



Salisbury Military History Society

August 2020 eNewsletter

If you've missed any previous editions, you can find them on our website – [click here](#).

We trust you're keeping well.

Many thanks to everyone that responded to our recent enquiry about attendance of the scheduled September talk. Your continued electronic engagement demonstrates the strength of our Society.

Parish Notices

The Committee met virtually on 4th and 11th August to discuss the current circumstances and plan for the coming months.

Though our annual programme was introduced as September-to-August, we will not be commencing a new membership year or requesting new subscription fees until we have delivered another four talks/events – the number postponed since March 2020.

Regarding our request for your thoughts on conducting a limited-entry Battle of Britain talk at St John's Place next month, two-thirds responded that they would not attend. A number of you enquired about the possibility of the talk going ahead as a live stream or recorded event. The Committee continues to explore this option, but with a number of considerations needed to align – the speaker's technical capabilities and willingness, and the Committee's experience, equipment and availability. However, we can confirm that the Battle of Britain talk will not go ahead at St John's Place on 23rd September.

Though we update our social media channels almost daily, all important updates will be emailed to members and mailing list subscribers directly.

Future dates for your diary (if circumstances permit):

In addition to our regular programme of talks, the Committee continues to review all extra-curricular events such as the visit to the Infantry & Small Arms School Corps Weapons Collection and D-Day war-gaming.

Wed 28th Oct: 'RNAS Armoured Car Expeditionary Force on the Eastern Front, 1915-17' - [Alan Wakefield](#)

Wed 25th Nov: 'The Falklands War – There and Back Again: The Story of Naval Party 8901' - [Dr Mike Jones](#)

Wed 9th Dec: AGM and Christmas social (for full members)

Military History News

Search underway for site of Battle of Manzikert in Turkey

Fought in 1071, the Battle of Manzikert is viewed as a turning point leading to the decline of the Byzantine Empire. Now, academics from eight universities will explore the site in far more detail than ever before witnessed in Turkey. Battlefield archaeology has never been truly embarked upon in Anatolia, but this project will unite archaeologists with historians, art historians, geographers and geologists. [Read more](#)

Call for military museum at former army barracks in Tipperary

On 30th March 2012 a gentleman wrote a letter to The Irish Times suggesting that the just-closed Kichham Barracks be preserved as a military museum. Eight years on and a regeneration plan for Clonmel includes just such a proposal. Established in the Eighteenth Century as Clonmel Infantry Barracks and renamed as

Victoria Barracks in 1837, they were home to the Royal Irish Regiment (and predecessors) until 1922. Rebuilt during the Second World War, they were home to the 12th Infantry Battalion until March 2012. [Read more](#)

VJ Day, 15th August

Armed Forces Day: VJ Day Fact of the Day - Less than 15% of the 14th Army hailed from Britain



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Webinars

Though museums are re-opening now, webinars and online talks continue and we've collated a selection you may be interested in over the coming weeks.

[History from Home](#)

Next talk: The Real Warhorse (Wednesday 19th August)

[Western Front Association](#)

Next talk: The 9th Battalion East Surrey Regiment and the German Spring Offensive March 1918 (Wednesday 19th August)

[Army Flying Museum](#)

Next talk: The Army Air Corps in the Aden Emergency, 1966-67 (Monday 24th August)

[Royal Engineers Historical Society](#)

Next talk: Subterranean Warfare – From WW1 to the Present Day (September – date TBC)

We'll keep you all up-to-date regarding our Battle of Britain talk plans and welcome your continued correspondence.

Best regards,

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