NEWSLETTER

July-August 2019 Adelaide Branch Richard III Society



Meetings

What with 4 apologies (ill) and 4 more who were overseas or interstate, our July coronation lunch was an exclusive gathering of 6. We lit our 5 candles- one each for Richard III, R3 Society, all the branches and groups, the Australasian branches and our branch then a toast to Richard III and Queen Anne on their coronation day. We had plenty to eat especially the desserts! We sat around talking and after discussing the strawberry and cream Baileys and other liqueurs and drinks, we (very tongue in cheek) decided to split our next meeting between Valerie's (for exotic liqueurs) and Di's (for vintage ports)!

Our **August 3rd meeting** is Meredith Whitford talking on writing her books including Treason (first published 2004). (And yes we are still at NCW South Tce for the meeting despite our lunch discussion)yj

September 7th - Richard 3 at War,

October 5th AGM, plus think about to share:- If I could change History -- if you could remove one person or change one event, who or what would it be and why and what effect to you think it would have had? (Doesn't have to be medieval)

November 2nd - Judith's talk on clothing,

December 7th - Christmas lunch, suggestions for a theme or show and tell welcomed –let Sue or Rilla know.



Sue has 4 each of these stickers. \$2 each. See her

at the meeting if interested.

Ricardian news

The latest episode of the BBC Radio 4 programme *The Life Scientific* features Dr Turi King. In the programme Dr King will discuss the discovery of the remains of Richard III and her role in the DNA testing which proved they belonged to him.

The episode will be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 tonight (9th July) at 9.30pm UK time;

alternatively it will be available via the <u>BBC Sounds website</u> for 30 days after broadcast and via some other podcast providers.



Would it be possible for you to include details of my latest Ricardian album on your website and or in your newsletter?

It is called Devon Roses and has been recorded to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the UK Devon and Cornwall branch of the Richard III Society. I hope that you will find the attached information about it to be of interest. Here is a link to the album:-

http://www.thelegendary10seconds.co.uk/the-albums/devon-roses.html

Kind Regards Ian Churchward



The Richard III Society

Promoting research into the life and times of Richard III since 1924 Patron: HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO Bringing you the latest important news and events about Richard III.

Dear Members,

Please find below details of a few Ricardian themed events taking place in and around Leicester during August.

17th - 18th August - Bosworth Medieval Festival

The annual medieval festival includes two large scale battle re-enactments, jousting and armour mounted skill at arms display, artillery display, fashion show, falconry, children's games and activities, large living history camp to explore, have a go Battle of Bosworth and bill drill, a jester and puppeteer storyteller, knight school sessions, guided exhibition tours and a medieval market. A series of author talks is also available for an extra fee. Please do not forget to visit the **Richard III Society Stall!**

Tickets are available online https://www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk/events/ Tickets are valid for both days, but you need to purchase one for either day. You can also visit the Ticket Office (10.00 am to 5.00 pm) or 'phone 01455 290429. Price: Adults £17.50, Concession £15.00.

17th August - 17.30 - Choral Evensong at Leicester Cathedral

This service marks the anniversary of the death of Richard III at the battle of Bosworth. The banners will be

carried and white roses laid. For more details http://leicestercathedral.org/events/choral-evensong-tomark-the-death-of-king-richard-iii/ 22nd August - 11:00-11:30 - Rose Laying Ceremony On Thursday Aug. 22nd a rose laying ceremony will take place at the Bosworth Sundial Memorial. For more details https://www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk/events/rose-laying-ceremony-2/ or Tel: 01455 290429 22nd August - Reinterment Relived: The Dean Reflects On the anniversary of the Battle of Bosworth, David Monteith will offer some reflections on Richard III's reinterment in March of 2015, Leicester Cathedral at 6.30 pm. Free admission, no booking required. 25th August - 13.00-16.00 - Open Streets Greyfriars: Richard III From April to October on the fourth Sunday of each month Leicester has a themed afternoon of cycling aimed at families in the city centre. The theme in August will be King Richard III. The Leicestershire Branch of the Society will be having a stall at this event in the vicinity of King Richard's Statue and a talk will be given between 14.00–15.00 at either the Richard III Visitor Centre or the Guildhall. For more information please visit http://www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/openstreets/ (Details will appear after the July event on July 28th) Sally Henshaw Branches and Groups Liaison Officer **Richard III Society**

Funding boost for North East church favoured by Richard III

A National Lottery grant will enable urgent repairs to St Mary's Church in Barnard Castle, and help a project to raise awareness of its heritage value

By Tony Henderson, 27 JUN 2019

A 12th century church which was favoured by Richard III will receive urgent repairs and its see significance highlighted thanks to an award from the National Lottery.

The grade I listed St Mary's Parish Church in <u>Barnard Castle, County Durham</u>, along with social enterprise DigVentures, have received a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £320,500 for their Windows to the World partnership project.

The project focuses on urgent repairs and conservation to the church and a programme of activities to raise awareness of the building as a heritage destination as well as being a place of worship.

Richard III, who spent time in Barnard Castle while Duke of Gloucester, was patron of the church and paid for its extension.



Church from North West (Image: unknown)

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Circa 1475, Richard III (1452 - 1485), King of England from 1483 (Image: Getty Images)

A figurehead of Richard as Duke of Gloucester is on show in the church, while his symbol of the boar is carved on an exterior wall.

One of the main structural projects will be to deal with is a crack running down the west wall, believed to be caused by the church tower, which was rebuilt in the 1870s on earlier foundations.

"The tower is very slowly moving down and is pulling one side of the wall with it," said project officer Robert Stenlake.

Other work will focus on restoration work to the church windows and eroding stonework.

Archaeologists DigVentures, which is based in Barnard Castle, will run activities including talks, workshops, volunteering and school projects to involve the wider community in the heritage of the church building, and its place in local history.



Nave looking West (Image: unknown)

Lisa Westcott Wilkins, managing director of DigVentures, said: "We are really excited to have the opportunity to help St Mary's with this project. We're looking forward to adding new opportunities for the church as a heritage destination in the already strong cultural mix of Barnard Castle, as well as involving the local community in many new and exciting activities.

"The church has been at the centre of life in the town for a very long time and we want to bring its history to life for local people and visitors."

This will extend to the church's war memorials, including a memorial tablet to Augustus Frederick Cavendish Webb, a captain in the 17th lancers, who died, aged 22, from wounds received in the Charge of the Light Brigade in the Crimean War in 1854.

The overall cost of the project will be £400,000. As well as the support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the cost will be met from church funds, and grants from the Richard III Society and the Friends of St Mary's.

Alec Harding, vicar of St Mary's, said: "The award enables us to carry out urgently needed church restoration works and opens up new ways for the church to engage with the local community.

"When these works are completed next year, the church will be weathertight for future generations and we hope that we will have created a community of all ages who will have a long-term interest in this historic building."

David Renwick, area director for the North, National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: "We are delighted to support this wonderful project at St Mary's Church which, thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, will mean that more people will be able to get involved with, protect, and learn about the exciting heritage on their doorstep."

Journeys of Judith continued

Date: 2 July 2019 Subject: News from Liverpool

Hi Everyone. Summer may have arrived as we've had some warmer and sunny days. After 3 days of resting my leg and not going out I was more than ready for a meal out on Saturday when Louise took me to a vegan fair. I walked VERY slowly with my stick and we took lifts!!! Sunday we drove to Solihul, I've been here before and enjoyed a wander around. We spent the night at a Holiday Inn and while Louise was working on Monday I had a stroll through the mall, shopping centre and St Alphege church. This is high C of E. Looks as if they have an active congregation. A recent fundraiser was a 'Gin and Jazz Festival ', they have weekly music recitals, the Bell Ringers had their Annual outing and there was a church yard tidy up. I had a nice chat with a guide there. I met up with Louise about 1.45 and we got back to Liverpool at 4.30. Only one delay on the motorway for an accident. Rest day today then I hope to catch up with the knitting group on Wednesday.

Part of one of the main streets of Solihull.



St Alphege church



The tiny chapel under the main church. One of the beautiful windows

Date: 15 July 2019 Subject: Dudley

We left Liverpool Friday afternoon, about two and a half hours drive to Dudley which is near Birmingham. Lots of traffic but Louise is an amazing driver. We got dressed up this morning and only had to walk next door to the Black Country museum. A lovely time, it's a whole town been rebuilt here so lots to see. Louise bought a beautiful suit and hat. Spending tonight in Birmingham then home tomorrow via an historic house. Wonderful! My knee is still a bit sore and I have to take care.





Louise



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The plane is a Lancaster bomber.

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