



Salisbury Military History Society

December 2023 eNewsletter

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Parish Notices

Merry Christmas!

The Committee wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Thank you for your support this year, and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2024 for another year of fantastic speakers and topics, and an opportunity to meet new people and forge new friendships.

Upcoming talks

Wed 24th Jan - 'The Austerlitz Campaign' with Alan Rooney

Wed 28th Feb - 'Special Operations Executive (SOE), 1940-46' with Ashley Barnett

Wed 27th Mar - 'Barba del Puerco: A tactical engagement with strategic consequences' with Major-General Ashley Truluck

Wed 24th Apr - 'Recollections of the Falklands War' with Sir Max Hastings

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

Parking

There is a small car park and lay-by opposite St John's Place on Lower Road (for approx. 20 cars). Parking is also allowed on single yellow lines on Lower Road after 18:00.

Alternative car parking is available at The Clubhouse, Salisbury and South Wilts Sports Club (SP2 9NY) and a pathway connects to St John's Place.

2024 membership subscriptions

Rather than queuing to pay your 2024 subscription on the door at the January meeting, we encourage everyone to pay in advance by bank transfer if possible. The Committee proposes to keep the annual subscription at just £45.

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Alternatively, if you'd prefer to receive an invoice, please email our Treasurer, John Loades (at john.loades@hotmail.com), who will arrange for a Subscription Invoice to be emailed to you from Zettle.com. Upon opening the emailed invoice, there is a link to an online payment page.

Call for Committee members

As we approach the end of the year, our thoughts are on 2024. A key part of our upcoming AGM will be the election of Committee members and we're always keen to invite new postholders to ensure our thinking and planning is as fresh, dynamic and forward-looking as possible. You can see your [current Committee members on the website](#) and we encourage you to talk to any of them about their roles and any you may be interested in.

Military History News

While we're taking a break over Christmas, here are a range of articles from the world of military history this month.

[Exploring History's Most Impactful Surprise Offensives](#)

[Greatest military strategists and leaders in history who have excelled in wartime](#)

[Invisible Generals: the Black military pioneers hidden in US history](#)

[Massive monument to falsified Confederate history soon to leave Arlington](#)

[How Do World War I's Top Generals Stack Up?](#)

[6 World War II documentaries you need to watch](#)

[The B-24 Bomber: A Brief History](#)

[The Korean War Battle of Chosin, How Military Medics Saved the 'Chosin Frozen'](#)

[Russia's 1st Nuclear Submarine That 'Challenged' US Navy's Nautilus To Be Commemorated On 65th Anniversary](#)

[5 Military Aircraft That Defined The Vietnam War](#)

[The British Army's tactics as the Troubles exploded](#)

[10 Best British War Movies, Ranked](#)

[The Best Military Books We Read in 2023](#)

Local events, online talks and podcasts

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

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

In-person and online talk: [Wartime Encounters in Sicily](#) (Friday 5th January)

The Gurkha Museum

Online talk: [The Chindits: Behind Enemy Lines](#) (Thursday 11th January)

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

In-person and online talk: [The Civil Wars in Oxfordshire: Human Costs and Consequences](#) (Thursday 25th January)

[Old Front Line](#)

A 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 a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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