



The Society for Army Historical Research

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CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2018

RECENT EVENTS

English Civil Wars Lecture - Tue 11 September



SAHR Council Member Dr Ismini Pells (pictured left) of the University of Leicester described her research into petitions by wounded soldiers and war widows – and how this provides important information about the lives of ordinary soldiers during the English Civil Wars. In the course of her research she had uncovered small skirmishes which historians had never previously known existed. Descriptions from wounded soldiers revealed what kinds of wound surgeons were able to treat, and show that Civil War surgeons were employing some of the most advanced surgical techniques of the time. Dr Pells also described the politics of military welfare, as Parliament and the Protectorate provided pensions only for parliamentary veterans, while the restored monarchy provided them only for former royalists. She reflected on how the lessons of Civil War era military welfare relate to today's Armed Forces Covenant. A lively Q&A session was followed by drinks and further animated discussion in the Army and Navy Club's informal Ribbon Bar.

Warfare in the Victorian Age Conference - 15 September

A number of members took advantage of the SAHR discount, arranged by Council member and Helion representative Andrew Bamford, to attend this event in Leicester which included some excellent presentations on new research as well as a buffet lunch and concluding drinks reception.

Malvern Festival of Military History - 5-7 October

SAHR was also delighted to have a stand at the Malvern Festival of Military History. Over the three days of the festival, there was a wide-ranging series of talks and panel discussions on subjects including Agincourt, the First and Second World Wars, small wars and insurgencies in the Twentieth century, the English Civil War, the colonial campaigns of the Nineteenth century, sea power across the ages, Napoleon, and Waterloo. Each day ended with celebrated authors talking about their new books - Sir Max Hastings on Vietnam, Andrew Roberts on Churchill, and Lord Paddy Ashdown on the numerous conspiracies against Hitler. All of those attending were greatly impressed by the quality of the speakers and the friendly atmosphere that pervaded the event.

The Templer Lecture –12 November



The Society's annual Templer Lecture was held at the Army and Navy Club in London. Our speaker this year was John Hussey (left), awarded the 2017 Templer Medal for his magnificent study of the Waterloo campaign. Although his theme of the lecture was '*Coalition Warfare in the Context of the 1815 Hundred Days Campaign*', the content was exceptionally wide-ranging. John Hussey drew comparisons with events in both world wars and incorporated his own personal experiences of several notable British field marshals – including former SAHR President Sir Gerald Templer. The lecture was followed by a dinner attended by the speaker, the Templer Medal judges, and many Society members. For those unable to attend, a video recording of the lecture is now available on the Society's new YouTube channel.

RESEARCH UPDATE

I am currently deeply engrossed in John Hussey's two-volume seminal work on '*Waterloo: The Campaign of 1815*' and am impressed that it includes many references to SAHR Journal research articles in the footnotes.

Which is by way of reminding all SAHR members that back-issues of the Journal (1921-2015) are now available electronically via JSTOR and can be freely accessed through the SAHR website www.sahr.co.uk. Current members can view digitized articles by logging into their SAHR account (click the 'sign-in' button on the top right of any page on the website). A direct link to the JSAHR back-issues portal is available on the 'Your Account' page; once on JSTOR, members can browse the contents of past quarterly Journals or search for specific terms or phrases using the search bar at the top.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICES

Constitutional Amendment

Members are hereby advised that at the Annual General Meeting in April 2019, the following amendment to the Constitution will be proposed:

Section 4c – that the period of grace for members renewing their subscriptions be changed from 30th June, as presently stated, to 31st March.

The purpose of this pragmatic amendment is to reduce the number of issues sent to the previous year's members who do not renew in the following year for whatever reason.

Which brings us to...

Subscription Reminder for 2019

The subscription rates for 2019 are set out below and are due on 2nd January.

Location	Full Rate	Student Rate
United Kingdom	£ 37.50	£ 20.00
Canada & USA	US\$ 60.00	US\$ 30.00
Europe (excl UK)	£ 40.00	£ 20.00
Rest of World	US\$ 60.00	US\$ 30.00

Payment options (in order of preference) are as follows:

- PayPal through our website at www.sahr.org.uk
If you have your subscription already set up in PayPal then no action is required as it will be on automatic renewal until cancelled.
- Bank Standing Order made payable to NatWest, Sort Code 60-15-04, Acct. 01241710. If you already have an established Standing Order then no action is required.
- Cheque made out to *The Society for Army Historical Research* and sent to Christopher Palmer, Hon. Membership Secretary at 67 Longley Road, Chichester, PO19 6DB, United Kingdom. It is essential that you provide your postal address when renewing your subscription.

Student Members should provide a photocopy of their Student ID card with your renewal. Student Membership is for a three-year period. If your student status extends beyond that then please write or email and ask for an extension.

If you have any queries, please e-mail Christopher Palmer, Membership Secretary at <mailto:membership@sahr.org.uk>

FUTURE EVENTS

Note: Please monitor the website for latest information on forthcoming events.

Conference at Derby Museum – 27th April 2019

SAHR is proud to sponsor the Helion & Co. conference '*Life in the Red Coat: The British Soldier 1721-1815*' at the Derby Museum and Fine Art Gallery on Saturday 27 April. Tickets can be booked via Helion's website (www.helion.co.uk), and SAHR members can attend this event at a £5 discount using the discount code FRTR2019.

Lecture at National Army Museum – 1st May 2019

Dr. Jonathan Boff will give a lecture at the National Army Museum on Wednesday 1 May 2019 on '*The British Army and the End of the First World War*'. Members are welcome to register for this event via the SAHR website.

Annual Battlefield Tour - Malta 2-7th November 2019

Following last year's enjoyable tour to Spain, I am looking forward to taking members to Malta – one of my favourite locations - next year. We have had a good response so far but still have room for more takers. Malta is packed so full of historical, cultural and architectural treasures that this tour makes it particularly suitable not only for military history enthusiasts but also their partners, family and friends. All are welcome so long as at least one member of the group is a SAHR member. Full details were given in the last newsletter and are available on the website. In summary, our six-day tour will be based at the iconic Phoenicia Hotel at Valetta and will cover



all aspects of the military history and much of the culture of Malta. The discounted price (£1550 pp based on shared room or £1860 single) includes return flights from London, coach and harbour tours, 5* bed & breakfast, and a fine restaurant dinner with wine each evening. I and my company's (www.theculturalexperience.com) local guide will be your hosts. ***If you haven't already registered, want to book, or need further information, please contact me, Ashley Truluck, direct on chair@sahr.org.uk or 01722-780852.***

Annual Members' Meeting – 9th April 2019

SAHR's 2019 Annual Member's Meeting will take place on Tuesday 9 April at the refurbished National Army Museum. As usual, the evening will begin with a brief AGM (at 5pm). It will include a lecture from Dr. Rory Muir (whose acclaimed biography of Wellington was awarded the Templer Medal in 2015), on '*The Duke of Wellington and the British Army*'. The evening will conclude with our Annual Prizegiving ceremony and drinks & buffet Reception. This is our main event of the year and all members are encouraged to attend. There is no charge and each member may bring one guest. Please complete the attached proforma to let us know you are coming:



Annual Members Meeting and AGM – Tue 9 April 2019

Please fill in the form in CAPITAL LETTERS:

I wish to attend the Annual Members Meeting at 5pm on Tue 9 April 2019.

Name:.....

Email:.....

Name of Guest:.....

Signed:.....

Please send completed proforma to:

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