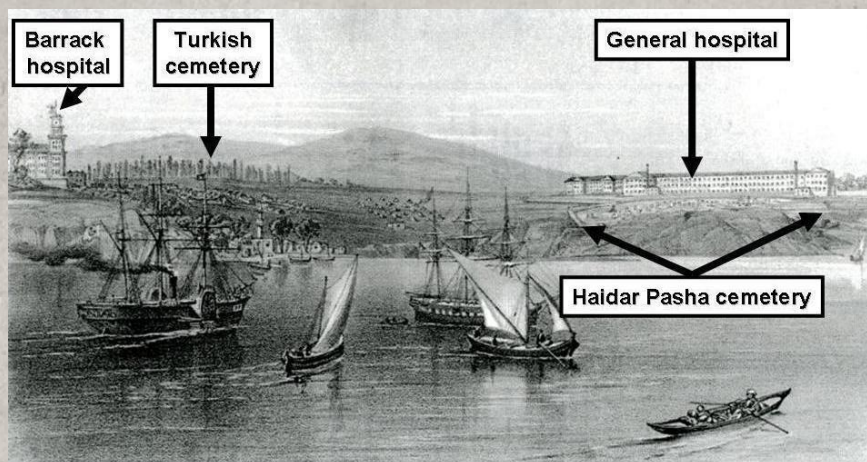




You are warmly invited to attend  
our April lecture  
at Millbank (*directions below*), also on Zoom  
**1830hrs Friday 28 April 2023**

Our invited speaker, Mike Hinton, presents  
**Memorials to medical personnel from the Crimean War**



**Proceeds will be donated to the Museum of Military Medicine**

The British Army of the East first arrived in Turkey during April 1854 and the earliest surviving tombstone in the Haidar Pasha cemetery, in front of the Turkish Military Hospital used by the British, at Scutari on the Asian side of the Bosphorus, is that of Lieutenant W.L. Macnish, 93rd Highlanders, who was drowned in a flash flood on 19 May. The Army invaded Crimea on 14 September. Many thousands of British Army servicemen were buried at Haidar Pasha cemetery during the next two years, principally in unmarked graves. About ninety grave markers have survived in remarkably good condition, together with several moved from other cemeteries. On 25 May 1862 Francis Bedford took a photograph of the cemetery during a visit by the Prince of Wales. The quality of the image in the Royal Collection is remarkable and it is possible to identify about forty tombstones. Fourteen are of those in the medical service and eight have been selected for a more detailed consideration. The location of the tombstones of twenty-four individuals – 14 surgeons, five support staff, and five nurses – can be identified with the aid of photographs taken by the speaker. The cemetery also contains graves of some 450 Commonwealth casualties of both World Wars. The cemetery with all its facets is a truly exceptional place!

Mike has written an essay to complement his talk for Friends of Millbank, titled '*Medical Personnel and Support Staff who Died during the Crimean War, 1854–1856*'. See [https://www.friendsofmillbank.org/crimean\\_war/](https://www.friendsofmillbank.org/crimean_war/)

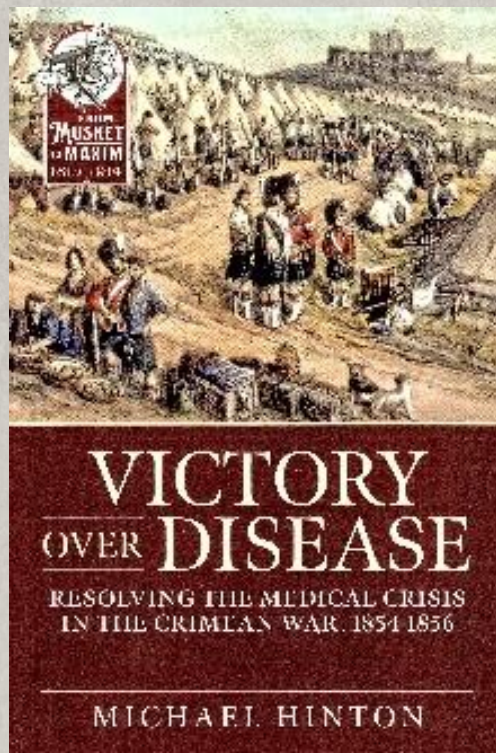
**Prior registration required. Refreshments at 1730hrs.**  
**Register [HERE](https://www.friendsofmillbank.org/crimean_war/) or via [www.friendsofmillbank.org](https://www.friendsofmillbank.org)**





## A short biography of our Speaker

Mike Hinton's fascination by the Crimean campaign was kindled during the 1990s when he discovered that one of his great great-grandfathers served throughout the war. When he turned to the topic he was a Reader in Veterinary Public Health and his principal research interest was infectious diseases. Clearly, such diseases shaped the course of the campaign. After retirement he studied for a second PhD degree under Professor Andrew Lambert at King's College London. The resulting thesis then formed the basis of a book published by Helion in 2019 entitled *Victory over Disease: Resolving the Medical Crisis in the Crimean War, 1854–1856*, featured on our webpage [Crimean War \(friendsofmillbank.org\)](http://Crimean War (friendsofmillbank.org)).



Mike Hinton has visited the Crimea on four occasions as well as visiting other locations which played a prominent role in the conflict, particularly Turkey and Malta. He is a member of the Crimean War Research Society, Victorian Military Society, Society of Genealogists, Veterinary History Society as well as the Friends of Millbank.

Over the years he has given numerous talks and published over eighty articles on various aspects of the Crimean War in the journals of these and other societies. His personal research now concentrates more on the family relationships of participants and their memorials, surviving or otherwise, in churches, cemeteries and other public places.

Two essays specially written for Friends of Millbank are '*The Medical Crisis in the Crimean War was Resolved near the Front*', and '*Medical Personnel and Support Staff who Died during the Crimean War, 1854–1856*', see [Crimean War \(friendsofmillbank.org\)](http://Crimean War (friendsofmillbank.org)).



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## Directions for Millbank

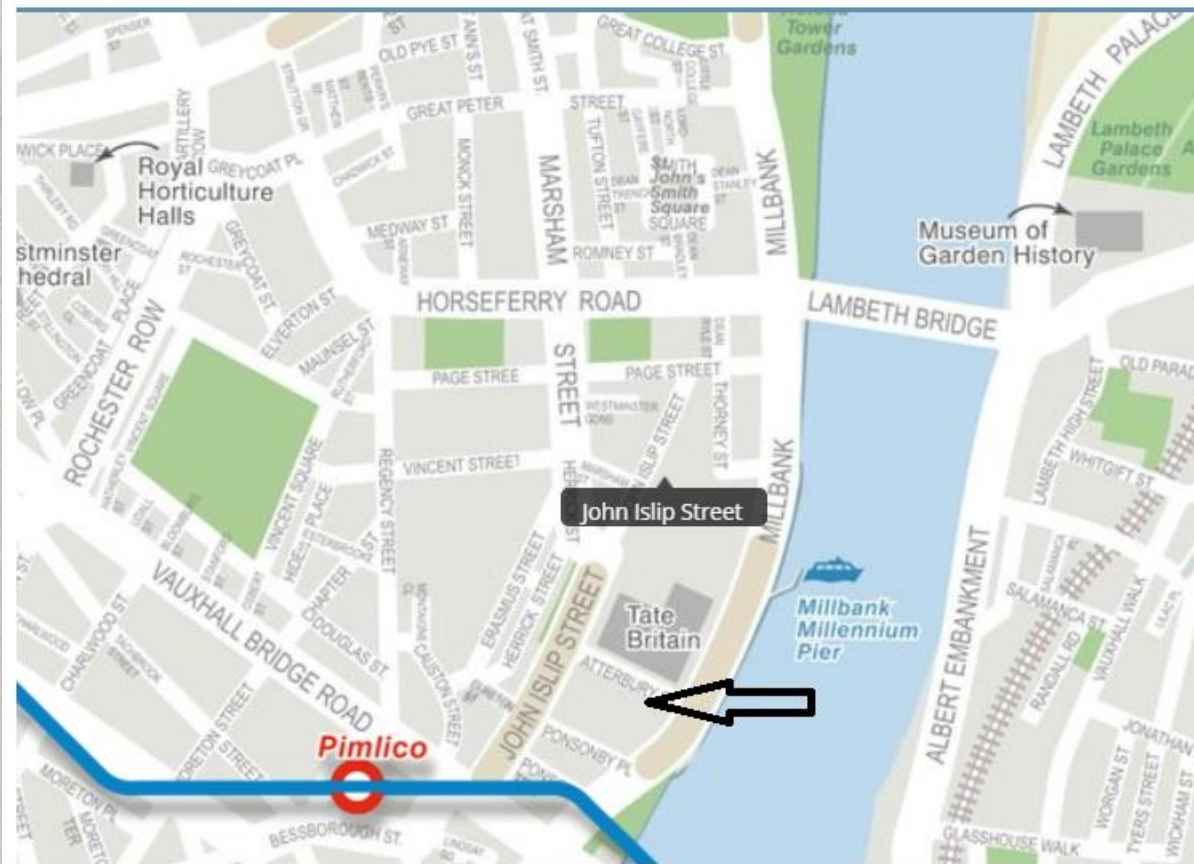
(Chelsea College of Arts, formerly the Royal Army Medical College)

The College entrance is via Atterbury Street, opposite Tate Britain (arrowed below).

We meet for light refreshments at Reception from 1730hrs. The talk commences at 1830hrs.

Everyone attending the talk, whether at Millbank or online via Zoom, is requested to register beforehand as above. Supper afterwards is at Millbank Pizza Express. Guests are welcome.

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