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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL

Freddie Hyde, Events Co-ordinator



Photo: National Army Museum

Further to the notice given in the last newsletter, this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Templer reception will take place on Wednesday 29 April. We will be back at the Society's 'home ground' at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 4HT. The venue is a short walk from Sloane Square tube station.

The dress code for the evening is business dress, or jacket and tie. The programme for the evening is as follows:

5pm: AGM | Foyle Centre

The AGM will begin at 5pm in the Foyle Centre. An agenda for the meeting will be posted on the website in due course and paper copies will be available on the evening. The museum galleries will be open for SAHR members to view before the AGM commences.

6pm: Lecture | Foyle Centre

The AGM will be followed by our guest lecture, where we will hear from John Buckley, Professor of Military History at the University of Wolverhampton. His publications include *British Armour in the Normandy Campaign* (2004) and *Monty's Men: The British Army and the Liberation of Europe* (2013). He will speak on 'A Bridge Too Far: Film, History and Operation Market Garden'.

7pm: Reception & Prizegiving | Atrium

After a short comfort break, we will assemble in the Atrium for the traditional drinks reception and prizegiving ceremony. Our President will present the awards for our annual essay prizes, the coveted Templer Medal, awarded annually to the best book on the history of the British Army and Fellowship certificates to this year's recipients.

The evening will finish by **10:30pm** at the latest. Society ties and badges will be available to purchase by cash or by card throughout the course of the evening.

Registration | Important

Entrance to the evening is FREE for SAHR members plus one guest each, but we do ask that members book in advance so that we have a clear idea of numbers. Members should book tickets for their guests in addition to their own.

If you wish to attend the AGM and evening events, please register on Ticket Tailor at: <https://buytickets.at/societyforarmyhistoricalresearch/2092650>. If you have any trouble, please email events@sahr.org.uk

Please book your place by midnight on **Wednesday 15 April**.

MEMBERS' SPECIAL OFFERS



Dr Nicola Martin, the Society's Grants Co-ordinator, has written a new book. *The British Army in Scotland and North America, 1745-1775: Militarisation on the Fringes of the Empire*, published by Palgrave Macmillan. Nicola has arranged a generous 20% discount for SAHR Members by using the code PALAUT at <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-89258-5>.

Dr William A. Heap has contacted the Society to bring to our attention the launch of his French to English translation service specialising in military history: Parley Translations (UK) and Parley Traductions (France). He is offering 20% discount to SAHR members. <https://www.parleytranslations.com/>
<https://www.parleytraductions.fr/>

ONLINE TALKS 2026

Andrew Bamford & Dudley Giles

The programme for the second half of 2026 is still being confirmed, but plans are:

April, Date TBC,

Tom Golding-Lee, 'The Marine Regiments in the War of Jenkins' Ear'

May, Date TBC,

Giles Orpen-Smellie, 'What did we know? Developing the tactical intelligence picture at unit level during the Falklands Campaign'

June, Date TBC,

Neil Hutton, 'Wenlock's Horse - The East Riding Yeomanry in the First World War'

July, Date TBC,

Paul Knight, 'How Prepared was the British Army for the American War of Independence?'

August, Date TBC,

Andrew Dorman 'The British Army, Society and Soldiering in Ireland, 1699-1793'

September, Date TBC,

Phil McCarty, 'Point of Failure: British Army Brigadiers in France & Norway, 1940'

October, Date TBC,

Aimee Fox, 'Soldier, Banker, Poet: The Lives and Loves of Major General Guy Dawnay'

These talks are also open to non-members, so if you have friends who you think would be interested, please feel free to share the details – hopefully, a useful way of getting them interested in our Society.

Members who would be interested in giving a talk themselves, should contact Andrew Bamford at socialmedia@sahr.org.uk with an outline of their proposed topic. Speakers on subjects pre-1740 and in the period 1816-1913 would be particularly welcome.

The majority of previous talks are available to catch up with on the Society's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@sahrlectures4850/videos>

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

Dr Glyn Prysor, Assistant Director



Following a highly successful run, the Museum's special exhibition *Beyond Burma: Forgotten Armies* will close on 19 April 2026. Curated by Dr Alan Jeffreys, a former member of the Templer Medal Committee, the exhibition has received widespread praise. Members who have not yet visited are warmly encouraged to take this final opportunity to see it before it closes.

A new special exhibition will open in July: *Drawn on the Western Front: Paul Sarrut and the Indian Army*. This exhibition features a remarkable collection of sketches by the French liaison officer and artist Paul Sarrut, who spent time with the 3rd (Lahore) Division in late 1914 and early 1915. His drawings provide a rare and compelling visual insight into the experiences of the Indian Army on the Western Front.

Currently on loan to the Museum is the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) Dickin Medal awarded to Buster, a Springer Spaniel who served as a specialist Arms and Explosives Search Dog. The Dickin Medal – the highest award an animal can receive for gallantry in military service – was presented to Buster for his actions in Southern Iraq in 2003 alongside his handler, Sergeant Danny Morgan. The medal is now on display in the Soldier Gallery.

As part of its ongoing commitment to accessibility, the Museum is now offering regular British Sign Language (BSL) tours of its permanent galleries. Covering a variety of themes and topics, these tours are available on a pay-what-you-can basis. Further details can be found on the Museum's website.

In a previous update, we made SAHR members aware of a proposed development alongside the Museum at 29 Tite Street. The project includes the construction of a new underground gallery space, a purpose-built lecture theatre, and a new garden replacing the current car park. More information can be found at <https://tite-street.co.uk>, including details about how to support the scheme, which has the application reference PP/25/04989.

Details of all upcoming talks and events are available on the Museum's website: www.nam.ac.uk