



Salisbury Military History Society

January 2024 eNewsletter

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Parish Notices

Happy New Year!

We may be over a fortnight into 2024, but Happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming you back for another year of fantastic speakers and topics, and an opportunity to meet new people and forge new friendships.

Wednesday 24th January

7.30pm (arrive from 7pm) - 'The Austerlitz Campaign' with Alan Rooney

The battle of Austerlitz, fought on the 2nd December 1805, is considered by many, including Napoleon himself, to be his finest victory. But how was it that, with the onset of a central European winter, his lines of communication threatened, superior Russian forces approaching and Prussia about to declare war upon him, Napoleon was able to ensnare and destroy his foes on the Pratzen Heights, some 1300 kilometres from Paris? [Read more](#)

Upcoming talks

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 next week's 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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Military History News

Please see below a range of articles from the world of military history over the last month.

[The deadliest bombings in military history](#)

[6 Stories of Animals That Went to War](#)

[Why First Nations 'ununiformed warriors' qualify for the Australian War Memorial](#)

[Tales of Gallipoli](#)

[World-first study of WWI battle site highlights British blunder](#)

[Why This \[US\] Navy Destroyer Flies This World War II-Era Battle Flag](#)

[The Secret Cold War History of Manchester's Underground Tunnel Network](#)

[How did world media view the war in Vietnam?](#)

[How the First Gulf War Changed History Forever](#)

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.

Institution of Royal Engineers

Online talk: [Who made the maps?](#) (Thursday 17th January)

National Army Museum

Museum and online talk: [Cromwell's Convicts: The Death March from Dunbar](#) (Friday 26th January)

National Army Museum

Museum and online talk: [Honouring Our Fallen: British Servicemen in the Korean War](#) (Friday 2nd February)

British Modern Military History Society

Online talk: [Warsaw Uprising](#) (Tuesday 6th February)

Institution of Royal Engineers

Online talk: [The History of 23 Amphibious Engineer Squadron](#) (Wednesday 7th February)

National Army Museum

Museum and online talk: [Military Music and Society in the Napoleonic Wars](#) (Friday 9th February)

The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum

Museum talk: [From Rifleman to Secret Agent](#) (Thursday 15th February)

National Army Museum

Museum and online talk: [Soldiers' Stories: The Irish in the British Army](#) (Friday 16th February)

The Gurkha Museum

Museum talk: [Lecture and Curry Lunch – Singapore at War](#) (Friday 23rd February)

[Old Front Line](#)

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

[Pete and Gary'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 back to St. John's Place next week!

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