

Mercurius



Submissions for both *Mercurius* and *Arquebusier* should be sent to the editor at: 26 Fitzmilliam House, Little Green, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 1QW. **Please note that sometime between now and the next issue the editor is likely to be moving house – so do check for updated addresses!**

However it does make the editor's life considerably easier if submissions are provided in electronic format on clarkmj1@gmail.com. If MS word is something you cannot be doing with I would rather have your submission by mail than not at all, but electronic versions are easier to edit and format for the printer.

Previous copies of *Mercurius* are posted on the Society's web-site.

Postal Sales Position Vacant

The *Pike and Shot Society* currently lacks a Postal Sales Officer. Consequently we have been obliged to suspend all postal sales until a member comes forward to take on the post.

Postal sales are a vital part of the Society. They link us to more distant members. The revenue from postal sales is a substantial portion of the Society's income. It enables us to publish books with information on our period. This is the only way by which many members who cannot get to shows we attend can acquire Society publications.

We need a volunteer to take on postal sales. This is your Society. It stands or falls on the commitment of the membership to make it a success. We approach some 400 members around the world; we need just one person to volunteer for this.

The job requires space for the storage of stock in boxes, and some time on a regular basis to pack and post orders. Ideally, about 130 cubic feet of storage is needed – in a spare room, or a garage?

Attendance at occasional committee meetings in central London or at shows elsewhere in England would be helpful, although not required. Travel expenses can be refunded. The next meeting of the committee is in Reading in November, and then about three or four times a year.

If you feel you could help in this, please contact the secretary:

John Norris
15 Victor Street, York YO1 6HQ
secretary@pikeandshotsociety.org

Other Committee Vacancies

There are others vacancies on the committee. How about making a contribution to your society?

Events Officer: As Events Officer you do NOT have to attend all of the events! The role mainly involves co-ordinating the society's event activities and helping the rest of the committee develop the events strategy.

Publicity Officer: Responsible for ... well ... publicising the Society.

Want to know more?

Email the editor or the secretary for more details.

Proposed Committee Meeting Schedule

Please contact the secretary for details of venues and to inform him you plan to attend. Sometimes meetings get rescheduled at short notice and if we don't know you're coming we cannot let you know! Our 6 August meeting for example never happened! We promise to let you know such things if we know you plan to attend!

- November (probably in Reading during the Warfare show)
- February 2012 (probably in York during the Vapnartak Show)
- May 2012, London

Spanish Armies Book

All members who placed pre-orders for the book: '*Spanish Armies in the War of the League of Augsburg*' should now have received them. If you have not, please contact Neil Rennoldson (whose details can be found on the back of *Arquebusier* as usual).

Wanted: 17th century Habsburg Militarist.

I am currently writing a historical thriller about the 1683 siege of Vienna (writes Wayne Dawson) and need someone knowledgeable to check over the details about weaponry and the Austrian military. Please contact Wayne Dawson via email at: zgeist7@gmail.com.

Undiscovered military artist?

On a recent visit to the Louvre in Paris (*writes Ian Wilson*) I came across, quite by chance, a couple of 17th century military scenes by the Dutch artist Philips Wouwermans (1619-1668). Both were battle scenes, although of no particular battle and seemed to be fairly accurate in their depiction of dress and equipment as well as being visually quite stirring.

Further research has revealed that Wouwermans is credited with over a thousand pieces depicting hunting, landscape and battle scenes, so look out for him when you are next browsing an art gallery.

Here are a few titles I managed to find:-

- Cavalry Battle in front of a Burning Mill
- Battle at a Mountainous Fortress
- Cavalry halted at a Sutlers Booth
- Scene in front of an Inn
- Cavalry making a Sortie from a Fort on a Hill
- Two Vedettes on Watch by a Stream
- Cavalry attacking Infantry

Product Discounts for Members

Books

Orders for discounted books must be sent to the *PUBLICATIONS EDITOR* {that is Neil Rennoldson at the moment! ~ not the Editor of *Arquebusier* and 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.
- **Boydell & Brewer Publications** – 20%. Web-site: www.boydell.co.uk.
- **Tempus Publications** – 25%. Web-site: www.tempus-publishing.com.
- **Pen & Sword Books** – 20%. Web-site: www.pen-and-sword.co.uk
- **The Naval & Military Press** – 25% for 10 or more books. The discount only applies to their own books, not those by other publishers. Orders will be grouped if individuals are willing to wait a little while. Web-site: www.naval-military-press.com.
- 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.
- **East Riding Miniatures** – 10%. 1 The Woodlands, Goddard Avenue, Hull, HU5 2BW. Tel: 01482 445775. Web-site: www.eastridingminiatures.co.uk

- **Museum Miniatures - 10%**. 28 Long Lane, Driffield, 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
- **Pendracken - 10% (Min order £50)**. 1 Easby Grove, Eston, Middlesborough, North Yorkshire, TS6 9DL. Tel. 01642 460638. Web-site: www.pendracken.co.uk
- **Donnington Miniatures - 10%**. 15 Cromwell Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 2HP. Tel: 01635 46627 (Daytime), Fax: 01635 46627. Email: donningtonmins@btconnect.com
- **Tin Soldier - 10%**. 18 Lion Lane, Billericay, Essex CM12 9DL. Tel/Fax: 01277 623697. Web-site: www.tinsoldieruk.com
- **Reiver Castings - 10%**. % Under the Bed Enterprises, Unit 28, Stonehills, Shields Road, Pelaw, Gateshead, NE10 0HW. Tel: 0191 4385585 ext 254 and www.underbed.co.uk.
- **The Assault Group - 5%**. Unit K, Broxtowe Park Business Centre, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, NG8 6QP. Tel: 0115 913 3591. Email: info@theassaultgroup.com. Website: www.theassaultgroup.co.uk
- **Les Higgins Miniatures - 10%**. Email: CunnJoh@aol.com

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.

Events of interest to members

Richard III Foundation: Saturday `5 October 2011

- Yorkists and Lancastrians: In Blood and Armour. Symposium at the Dixie Grammar School, Market Bosworth (9am - 5pm). Tickets in advance £35. Please contact Ms Dorothy Davies, Half Moon House, 32 Church Lane, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 2NB (email: Richard3Foundation@yahoo.com; website: www.richard111.com).

Warfare in Mid-15th Century France and Burgundy	Prof. Matthew Strickland
Military Careers and Armies in the Wars of the Roses	Prof. Anne Curry
Hot Coals of Vengeance! - A foray into the ill-famed family of Cliffords	George Algar
Cannons, Arrowheads and Mass Graves: Towton - Archaeological Evidence of Britain's Bloodiest Battle	Tim Sutherland
The Power and Effectiveness of the Warbow in Battle	Mark Stretton
Weapons and Wounds in the Fifteenth Century	Bob Savage
The Man Who Would Be King	Mark Miller
The Anglo-Scottish War of 1482	John Sadler
Special Presentation on the 550th anniversary of the Battle of Towton. "A Towton Tale" by the late John Davey - narrated and acted by John Pilkington and Mark Taylor	Intro by Robert Hardy, CBE