



# Salisbury Military History Society

October 2020 eNewsletter

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We trust you're keeping well.

## Parish Notices

As circumstances mean we're not able to meet in any meaningful way for the foreseeable future, we're sure it goes without saying that with great sadness we won't be gathering at St John's Place next week.

As we shared last month, while we have considered hosting virtual talks, one of our major aims is to provide a social meeting place for people with an interest in military history and to provide thought-provoking speakers to address that group in a convivial setting. Following an excellent programme last year, we wouldn't want to short-change our members subsequently.

Therefore, the new subscription year will not commence until we have hosted four more talks to complete full members' 2019/20 membership fees and so no new subscription payments are due until further notice.

### "Napoleon's Russia Campaign of 1812"

In lieu of a face-to-face meeting this month, instead, Alan Rooney has shared with us the recording of a talk he gave to the Royal Artillery Historical Society. [Click here](#) to watch.

### "The Tortuous Birth of a Nation"

Member Tony Malkin has just had his Israel battlefield guide published. All proceeds will go to SMHS and local charities especially the Salisbury Hospice. Books are available from Riverside Publishing Solutions ([click here](#)) or if the purchaser wants an inscription / book signed, then contact Tony directly by email: [anthonymalkin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anthonymalkin@yahoo.co.uk).

### Royal Irish 'Virtual Military Gallery'

From James Thompson: "The Royal Irish Regiment has a very interesting feature on their website, the [Virtual Military Gallery](#) (VMG). This is an online timeline for every day of the year with a story of the regiment and its antecedents' affairs and battles on that day. It could be of interest. Have a look!"

### The History Bookshop

Patrick Hillman's History Bookshop in Salisbury is offering members 50% off all military, naval, aviation and transport titles: "The sale will run from Tuesday November 3rd until Saturday 28th. Members only have to mention they belong to the society to benefit from the sale offer. The shop is open on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday each week, from 10:00 until 16:00. As you can appreciate, space is limited so I am asking that only 2 customers are in the shop at any one time - both for ease of movement and for safe distancing. My phone number is 07772 632517 and my email address is [patrickhillman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:patrickhillman@hotmail.co.uk). For any member that hasn't visited the shop before the full address is The History Bookshop, Fisherton Mill Courtyard, 108 Fisherton Street, Salisbury SP2 7QY. Payment by cash or cheque only."

## Military History News

### 8 turning points in medieval European history

Selecting his key moments in medieval history, Dr Charles West of the University of Sheffield focuses on religious expansion as a major driving force in shaping Europe. [Read more](#)

### The International Brigades by Giles Tremlett review - lost voices from the Spanish civil war

As we weren't able to welcome Ray Wilkinson to discuss "British Volunteers and the Spanish Civil War" back in March, we're glad to share with you a review of Giles Tremlett's new book on the International Brigades. [Read more](#)

### **New website pays tribute to Far East prisoners of war**

While we have celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of VE Day and VJ Day this year, a new website - [fepow75.org.uk](http://fepow75.org.uk) - remembers the repatriation of PoWs from the Far East. [Read more](#)

### **4 of the Stupidest Wars in World History**

While the causes and effects may be far from insignificant, Military.com has taken a look at four of history's wars that appear to have the strangest beginnings (and names) – Pastry, Jenkin's Ear, Opium and Kettle. [Read more](#)

## **Online talks**

Click on the links below for the next (and future) webinars from a range of historians and societies.

### **History from Home**

Next talk: Auschwitz (Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October)

### **Western Front Association**

Next talk: The USA in the Great War (Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October)

### **Old Front Line**

A weekly World War One podcast featuring 30-45min episodes. Next episode on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October

### **The Keep Military Museum**

Next talk: Intelligence Operations in Londonderry 1973-76 - a view under the covers (Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October). £5 - email [jameskrporter@aol.com](mailto:jameskrporter@aol.com) for details

### **Laughton Naval History Unit, King's College London**

Next talk: The Queen's Maritime Palace: The Monarchy and Naval Diplomacy at Osborne, c. 1845-1890 (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November)

### **Royal Engineers Historical Society**

Next talk: Writing the History of the Corps of Royal Engineers (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November)

We'll keep you all up-to-date regarding our future plans and welcome your continued correspondence.

Best regards,

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### **Useful links:**

Website - <https://salisburymilhist.com>

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### **Who's who:**

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