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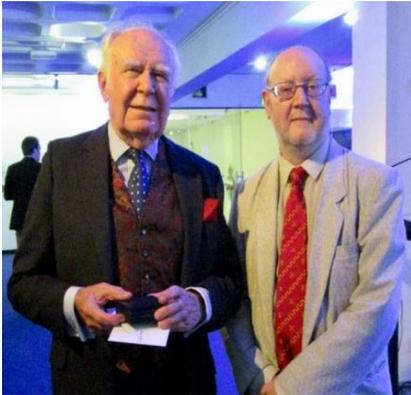
SUMMER NEWSLETTER

June 2018

The Annual Members' Meeting 2018

This year's Annual Meeting took place in the prestigious Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon. It was a highly successful and enjoyable evening marked by a fascinating lecture by Air Vice Marshal Peter Dye on Trenchard, the apogee of the Royal Flying Corps, and its transition into the Royal Air Force – 100 years old this year. This was followed by a sociable Drinks & Buffet Reception and of course our annual Prizegiving (see below).

2018 Prizewinners



Above: 2018 Templer Medal winner John Hussey with Templer Chairman, John Peaty

SAHR Templer Medal

Winner: *Waterloo: The Campaign of 1815*, by John Hussey (Pen & Sword)

Joint second place: *These Meritorious Objects of the Royal Bounty: The Chelsea Out-Pensioners in the Early Eighteenth Century*, by Andrew Cormack (Privately Published) and *Vimy: The Battle and the Legend*, by Tim Cook (Penguin Canada)

Fourth place: *Triumph at Imphal-Kohima. How the Indian Army Finally Stopped the Japanese Juggernaut*, by Raymond A. Callahan (University Press of Kansas)

Templer Best First Book Prize

Winner: *The Fear of Invasion: Strategy, Politics, and British War Planning, 1880-1914*, by David G. Morgan-Owen (Oxford University Press)

Second Place: *Soldiers and Gentlemen: Australian Battalion Commanders in the Great War, 1914-1918*, by William Westerman (Cambridge University Press)

Third Place: *The Yeomanry Cavalry and Military Identities in Rural Britain, 1815-1914*, by George Hay (Palgrave Macmillan)

Fourth Place: *Captives of War: British Prisoners of War in Europe in the Second World War*, by Clare Makepeace (Cambridge University Press).

(See next page for pictures)



AVM Peter Dye presents Templer First Book prizes to (L to R): Dr David G. Morgan-Owen (Winner First Book); Dr George Hay (3rd place); Dr Clare Makepeace (4th place).

Buckingham Palace Garden Party



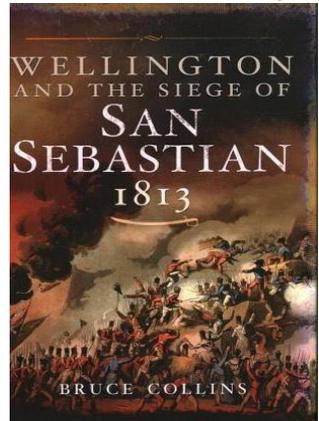
Our Royal Patron, Field Marshal HRH Prince Michael of Kent, kindly extended an invitation to Council Members to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace recently. Here Adam Storr poses (and why not?) in front of the Palace garden entrance looking very regal.

For Your Diary: “Wellington, San Sebastian and Siege Warfare Revisited” - Professor Bruce Collins

18:00, 14 June 2018 - War Studies Meeting Room K6.07, King’s Building, Kings College London, Strand Campus, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS

SAHR is delighted to welcome Professor Bruce Collins, who will present his new book: *Wellington and the Siege of San*

Sebastian, 1813. San Sebastian was a key objective which had to be secured to allow the allied army to push into Southern France following the successful battle of Vitoria, and Professor Collins's research draws on a number of original sources to assess how this complex operation unfolded. His work offers a new understanding of this important siege, which marked the beginning of the end of the Peninsular War. The event will be hosted by the War Studies Department, King’s College London. Bruce Collins is Professor of Modern History at Sheffield Hallam University. This is a free event, open to the public. Please RSVP to have your name included on the list at King's security desk, e-mail to: william.fletcher@kcl.ac.uk



The SAHR Peninsular War Tour 2018



"I see no Frenchiees! - Wellington's command post atop Bussaco Ridge in central Portugal.

21 members and their partners, drawn from UK, USA, Australia and New Zealand joined Chairman Ashley Truluck for this Battlefield Tour following the exploits of the Light Division in the Peninsular War. With a shared background as SAHR members, everyone got along well and in addition to touring many of the key battlefields we visited some wonderful historic towns, sampled regional food and wines and generally soaked up the local culture.



The group outside the town gate of Burgos

Next Year's SAHR Battlefield Tour – Malta October 2019



Battlefield tour group enjoying cruise of historic Grand Harbour

Following the success of this year's inaugural SAHR Battlefield Tour, we are planning a trip to Malta in October 2019. Malta needs no introduction as a warm, friendly Mediterranean island rich in culture and military history – including probably the greatest concentration of well-preserved military fortifications in Europe, if not the world. We'll be looking at the history and fortifications of the Knights of St John and their heroic defence of the island in the Great Siege of 1565; the arrival, in close succession, of Napoleon and Nelson and the ensuing British occupation of the island; Malta's Empire role during its Victorian hay day; and finally, the heroic Second World War siege which earned the islanders the unique award of a collective George Cross. Already 6 people have expressed an interest and if you wish to add your name to the list – no financial obligation at this stage – or simply want to know more, contact the Chairman on atruluck@broadchalke.net or 01722-780852. Further details will be posted up in future Newsletters and the Website.

And finally...

Latest Additions to Council: **Dr James Kitchen** brings insights from Sandhurst and will help the Council look at how it contacts members of the Army.

Carole Divall is an author and has a wealth of experience in the schools sector. For the full list of current Council members, see back of The Journal.

Subscriptions for 2018 are now due. Please pay at your earliest convenience - or better, arrange a Standing Order as advised in the last Newsletter.

Sadly, partly as a result of the previous Membership Secretary's illness, **there are still some 50 or so Subscriptions outstanding from last year.** Our interim Membership Secretary (Andrew Cormack) is in the process of writing to all those concerned. Many have now paid, but if not, we will have no option other than to terminate membership and services if we do not hear from you.