

## BOOK HUNTER

Do you have trouble tracking down that rare book for reference purposes? It is a problem all too common for historians, re-enactors or general readers who are searching for something different to read. Some of the old titles covering 19th century wars are becoming increasingly hard to find and the same is happening with the First World War as we approach the centenary of the outbreak of that conflict. Turner Donovan Military Books based in Brighton, East Sussex may have the answer to your wants and needs, because they specialise in rare and out-of-print military books between 1800 and 1945. The firm deals in trench maps for walking the battlefields and original diaries help bring to life the history of the site and the period. Donovan's regularly update their catalogue online and can also be contacted through the website at: [www.turnerdonovan.com](http://www.turnerdonovan.com) for more specialist enquiries phone 01273 566230.

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As many of you will already be aware this year marks the 70th anniversary of the arrival of US forces in the UK during WW II. There is already news of a number of ceremonies to mark the event, including 'Barry at War' in Wales over the weekend of 14-16th June. We have also been told by 'Buck' Day of the CURS in Wales that he is planning a multi-period event to be called 'A Walk Through History' which will also be held in Barry. As and when we learn more about these events we will pass the news on. Don't forget, if you have any events planned and would like a mention please do send details to: [john.norris3@btinternet.com](mailto:john.norris3@btinternet.com)

## Simon Weston to attend War and Peace Show 2012

**Falklands hero Simon Weston will be among the guests at this year's War and Peace Show and says he is "very excited about it".**

The Show, which takes place at The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood, from July 18th to 22nd, celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

It's also the 30th anniversary of the Falklands War, and to mark this, all Falklands veterans have been invited to attend free. Second World War veterans can also attend free as usual.

A real hero

Simon, a former Welsh Guardsman, was severely burned in June 1982 when the RFA ship Sir Galahad was bombed in Bluff Cove. As a result of his injuries he has undergone more than 70 operations and has had to cope with severe psychological trauma.

Since then he has written books, campaigned for numerous charities and built a first class reputation as an inspirational speaker. Today he is also a businessman working on a range of projects.

"I love history," said Simon. "And I just love the fact that people are keeping it alive through living history groups and by buying military vehicles and displaying them."

"I think it's just wonderful and admire these people so much. In their own way they are paying tribute to those who served in the wars. Indeed many of them were in the armed forces."

The appeal of the War and Peace Show

"What appeals to me about the War and Peace Show is the emphasis on peace - people dressing up in 1940s clothing, land army girls, how people coped with rationing,

children in old fashioned prams dressed up for the period. I just love all that. It's nice that's it's done in an entertaining way, not glorifying or glamorising war but making it interesting.

"To look at the scale of the Show I just thought: 'Wow'. I've been to military shows where there have been a few vehicles and one or two living history displays. But something of this size is amazing."

Simon said it's important that the sacrifice made by so many servicemen in the Falklands should never be forgotten. "The recognition by the War and Peace Show will go a long way to ensuring this doesn't happen," he said.

The sentiment was echoed by Rex Cadman, organiser of the War and Peace Show. "We have always paid tribute to our Second World War veterans," he said. "But it's important



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**Falkland veteran, Simon Weston, will be a guest of honour at this year's War & Peace Show**

that we don't forget the men who died or were wounded in later conflicts.

"We are planning a major display at this year's show to mark the Falklands War anniversary."

A 'must visit' event

The War and Peace Show is the biggest military extravaganza in the world and one of the 'must visit' events for anyone interested in military history. It features the biggest display of historic military vehicles on the planet, a vast range of living history displays, 1940s entertainments and fashions, breath taking arena displays and an eight-acre militaria stall market.

For further details of this year's War and Peace Show, visit the website at [www.thewarandpeaceshow.com](http://www.thewarandpeaceshow.com)