



Salisbury Military History Society

November 2020 eNewsletter

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We trust you're keeping well.

Parish Notices

With the current lockdown due to last until at least 2nd December, again, we won't be gathering at St John's Place next week.

AGM postponed

As you may recall, we planned to hold our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 9th December. As the national lockdown is intended to end the week before that and, in accordance with our Constitution we must give three weeks' notice, due to current uncertainties the AGM is postponed. The Constitution details how our next AGM must be held within 15 months of the previous one (on 2nd December 2019) so we will keep our members up-to-date with the rescheduled meeting date.

Military History News

The Impacts of the Russo-Japanese War on the World Wars and History

A major outcome of the 1904/5 Russo-Japanese War was the start of decolonisation; an Asian nation had beaten one of the great European imperialist powers. Also, after the Crimean War and American Civil War had seen the presence of journalists on the battlefield, this industrial conflict saw military observers monitor the application of new technology and tactics. [Read more](#)

Documentary on role of Indian soldiers in World War I drops on Discovery Plus

In promoting their new documentary, Discovery has declared that 'India: The Forgotten Army' will shine a light on the tales of courage and sacrifice of Indian soldiers. Focusing primarily on the Great War, the programme is an adaptation of the book 'World War Sikh: Memoirs of an Indian Cavalryman 1913-45' by Rana TS Chhina. [Read more](#)

The True History of Netflix's 'The Liberator'

A new Netflix series tells the story of the Thunderbird Division – made up of Native Americans, Mexican Americans and Southwestern cowboys – as it fought across Sicily, Italy, France and into Germany. Based on Alex Kershaw's book, it follows the most racially-integrated unit in its 500 days of combat. [Read more](#)

Was the Queen opposed to the Falklands War?

Series four of The Crown brings us into the 1980s and History Extra's clickbait headline allows historian Dominic Sandbrook to discuss the monarch's views on the Falklands War. As he reminds us, speaking to President Ronald Reagan during the conflict, Queen Elizabeth reminded him that "The conflict in the Falkland Islands was thrust on us by naked aggression and we are naturally proud of the way our fighting men are serving their country." [Read more](#)

Online talks

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

[Western Front Association](#)

Next talk: The Centre Cannot Hold: Arras 1918 and the Failure of German Counterattack Doctrine (Wednesday 18th November)

[History from Home](#)

Next talk: Norway 1940 (Wednesday 18th November)

[Old Front Line](#)

A weekly World War One podcast featuring 30-45min episodes. Next episode on Saturday 21st November

[British Modern Military History Society](#)

Next talk: Disgraceful Conduct – Murder in the Military (Tuesday 1st December)

[Army Flying Museum 'Lockdown Lectures'](#)

Next talk: Lawrence's Desert Air Force - The Secret Royal Flying Corps Support to the Arab Revolt (Monday 7th December)

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

Best regards,

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