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Salisbury Military History Society June 2024 eNewsletter



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Newsletter updates

If there are any ideas to make the newsletter even better then please don't hesitate to contact us through web query page on our website with the subject line 'eNewsletter suggestion'. Or email directly to salisburymilhist@gmail.com with the same subject.

There is no 'member of the month' as no one has been proposed to be introduced to the membership. it would be good if this could return?

Ongoing Call for participation

We remain hopeful that people will put themselves forward. While the few members involved in the committee endeavour to offer a diverse program of events covering various periods and aspects of military history, broader member participation can help maintain our high standards. Consider volunteering to join the committee alongside peers like yourself. There's no need to take on any official society roles; simply participate as a committee member without a specific portfolio, contributing ideas for upcoming member events and talks. No ongoing commitment is required! It's your society, help to shape it's future! And committee meetings are a convivial affair at a local hostelry!

Links Curator still desired

We are seeking an individual interested in taking on the role of 'Links Curator' for our eNewsletter. The role entails monitoring related groups and societies for upcoming events and compiling a list of pertinent links for the Marketing Officer to include in our monthly publication. The task is not burdensome and is sure to be informative. If you are interested, please send an email to salisburymilhist@gmail.com with the subject line 'Links Curator'.

If anyone our members comes across an interesting link that they feel would be of interest to the other members then please email us at salisburymilhist@gmail.com with the subject 'Interesting Link'.

None received for this month.

Upcoming talks

Wed 24th July - [Flying to the Sun: A Modern Englishman in Mediaeval Japan with Michael Jay](#)

Wed 28th Aug - [Laugh or Fly with The Royal Flying Corps 1914-18' with Peter Hart](#)

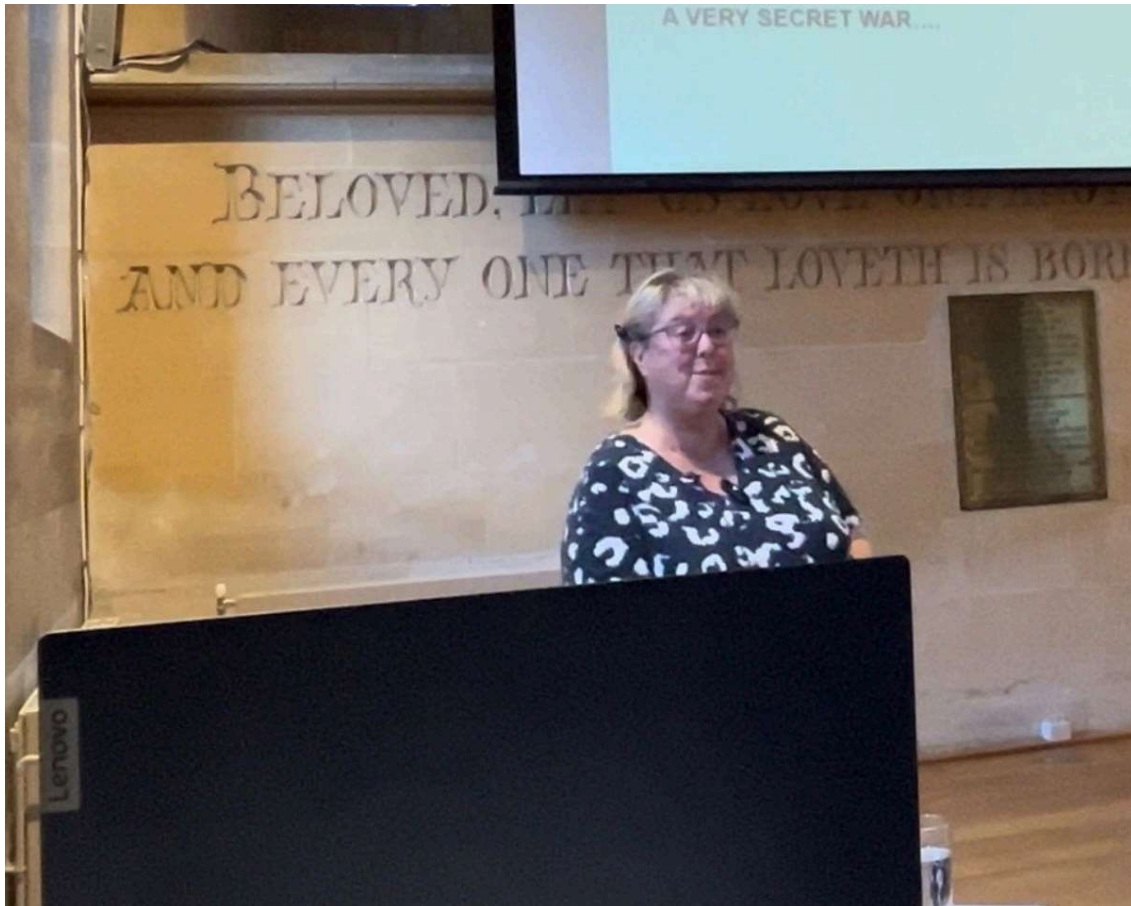
Wed 25th Sep - [My Life As a Military Spy \(BRXMIS\)' Major General Peter Williams](#)

Wed 23rd Oct - [It's All Gone South' - The Story of MV Atlantic Conveyor and Chinook Bravo November in the Falklands Conflict - Andy Tailby](#)

Parking

There is a small car park and lay-by opposite St John's Place on Lower Road (for approx. 20 cars).

[View all our events](#)



Talk Summary - A Very Secret War: Bugging The Nazis in WWII

Wednesday 26th June

On the warmest evening of the year to date, we were graced with the presence of Dr. Helen Fry for a balmy summer's lecture in Salisbury. It marked her first visit to discuss the clandestine surveillance of Nazi POWs during WWII, a topic detailed in her book [The Walls Have Ears](#).

The narrative, pieced together from extensive research into newly declassified archives, offers a riveting look at the tactics used to extract crucial intelligence from high-ranking German captives.

Dr. Fry's passion for her subject was apparent, conveyed through her captivating delivery and the depth of her knowledge on the covert techniques. The records reveal humorous stories of how vital intelligence was gathered, featuring the participation of notable figures such as Ian Fleming.

The account illuminates the psychological strategies employed and the exploitation of the captured German officers' hubris.

Next Talk: Weds 24th July

Michael Jay, a British Airways long-haul pilot now retired from flying the Boeing 747-400 from London's Heathrow Airport, has combined his flying career with a lifelong study of Japan and, in particular, its martial culture. His work and fascination since childhood with the martial arts of both England and Japan has taken him to Japan nearly four hundred times to fly, study, train and teach.

Uniquely, Michael holds senior positions in two 'Intangible Cultural Assets of Japan' as classified by the Japanese government, holding the samurai rank of Group Commander in the Soma Wild Horse Chase, a unique three-day celebration of samurai horsemanship held in the full heat of the Japanese summer in Fukushima, north-eastern Japan.

Michael is also a master swordsman of Japan's premier martial tradition, Tenshin Shōden Katori Shintō Ryū, also an 'Intangible Cultural Asset of Japan' – dating from the 15th century when Japanese martial skill was at its peak. A true combat school, its teachings include all the classical weapons and Shintō and Buddhist philosophy.

Michael holds black belt ranks in several other Japanese martial arts, is a firearms instructor qualified by the prestigious Smith & Wesson Academy, and served 17 years in London's Metropolitan Police Special Constabulary, receiving the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for police service. His audiences have included The Royal Armouries, The Tower of London, Oxford University, Eton College, Keio University, The Japan Society, et al, together with lectures as the guest speaker on cultural cruises around Japan. Michael's talk will explain the practice and ethos of the truly classical martial arts of Japan including the massive differences between them and the modern so-called martial arts as practised, but often corrupted, in the West.

There will be a short film and a practical demonstration of the sword and weapons techniques of the Katori Shinto Ryu, a unique Cultural Treasure rarely seen outside Japan.



Selection of events through history in June

Why not explore the details behind these events?

Battle of Mello (June 10, 1358): French Jacquerie peasant leader Guillaume Cale was captured during this conflict.

Battle near Worskla (June 8, 1502): The Crimean Khan defeated the Great Horde, leading to the disintegration of the Great Horde.

Battle of Naseby (June 14, 1645): The Parliamentarian New Model Army defeated King Charles I's Royalist forces during the English Civil War.

First V1 Flying Bomb Attack (June 13, 1944): The first V1 flying bomb, also known as a "doodle bug," hit London during World War II.

Battle of Arica (June 7, 1880): Chilean forces captured the Peruvian port city of Arica during the War of the Pacific.

Battle of Cold Harbor (June 3, 1864): A significant battle in the American Civil War, resulting in heavy casualties for both Union and Confederate troops.

Battle of Culloden (June 16, 1746): The final confrontation of the Jacobite Rising in Scotland, where government forces defeated the Jacobite rebels.

Battle of Belleau Wood (June 6, 1918): A pivotal World War I battle where U.S. Marines fought against German forces in France.

Battle of Midway (June 4, 1942): A decisive naval battle in the Pacific during World War II, where the U.S. Navy defeated the Japanese fleet.

YouTube

Our YouTube channel is new but it our intention to post excerpts of talks (where licensing and copyright allow) as well as videos that we feel would be of interest within our Military History remit.

[Excerpt from a talk by Dr Helen Fry for the Salisbury Military History Society on 26th June 2024.](#)

[Excerpt of Robin Phayre's 22nd May talk on Drone Dynamics: A Look at drones in the Ukraine theatre and the lessons for the future](#)

YouTube

Local Events, Online Talks and Podcasts

There is a wealth of upcoming military history talks and events in Salisbury and the surrounding areas. This calendar is updated regularly so check back for new additions.

[A Multi Period Living History Show - Battles Through History Military Show](#)

Some recent release books of interest

[The Walls Have Ears - Dr Helen Fry](#)

[Operation Biting: OPERATION BITING: The Sunday Times Number One Bestselling Military History of the 1942 Parachute Assault to Capture Hitler's Radar - Max Hastings](#)

[Paris '44: The Shame and the Glory - Patrick Bishop \(Released 25th July\)](#)

[Sky Warriors: The Sunday Times Bestselling History of the British Airborne Forces in the Second World War - Saul David](#)

Military History News

Please see below a periodically updated list of articles from the world of military history.

[10 Inspiring Stories Of Bravery During The Battle Of Britain](#)

[Interesting Links from British Military History](#)

[The mysterious story of the Unknown Warrior](#)

[Bernard Law Montgomery: Unbeatable and unbearable](#)

[Introduction to Legion: life in the Roman army](#)

[History Has No Lessons for You: A Warning for Policymakers](#)

[7 Greatest Military Strategists from History](#)

[Exhibiting military history](#)

[New Medieval Books: Byzantine Military Rhetoric in the Ninth Century](#)

[Why a Rabbit Appears on This Japanese Samurai Helmet](#)

[The Navy's Short-Lived Plan to Dominate the Skies with Flying Aircraft Carriers](#)

[Learning Lessons from the Prussian Past?](#)

[Which Countries Were Major Players in World War II?](#)

[Carry On films: The star who helped World War II prisoners escape](#)

[D-Day 80th anniversary: Pop-up museums tell Portsmouth's story](#) [video]

[10 War Movies Military Experts Praised for Accuracy & Realism](#)

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

[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 seeing you to St. John's Place next week!

Best regards,

Tony Corkery
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Keith Rigden
Membership Secretary



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