

Mercurius



Submissions for *Mercurius* should be sent to the editor at: 16 Cobbetts Way, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 8TL (neil.renoldson@ukonline.co.uk). Previous copies are posted on the Society's web-site.

New Editor for *Arquebusier*

As noted in my editorial, I am please to announce that from Volume 32 the editor of *Arquebusier* will be Michael Clark. Michael is in the process of producing a period based novel called *Munro Gentleman Adventurer*. This is set in Moldavia/Wallachia in 1710 during the Carolingian exile in Bender. It is currently online (in serial format) so if anyone wants to have a free read you can find it at:

http://bozo.typepad.com/munro_gentleman_adventure/

Submissions of material for *Arquebusier* and *Mercurius* should now go to Michale at the following address:

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Go West Young Man!

As many members will know, the Society has two exhibition stands. The main stand is run by the Editor. The second, smaller, Northern Stand is currently run by myself. Having run the Northern Stand for several years I am now standing down. I am delighted to say that Steve Harding, a former Society Postal Sales Officer, has kindly agreed to take over the running of the stand and so, in due course it will move to the West Country and promote us at wargames shows there.

It has been good fun running the stand, I have met many of the members whilst "on the road" and we have contributed a good set of sales figures. I would therefore like to say thank you to those members who have helped me. There have been many, but I hope I will be forgiven for mentioning two stalwarts, Steve Ede-Borrett and Matthew Hartley. Matthew indeed has been known to bring a whole "team" with him! My thanks to them and, of course, to Steve Harding for taking over. Steve will value support from members in the West and he can be contacted at Sghardingsg@aol.com.

Of course this still means we do not have a regular show presence north of Birmingham. This is unfortunate as we do have lots of members there. Indeed we have

had complaints raised in the past that these members are not well served by us at exhibitions. Sadly, despite several appeals, we have had no volunteers to run a stand. So, in closing, I ask if anybody would be interested in taking on that role. You can input as much or as little time as you can spare. We simply ask that you attend a few of wargame shows a year. (I used to do three or four.) Which shows is entirely up to you. It is good fun and you meet many members and see some good demonstration games. Expressions of interest should be sent to the Chairman.

Jonathan Wray

Society Helps Save 17th Century Journal

Earlier this year the British Library launched an appeal to save a 17th Century naval manuscript for the Nation. I know that a number of members contributed individually but the Committee also agreed a donation of £100 from Society funds, I am pleased to say that the manuscript has been saved and we have received the following from the British Library:

“I am delighted to inform you that the British Library has successfully completed its fundraising campaign to purchase the naval Journal of Sir John Narbrough. This remarkable document, which dates from the seventeenth century, gives a unique insight into the life of a legendary naval explorer and we are delighted that it will stay in this country for scholars and enthusiasts to enjoy.

The British Library received numerous donations and pledges towards this appeal, showing the strength of feeling and support for this exceptional example of naval heritage. We would like to thank you for your generous support which enables us to save this historic manuscript for the nation.”

Stephen Ede-Borrett

Events

400th Anniversary of the battle of Kluszyn

Celebrations marking the 400th anniversary of the battle of Kluszyn will take place in Warsaw on 3/4th July 2010. This battle celebrates Poland's victory in 1610 over Russian Muscovite forces which led to the capture of Moscow, and a Polish prince become Tsar. The event is being promoted as Poland's largest ever 17th century re-enactment battle and there will be re-enactors from all over Europe attending, as well as from US and Australia. The event will last 2-3 days. It is estimated at least 80 mounted winged hussars will be on the field and about 500 of other cavalry, infantry, nobles and warriors from all over Europe, including Russia and Ukraine.

The event will begin with a training day (Friday). On Saturday there will be a final battle, sabre and riding competitions and other shows, exhibitions and demonstrations of riding skills, fencing, shooting, period life, etc. After lunch re-enactors will go into the city to open an exhibition about Klushino in Polish Army Museum [Ed. *one of the best in*

Europe!], and then to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Historical Old Town, for a photo session. In the evening there will also be a special re-enactors dinner and a night time concert by one of Poland's sarmatian and rock bands including TSA. On Sunday, after a traditional battlefield Mass, there will be a one-hour battle.

The official site for the event is www.kluszyn1610.pl, which includes some details in English.

Battlefield Trust Walks for 2010

For further details of these events, see the Trust's website at www.battlefieldstrust.com.

Sunday 2 nd May	Battle of Tewkesbury 1471
Sunday 9 th May	Battle of Naseby 1645
Sunday 16 th May	Battle of Towton 1461
Saturday 29 th May	Oak Apple Day 350 Guildhall, Worcester (celebrates the battle)
Sunday 30 th May	Battle of Towton 1461
Thursday 3 rd June	Battle of Tewkesbury 1471
Sunday 6 th June	Battle of Chalgrove 1643
Saturday 12 th June	Battle of Cheriton 1644
Saturday 12 th June	Battle of Towton 1461
Saturday 12 th June	The Military History of York
Sunday 13 th June	Battle of Naseby 1645
Sunday 27 th June	Battle of Towton 1461
Thursday 1 st July	Battle of Tewkesbury 1471
Saturday 10 th July	Battle of Northampton 1460
Sunday 11 th July	Battle of Tewkesbury 1471
Sunday 11 th July	Battle of Towton 1461
Thursday 15 th July	Battle of Tewkesbury 1471
Saturday 31 st July	Battle of Towton 1461
Friday 3 rd September	Civil War Day, Guildhall, Worcester
Saturday 11 th September	Three Battles Festival, (Evesham, Tewkesbury, and Worcester)
Sunday 12 th September	Wakefield and Sandal Castle
Sunday 19 th September	Battle of 1st Newbury 1643
Sunday 7 th November	Battle of Brentford and Turnham Green 1642

Mary Rose Museum: Anniversary lectures 10th October 2010

Product Discounts for Members

Books

Orders for discounted books must be sent to the *EDITOR (not the Postal Sales Officer)*, the discount cannot be obtained directly from the publisher. Note that the discounts apply to ALL books produced by these publishers, not just to those within the Society's period.

Postage to members will be extra, however if you wish to arranging collection at a show then please give at least two weeks notice.

- **Osprey Books** – 20%. Web-site: www.ospreypublishing.com.
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- Books distributed by **Eurospan** in the UK – 25%. *Eurospan* are the UK distributors for a large number of U.S. academic publishers. A full list of these may be found on their web-site at www.eurospan.co.uk.

Figures

Society members may claim discounts on purchases from the following companies at shows upon production of a valid membership card, or by post/internet by quoting their current membership number. If you have not received this or have lost it, please contact the Membership Secretary at the address on the back of *Arquebusier*.

- **Vexillia (UK Stockists of Venexia and Mirliton)** – (10% by cheque, 5% by Paypal – min order £25). 4 Oak Wharf Mews, Birchdale Road, Appleton, Warrington, WA4 5AS. Tel 01925 860 053.
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- **Museum Miniatures** – 10%. 28 Long Lane, Drifffield, Yorkshire, YO25 5HF. Tel/Fax: 01377 241010. Web-site: www.museumminiatures.co.uk
- **Old Glory** – 10%. UK – Institute House, New Kyo, Stanley, Co. Durham DH9 7TJ. Tel: 01207 283332. Fax: 01207 281902. US – Box 20, Calumet, PA 15621. Tel: 724 423 3580. Fax: 724 423 6898. Web-site: wargames.co.uk/oldglory
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Members should send their Membership number when taking advantage of any of these discounts. The Committee asks that members make maximum use of these offers so that

the suppliers feel that their generosity to the Society is worthwhile commercially. We are actively investigating other opportunities to obtain product discounts for members.

The Site of Bosworth

No doubt most members will have seen something about this. But for those who have spent the last few months living in a cave, the following has been taken from the BBC News website on 19th February:

The true site of one of the most decisive battles in English history has been revealed. Bosworth, fought in 1485, which saw the death of Richard III, was believed to have taken place on Ambion Hill, near Sutton Cheney in Leicestershire. But a study of original documents and archaeological survey of the area has now pinpointed a site in fields more than a mile to the south west. A new trail will lead from the current visitor centre to the new location. The battle ended decades of civil war, which is now known as the Wars of the Roses. The death of Richard ended the Plantagenet dynasty and ushered in the first Tudor king, Henry VII. The traditional site has a flag at the crest of the hill, a stone to mark the spot where Richard fell and a recently renovated visitors' centre. A long-running debate over the true location of the battle prompted a £1m, four-year project, led by the Battlefields Trust, to be set up. Evidence such as cannon balls - now the largest collection of that date in Europe - and pieces of armour have been used to confirm the site.

Of the most recent, and important finds made, was a gilded silver badge in the shape of a boar - Richard's personal emblem. Experts believe this would have been given to one of the doomed king's closest companions and lost in the final stages of the battle. Pete Riley, one of the team which surveyed the area, said: "The main part of this project was to identify where the battle was - and we have done that. "Now we have got to understand the evidence we have picked up." The original announcement was made in October but the exact location was kept a secret until now to protect it from treasure hunters. Researchers also believe they have identified the medieval marsh where Richard III was dragged from his horse and killed. Richard McKinder, operations manager for the site, said the visitors' centre will not have to move. "A lot of American battlefields have had to move their interpretation centres because they are actually destroying what they are trying to interpret," he said. "We are within walking distance of the battlefield, therefore they can use us as the main area for interpretation and then go and see the field itself." Leicestershire County Council is now in negotiations with a number of landowners to gain full access to the area.

Dalton's Commission Registers and Army Lists 1660-1714

This reference work fetches 'silly money (no, I mean REALLY 'silly money') whenever a complete set does become available - be it an original set or the reprint BUT they are, of course an invaluable source for genealogists as well as military historians. Happily they are now available in pdf form, on one disc from

www.genealogysupplies.com/index.htm?product_display.php?cat_no=66&prodid=5318.ref

The service is good and these are well worth the purchase if you have any interest in the post 1660 English or British Armies (N.B. these do not cover the Scots or Irish establishments).

Stephen Ede-Borrett

Catalan War Website

From Ray Caddy: I wonder if members are aware of the work done by Lluís Vilalto on the Catalan War 1713-1714 (www.wargames.cat). He has produced two guides which have a wealth of detail of the war including regiment and uniform detail and can be downloaded for free. The first is now available in English and the second, which treats the siege of Barcelona, is in Catalan but easily followed, but is promised in English on St George's Day.

Society Merchandise

Please send orders to the *Postal Sales Officer*: Richard Atkin, 19 Herbert Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hants. PO4 0QA. (e-mail: RichardAtkin@RichardAtkin.com). Payment may be made by Visa/Mastercard/American Express, PayPal (via the web-site), International Money Order or Sterling cheques drawn on an UK bank. Cheques should be made payable to *The Pike and Shot Society*. Postage rates: 15% for UK, 25% for the rest of the world. North American members should note that a limited amount of Society stock is now held in the U.S. and, subject to availability, will reduce postage for items. Please enquire for details. Orders over £100 are sent post free.

***** Please allow 28 days for delivery *****

Arquebusier

Volumes. These consist of all six issues from that volume, excluding any special publications that may have been distributed with it. The following are available:

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Vol. 1, 2a, 2b, 3, 4 £3 each; Vol. 5, 7, 8 £4.50 each; Vol. 9 £5

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*Society Publications (Prices discounted for Society Members)*Uniforms and Colours of the Wars of Louis XIV

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- The letters of Richard Pope, a junior officer in an English cavalry regiment, who served from the Glorious Revolution to the War of the Spanish Succession.
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Of all the generals of the English Civil War, Sir William Waller (1597-1668) probably best expressed its tragedy, referring to it as 'this war without an enemy' when writing to his friend Sir Ralph Hopton, whom he faced across the battlefield. Despite this he was a successful general, earning the nickname 'William the Conqueror'. After his first army was routed at Roundway Down he received a commission to raise a new army. Although he continued to have victories, such as at Alton and Cheriton, he was never given the resources to follow up these victories. When the regional armies were eventually reformed into the 'New Model Army', Waller lost his command, and so his military career ended. This book analyses the regiments that made up his second army, which became known as the Southern Association. A 186 page paperback book with 6 pages of colour plates.
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The summer 1644 campaign in the West of England was an exceptional feat of arms for the Royalist armies and, in contrast, a vivid demonstration of the complete lack of ability of their Parliamentary opponents to work together. The resultant catastrophic defeat of the Earl of Essex's army was, together with the failure at Newbury that autumn, was highly influential in the vote that created the New Model Army in the following winter. Despite this, the campaign is often treated superficially or simply ignored in many histories of the war and no previous detailed history of it has been published, this work aims to correct those omissions. A 158 page paperback book.
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Nathaniel Nye's work, first published in 1647, was part of an ongoing series of such 'Gunnery Manuals' that first began appearing in the sixteenth century. However it is one of only two whose authors are known to have served during the English Civil Wars. As such it is an invaluable addition to our knowledge of the way that contemporary artillerymen felt that their pieces should be handled and its republication in 1670 says a great deal about its success and popularity during the seventeenth century. A 96 page paperback book.
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'An ill journey for the Englishmen'. Elis Gruffydd and the 1523 French campaign of the Duke of Suffolk. Transcribed by M. Byrn Davies and edited by Jonathan Davies.

This 'most ill-conceived and ill-managed war' was how Sir Charles Oman, the great historian of Renaissance warfare, described the English invasion of France in 1523. This hopelessly misguided campaign saw an English army meander aimlessly over Northern France to little effect, reaching as far as Montdidier before retiring back to the Channel with its tail between its legs. The story is told largely in the words of contemporary documents and in particular through the eyes of Elis Gruffydd, an articulate Welsh soldier who left a journal of his experiences full of vigour, freshness and well-developed sense of irony. A 72-page paperback book

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- *Elis Gruffydd and the 1544 'Enterprises' of Paris and Boulogne.* Transcribed by M. Byrn Davies and edited with a new introduction by Jonathan Davies

An 80-page booklet reprinting a contemporary account of the 1544 English campaign in France that culminated in the capture of Boulogne. Elis Gruffydd's remarkable journal contains a wealth of detail – military, social and political; and from a viewpoint that is hardly ever recorded. Elis was a fully paid up member of the "Poor Bloody Infantry", and despite attaining the rank of Captain his sympathies were with the suffering soldiery rather than their aristocratic commanders. His harshest criticisms are directed at those in command although he has little time for "idle" soldiers unable to shift for themselves. Opinionated, well informed and thoroughly experienced in the ways of the world his commentary on the expedition is a delight in its vigour, freshness and well-developed sense of irony.

£5 (Members); £7.50 (Public)

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A 64-page paperback book reprinting a mid-16th century treatise on the art of war, written for Edward VI by a veteran Tudor soldier. An extensive introduction provides a detailed analysis of the treatise. In addition the book also reprints, in detail, the Cowdray House illustrations of the siege of Boulogne in 1544 and the French attack on Portsmouth in 1545.

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- *Eight Banners and Green Flag. The Army of the Manchu Empire and Qing China, 1600-1850* by Michael Fredholm von Essen

Manchu studies have in recent years become very popular among historians and linguists, both inside and outside China. Numerous academic works have been published on all aspects of Manchu history, culture, and language. However, none deals exclusively with the Manchu military system and, when these works touch upon military affairs, they are often vague on detail and inconsistent. A comprehensive Manchu military history still remains to be written, but to do so it is first necessary to understand how the Manchu military worked in practice, as opposed to theory and scholarly wishful thinking. This book should be regarded as a first step in this direction. A 208 page paperback book with 8 pages of colour plates and 88 illustrations.

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