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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

Wednesday 27th April 2022

Council intends that the 94th Annual General Meeting of the Society be held on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at the National Army Museum, subject to possible caveats regarding public health at that time. The AGM program outline is as follows:

- 3.00 pm Meeting of Council
- 4.00 pm Refreshments and Registration
- 5.00 pm AGM
- 6.00 pm Lecture.
Nicholas Perry (2020 Templer Best First Book prize-winner) will be speaking about his book, Major-General Oliver Nugent: The Irishman who led the Ulster Division in the Great War
- 7.30 pm Templer Prize and other awards ceremony
- 8.00 pm Reception
- 9.00 pm Close

The AGM will include consideration of Constitutional Amendments proposed by Council for approval by the AGM, regarding the method of electing the Society's Council. As noted in the Winter 2022 Newsletter, our current Secretary, The Reverend Dr Peter Howson, is stepping down with effect from the 2022 AGM.

Details of the AGM program are posted to the website on the AGM page.

Hon. Secretary, The Rev'd Dr. Peter Howson

DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR OVERSEAS PRIVATE MEMBERS

The first electronic version of our quarterly Journal is being released at the same time as the printed 2022 Spring Journal and this Newsletter are despatched. Members who have chosen the Digital membership will have already received their invitation email to access this Journal.

Membership Secretary, Chris Palmer



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JACOBITE RISING OF 1745, 275th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

Saturday 23rd October 2021 – Town Hall in Prestonpans

This conference was originally scheduled for 2020, but the Covid pandemic forced its cancellation. Happily, it was re-scheduled to take place in October 2021 in Prestonpans Town Hall. The hall is being developed into a heritage centre by Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust, and the conference was the first event to be held there. Organised by Helion publishing house, and sponsored by our Society as well as the BCMH, we had a stall and display throughout the day. More than 50 people attended; meeting attendees and discussing the aims and objectives of SAHR with them, was both enjoyable and entertaining – on both sides.

The eight papers presented, covered a wide and varied range of topics and are to be published later this year.



Photo courtesy of Battle of Prestonpans 1745 Heritage Trust

Events Co-ordinator, Carol Dixon-Smith

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SAHR 2022 LECTURE ONLINE SERIES

Having had a very successful start with Dr Christopher Phillips talking on *Civilian Specialists at War: Britain's Transport Experts and the First World War*, the series continues throughout the year. Events up until June are as follows:

- March Carole Divall : Vitoria, 21 June 1813
- May Rev Dr Peter Howson : Royal Army Chaplains Dept in Post-War Germany
- June: Dr Andrew Bamford : Mounting Wellington's Cavalry: Horses and Horsemanship in the Peninsular War

All the series events will be publicised via email and available to book on the SAHR website.

Events Co-ordinator, Carol Dixon-Smith

THE TEMPLER MEDAL for 2021

Despite the pandemic we received an impressive number of entries for the Templer in 2021: 50 (including 2 received at the end of 2020 but dated 2021 so eligible for consideration and 1 which was both unsolicited and outside the remit of the competition) from 30 publishers on 4 continents. One of the entries was in 4 volumes. Of the entries, 14 (28%) were first books as defined by the Templer rules.

Despite my repeated prompting, publishers were very tardy with their entries in 2021. When they finally woke up to the fact that the year was fast drawing to a close, they deluged the judges with entries in November and December.

Templer Medal Sub-Committee Chair, Dr John Peaty

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS & RESEARCH THESES ON BRITISH MILITARY HISTORY

Following Professor Ian Beckett's decision to step away from compiling the list of doctoral dissertations and research theses on British military history recorded in the Society's journal, Dr Christopher Phillips, Council Member and Book Reviews Editor for the journal, has agreed to take over responsibility for the compilation of the list. Any members with information on doctoral dissertations and research theses on British military history awarded from 2020 onwards are encouraged to contact Dr Phillips at bookreviews@sahr.org.uk.



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SOCIAL MEDIA

As outgoing social media officer, Andrew Bamford, begins to hand over his responsibilities, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Rowan Wise as one of two social media managers. Rowan will have responsibility for the day-to-day running of the SAHR Twitter account; we are now seeking to appoint a second manager to look after our presence on LinkedIn and Facebook and post material to them via the Hootsuite scheduling platform. Expressions of interest in this voluntary post should be sent to socialmedia@sahr.org.uk.

Council Member, Dr Andrew Bamford

SAHR FELLOWSHIPS

A proposal has been discussed by Council by which the Society would be able to award the honorary title of Fellow to deserving individuals. This would provide a means by which distinguished service to the Society, or to the study of the land forces of the British Crown, could be recognised. At present, we are able to do this only to a very limited extent through the creation of a small number of Vice Presidents. A paper outlining the concept in greater detail will be found separately accompanying this issue of the Newsletter. It is proposed to bring the proposal to the membership at the forthcoming AGM.

Council Member, Dr Andrew Bamford

ESSAY COMPETITION

Our Schools Essay Competition is faltering. There is little doubt this is a consequence of the Covid pandemic on school activities outside of the absolutely essential. But if you have relatives in Sixth Form, or friends who have children in school at that level, please draw their attention the fact that cash prizes are there to be won (£300 and £100).

Hon. Membership Secretary, Chris Palmer

