Jan - 'The Bruneval Raid' with Paul Oldfield

Wed 23rd Feb - 'The Light Division in the Peninsular War' with Tim Saunders

Wed 23rd Mar - 'Doctor Enigma' with Dr Mark Baldwin

For more information on all our talks, click through to each from [our 'Events' webpage](#)

Annual General Meeting and 2022 membership

The Committee invites full members to the AGM on Wednesday 26th January 2022. More details will follow in due course, but motions will include the moving of the membership year from September-to-August to January-to-December, and enhancing the £45 annual subscription to include 10 talks (January to October) plus the AGM event in November.

Members' content

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

You may recall the short talk David Kirkpatrick gave on Lanchester's Square Law a couple of years ago. Earlier this year, Cambridge University Press published his material as part of its Defence Economics series. Order your copy of 'How Important are Superior Numbers?' from the [CUP Academic website](#).

Military History News

The 5 Worst and Most Unforgiving Battlefields in Military History

A U.S. Marine and Green Beret has listed and described the five worst battlefields: Passchendaele (Great War), Rzhev (World War Two), Bougainville (World War Two), Choisin Reservoir (Korean War) and Dien Bien Phu (French-Indochina War). [Read more](#)

Other articles

[The 5 most brutal tactics in the history of warfare](#)

[The Many Myths of the Term 'Crusader'](#)

[The making and breaking of the Luftwaffe](#)

[How Japan Used Balloon Bombs to Kill Americans at Home During WWII](#)

[How Hollywood Supported the War Effort During WWII](#)

[France to open classified Algerian war archives](#)

[Book to tell true heroic stories from 1971 Indo-Pak war](#)

[What's the history of foreign troops on Kenyan soil? Here's a brief rundown](#)

Local events, online talks and podcasts

[Click here](#) to see a wealth of upcoming events in Salisbury and surrounding areas.

As societies, clubs and other groups return to in-person meetings, we'll be phasing out the online talks section of the eNewsletter. For now though, click on the links below for the next (and future) webinars from a range of organisations. Some of these talks may charge a small fee to join.

[National Army Museum](#)

Next talk: 'Virtual Battlefield Tour: Balaklava' (Wednesday 15th December)

[Classic Battlefield Tours](#)

Next talk: 'The Christmas Truce' (Friday 17th December)

[Western Front Association](#)

Next talk: 'Big Hands, Little Maps': Operational Art and its genesis on the Western Front' (Monday 20th December)

[Institution of Royal Engineers](#)

Next talk: 'Follow the Sapper: Charles Gordon at Sevastopol, 1855' (Wednesday 22nd December)

[British Modern Military History Society](#)

Next talk: 'The Battle of Kursk – The largest tank battle in history' (Tuesday 4th January)

[Wessex Military History Group](#)

Next talk: 'Massacre at Oradour, 1944' (Wednesday 26th January) - £5, email jameskrporter@aol.com

[Imperial War Museum](#)

Next talk: 'The Spitfire: A Virtual Tour' (Wednesday 29th December)

[Lockdown Lectures](#)

Next talk: 'REME Aviation – Auster to Apache: Part 1' (Monday 31st January)

[Old Front Line](#)

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

[Pete and Gary's Military History: Peter Hart and Gary Bain](#)

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 wish you all an enjoyable and restful Christmas period and look forward to welcoming you back in January.

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