

Consuming issues

A chance for readers to air their views on the magazine, and the hobby as a whole

The future of the hobby

My name is James O'Connor. I am 11 years old and go to school in Scoil Niocláis Primary School, Frankfield, Cork. I love painting toy soldiers. It is my favourite pastime by far. My favourite soldiers to cast and paint are Prince August's 'The Regiments de France' (approx. 1750) and any World War Two.

As a true toy soldier fanatic it was to my pleasure that over Christmas I discovered your fantastic magazine (which is edited to perfection!).

I love to sit down in my bedroom and read your amazing product with a hot cup of tea at my side.

Thanks for the hours of enjoyment I get from reading your magazine and best wishes for 2016.

Yours admirably and thankfully,

James O'Connor

Donnybrook, Douglas,
Cork, Eire

The Editor replies:

It is always great to receive a letter from one of our younger readers/collectors so when James' letter arrived in early January, I sent him a reply asking for some pictures of the figures he's been painting, and as you can see, he's a very skilled artisan who not only paints but also casts his own figures. Also, a big thank you to James for the figure he sent me with the photographs. Rest assured that will take pride of place on the

Reader James O'Connor and his 'work bench'



shelf in my home office where I put together TSC each issue.

For any other younger readers/collectors out there, please get in touch as we always like to hear from you, and who knows, your collection could be filling the pages of next issue!





James' keen eye adds the detailed paintwork to the finished casting



Some examples of James' The Regiments de France figures

Examples of James' WWII display featuring the figures he has cast and painted



Write in!

To have your say on any toy soldier related subject please send all letters marked for the attention of the Editor to: Toy Soldier Collector, Guideline Publications, Unit 3 Enigma Building, Bilton Road, Denbigh East, Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, MK1 1HW. Alternatively if you'd prefer to email in your views please send them to: tsceditor@darkmedialtd.com.

Show dates

Details of the shows happening in your area

April

Saturday 23rd April

The British Model Soldier Society Annual Show 2016, Church Hall, St. Saviours', St. George's Square, Lupus Street, Pirnlico SWTV 3QW. Doors open at 10.30 for the general public and 10.00 for BMSS Members. Admission: £3 non-BMSS members and £2 BMSS members. Child admission is free, but must be accompanied by an adult. Organiser: The BMSS, www.bmssonline.com.

Sunday 24th April

9th Annual Gettysburg Toy Soldier Show, Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center, 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, USA. Doors open at 10am and close at 3pm. Admission: \$6, children under 12 free with an adult. Organisers: Toy Soldier Show Promotions www.toysoldiershowpromo.com/annual_gettysburg_show.

May

Saturday 14th May

31st Plastic Warrior Show, The Harlequin Suite, The Winning Post, Chertsey Road, Whitton, Twickenham, TW2 6LS. Doors open at 10.30am. Organiser: Plastic

Warrior magazine, tel: 01483 722778 or email: pw.editor@ntlworld.com

Sunday 15th May

Ohio Show, Galaxy Restaurant & Banquet Center, 201 Park Centre Drive, Wadsworth, OH 44281, USA. Doors open at 10am and close at 3pm. Admission: \$6, children under 12 free with an adult. Organisers: Toy Soldier Show Promotions http://www.toysoldiershowpromo.com/ohio_show

Friday 20th & Saturday 21st May

75th Miniature Figure Collectors of America Show, Valley Forge Convention Center, 1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia, PA 19406, USA. Doors open at midday Friday and 9am Saturday and close at 5pm Friday and 4pm Saturday. Admission: \$TBC. Organiser: MFCA, www.mfcashow.com.

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th May

The 10th Annual Texas Toy Soldier Show, The Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, USA. Doors open at 10am Saturday and 11am Sunday and close at 5pm Saturday and 3pm Sunday. Admission: \$5. Organiser: Kings X Toy Soldiers, Tel: +1 210 226 7000. www.kingsx.com.

June

Saturday 4th June

The Toy Soldier Show London (Presented by Guideline Publications and Toy Soldier Collector magazine), The Islington Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London, N1 0QH, England. Doors open at 10.30am and close at 4pm. Admission: Early bird (9.30am onwards) £10, general admission (10.30am onwards) £6 (£5 for prepaid tickets which can be ordered by phone or mail from the Guideline office), children under 14 FREE. Organiser: Guideline Publications/Toy Soldier Collector magazine (www.toysoldiercollector.com and www.thetoysoldiershow.com), Tel: 01908 274433 (TSC)

Saturday 11th June

The 'New Yorker' Toy Soldier and Military Miniature Show and Sale, Adria Hotel & Conference Center, 221-17 Northern Blvd, Bayside, NY 11361, USA. Doors open at 9am and close at 2pm. Admission: \$6, children under 12 free with an adult. Organisers: Toy Soldier Show Promotions http://www.toysoldiershowpromo.com/the_new_yorker_adria_show.

If you organise a show, or know of one other collectors would be interested in, then please either post us the details or email: tsceditor@darkmedialtd.com. Information we require is the date of the event, full address of where it will be held, admission times, ticket prices and all relevant organiser info, including contact telephone number.

All shows listed which are followed by (TSC) means the magazine will have a table at these events. TSC editors or contributors may be in attendance at other shows, but the magazine may not have a table.