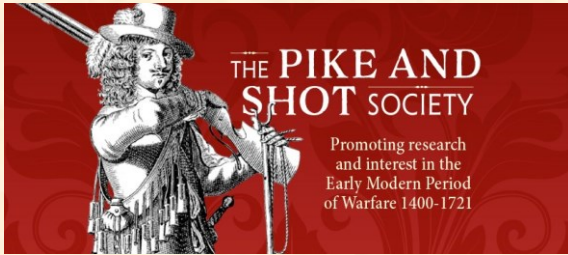


# *Bill Braham Memorial Essay Competition*



The annual Bill Braham Memorial Essay Competition is run by the **Pike and Shot Society** in conjunction with Helion and Company.

Helion and Company will provide a first prize of £100 of Helion Publications (of the winner's choice) and the **P&SS** will provide a one-year subscription to the Society. Second prize is a one-year subscription to the **P&SS**.

## **Competition Rules.**

1. Essays must be on a military topic within the defined boundaries of the Society's research period of 1400 to 1721. Essays with a core subject matter outside this period will be rejected.
2. The closing date for submission of an essay is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, entries received after this date will be entered into the next year's competition.
3. The result will be announced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.
4. Essays must be written and submitted in Microsoft Word.
5. Essays must be written in English.
6. Essays must be between 2500 and 3000 words excluding references, bibliography and footnotes. A word count must be provided with each entry, and all pages should be numbered. Essays longer than 3000 words will be rejected for the competition.
7. Where a quotation is used, or author referenced, it should be marked in the text by a superscript number, and these can either be referenced in end page notes or a full set of notes at the end of the essay. Notes are excluded from the word count.
8. A list of all referenced sources (book, article or online) must be provided at the end of the essay.
9. Any evidence of plagiarism will result in disqualification.
10. The decision of the judges will be final.
11. Competition Judges are not allowed to submit any entry.
12. On submission of an essay, the writer automatically gives permission for the **Pike and Shot Society** to publish the essay in the Society's magazine (first publication rights only), and for the writer's contact details to be passed to Helion and Company.

In judging the competition weight will be given to primary research and originality, but other judging criteria will include a structured approach, good grammar and syntax, as well as fluency and the ability to engage the reader.

Entries should be sent to: [\*\*PSSMemorialEssay@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:PSSMemorialEssay@gmail.com) with full contact details for the author.