The Internet newsletter for the arms and armour community

Unsurprisingly since we are so close to Hallowe’en, a large number of grave stores, and other related pieces scattered throughout. Fireworks and gunpowder feature, too. Otherwise exhibitions about spies and code-breakers, Flemish portraits and stories about Indian cannons.

Arms and armour in the news

Ancient arms

Oldest flint axe in NW Europe - from Norfolk!

Iron making in Alexander the Great’s empire in Bulgaria.

Update on Thracian chariots
https://www.livescience.com/60678-thracian-chariot-on-reddit-explained.html

Grave stories

Update on Germany’s Bronze Age battlefield

Violence in the Andes

Explore Rothwell’s charnel house at your leisure…

Dealing with the dead on medieval battlefields
http://www.medievalists.net/2017/10/dead-medieval-battles-preliminary-survey/
Memorialised on a biscuit tin

Those who enjoy this section might be interested in this book on 19th century surgery
https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/oct/12/the-butcherling-art-by-lindsey-fitzharris-review

Miscellany

Early for Christmas, but nice French castle for sale, at a very reasonable price…
http://www.medievalists.net/2017/10/castle-sale-montaiguillon/

France launch appeal to buy Francis I’s book of hours

Princesses and Amazons

Portrait of Mary Queen of Scot's identified

Mata Hari: 100 years since her death
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-41595828

Cannons to the left, cannon to the right

Saratoga’s new cannon leaves a bad smell

Four cannons found in Visakhapatnam, India
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGjz6yx6uho

Things that go Bang…

Fireworks in India
http://indianexpress.com/article/research/a-crackling-history-of-fireworks-in-india-4890178/
Fireworks in Indonesia - not so happy
https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/oct/26/indonesia-fireworks-factory-explosion-jakarta-indonesia

Hatfield and its connection to the Gunpowder plot
http://www.whtimes.co.uk/what-s-on/community-events/gunpowder-plot-kit-harington-guy-fawkes-night-hatfield-1-5255805

Living in the past

How to bring up a baby samurai

Jousting today
http://www.medievalists.net/2017/10/modern-world-medieval-sport/

Café Basiliscoe: on this week’s menu

Stone Age banquets
https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/oct/19/stonehenge-builders-feasted-animals-scotland-feast-exhibition

Viking haggis

Or Mameluke mutton
http://www.medievalists.net/2017/10/delectable-war-mutton-refreshments-market-place-rereading-curious-tale-mamluk-era/

Washed down with cider

Nautical news

Update on the Esmerelda - mainly the astrolabe – with some nonsense about it being the oldest astrolabe ever…
Ottoman guns raised for Antalya Museum
http://sabahdai.ly/UDG82g

UK hand Franklin's ships over to Canada

**Museum news and exhibitions**

**News**

Benin bronzes to be returned to Nigeria

Trouble in the museum world of Abu Dhabi

**New museums**

Vienna’s World Museum re-opens

**Museum musings**

Protecting culture under fire

This week in statues - Theodor Roosevelt under attack

**Conservation corner**

Reconstructing Henry V’s helm
http://www.wallacecollection.org/collections/exhibition/131

TLC for the bed of Frederick of Prussia
Exhibitions

Code breaking in Cambridge
http://www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/calendar/whatson/codebreakers-and-groundbreakers

Rembrandt in Norwich

Netherlands portraits in Edinburgh

Visiting Versailles
http://www.chateauversailles.fr/actualites/expositions/visiteurs-versailles-1682-1789#exposition

Pourbus in Bruges
http://artdaily.com/news/99561/Exhibition-at-Groeningemuseum-focuses-on-the-last-of-the-Flemish-Primitives--Pieter-Pourbus#.WeW-VDFe59A

Mata Hari in Leeuwarden

Rubens in Vienna

Marie Antoinette and Count Fersen in Stockholm
http://livrustkammaren.se/sv/utstallningar/i-love-you-madly

Vermeer and co in Washington

Books

Kim Hjardar & Vegard Vike: Vikings at War
https://www.oxbowbooks.com/oxbow/vikings-at-war.html
New books at Ken Trotman
https://kentrotman.co.uk/new-books/

Online book

More fireworks than you can shake a leg at: BL’s renaissance festival books to explore
https://www.bl.uk/treasures/festivalbooks/homepage.html

Popular culture

A match made in heaven - Napoleon and Rodin

Cai Guo-Qiang and gunpowder art in Madrid

Gunpowder serial on BBC

Mail back in fashion
https://www.ft.com/content/4ef279fc-6c6b-11e7-b9c7-15af748b60d0

Events

Diary Dates

Events at the Wallace
http://www.wallacecollection.org/whatson

Events in Dublin
https://www.museum.ie/Visit-Us/Events
Events at the Historial
http://www.historial.org/

Events in Vienna
http://www.hgm.at/

Events at the Met
https://www.metmuseum.org/events/programs

Conferences

6 November 2017 London
Visible Identities: Symbolic Codes from Personal Heraldry to Corporate Logos
https://www.sal.org.uk/events/2017/11/visible-identities/

15-17 November 2017, Canterbury
Black Prince Conference
https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/whats-on/event/blackprinceconference/

Sales, fairs and auctions

30 October 2017 New York
Arts of the Samurai
http://www.bonhams.com/auctions/24721/

31 October 2017 London, Knightsbridge
Important Instruments of Science & Technology
http://www.bonhams.com/auctions/24096/

6-17 November Munich
Catalogue for Hermann Historica now online
https://www.hermann-historica.de/en/Auktionen/Laufende

Websites and downloads

Portugal’s Maritime Museum
http://ccm.marinha.pt/pt/museu/

Latest from Les Invalides: Le magazine du musée
Illustrated article about guns associated with British India
https://wiki.fibis.org/w/Historic_Guns_of_British_India

1066 etc: Renaissance warfare, Vikings in winter & medieval ghosts

http://www.medievalists.net/2017/10/nineteenth-century-memory-renaissance-italian-warfare-erc
ole-ricotti-jacob-burckhardt/
http://www.medievalists.net/2017/10/winter-camp-viking-great-army-ad-872-3-torksey-lincolnshir
e/
http://www.medievalists.net/2017/10/medieval-ghosts-can-tell-us-afterlife/

Finally a ghost story for Hallowe’en

*The stalls of Barchester* by MR James
http://www.thin-ghost.org/items/show/155

And a tribute to the late Robert Hardy who starred in the TV adaption
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFHkSCSrfY

This fortnight we tweeted visits to East Anglia
https://twitter.com/Basiliscoe

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