

# *Adelaide Branch Richard III Society*



## *News*

We have paid a deposit to Rydges to hold our Australasian Richard III convention 2021 there on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

### *A Letter from Rob Smith to branch members*

Greetings fellow Ricardians,

You will have seen from the latest Ricardian Bulletin that members are shortly to be asked to vote individually on the proposed status of the Society. No doubt we will also be asked, in due course, to confirm a new Constitution.

You will not need reminding that it took several attempts over 12 years by ourselves, supported by the States and Canada, for the Society to finally acknowledge the need to consult overseas members and to allow them to have a vote on "substantive matters" affecting the Society.

I shall be most grateful if, when the time comes, you will encourage all your members to vote on the proposals one way or the other. It seems that reply-paid envelopes will be provided with the voting forms (email voting will not be accepted).

Having made such a fuss over the years it would be a shame and a dent in our credibility, if the overseas response was poor.

Kind regards

Rob Smith, Australasian Liaison Officer And Vice President, Richard III Society.

## *Meetings*

Our May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was attended by 10 of us with 5 apologies. Rilla welcomed everyone and read the Mission Statement. Valerie Walden thanked everyone for her get well card.

The minutes were read and accepted with Business arising dealing with the convention at Rydges in 2021. We are expected to pay \$1000 deposit by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Sue rang Rilla McEvoy on 30<sup>th</sup> April when email contract arrived. We replied by email requesting a meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May at noon.

Members then brainstormed other options eg council community clubs which have areas for hire eg Club Martion. Other hotels with conference facilities suggested and other venues such as university, TAFE. Suggested that anyone who knows of a suitable place – investigate further asap and email results to Sue or Rilla.

Main considerations- accommodation, catering, location, access.

Kevin's treasurer's report was succinct- still financial. In general business Lisa reported she'd given a talk on Richard III to Adelaide Park Rotary club. Judith gave her apologies for the next 3 meetings as she was off to visit Louise in the UK plus holidaying in Italy.

Our thinking caps came out for the Quiz. Fortified by tea or coffee and afternoon tea the quiz answers included a colour eg Yorkist badge- white rose. Congratulations to Margaret and Anne who were our top 2 winners.

## *Future Meetings*

**June** -Rilla's talk on Anne Neville,      **July**- coronation lunch,      **August**- Meredith's talk,  
**September**- Richard 3 at War,      **October** AGM, plus **If I could change History** -think about to share - if you could remove one person or change one event, who or what would it be and why?  
**November**- Judith's talk on clothing, **December**- Christmas lunch,

## **New £4,300 willow sculpture celebrating King Richard III unveiled in city**

The artwork was specially commissioned By [Maia Snow](#) [leicestermercury](#) 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

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King Richard III sculpture on King Richards Road (Image: Leicester Mercury / Chris Gordon)

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A new sculpture commemorating King Richard III, whose remains were found buried under a car park in Leicester in 2012, has been unveiled.

The sculpture is made of more than 1,000 willow whips woven around a steel frame and has appropriately been installed in [King Richards Road in the city](#).

The artwork, created by topiary artist Steve Manning and inspired by the Richard III statue in Cathedral Gardens, depicts a hand holding a crown and cost £4,300 to create.



(L-R) Steve Dayman of Dayman's DIY, Kam Samani of Leicester Property Shop UK, Sam Shields of Pickles Sandwich Bar, Vicky Riley and Pauline McLoughlin of Maroniques Hair and Tanning Salon (Image: Leicester Mercury / Chris Gordon)

The funding for the piece came out of the city council's shop improvement scheme, which is a "three-year regeneration programme that aims to support the growth of local business".

The scheme also aims to improve the local environment and enhance the shopping experience for both residents and visitors.

The council says King Richards Road is one of eight local neighbourhood shopping areas which are set to receive funding from the £615,000 programme.

Deputy city mayor Cllr Adam Clarke, who's the city council's heritage champion, said: "We know that King Richard III crossed Bow Bridge and rode out to Bosworth on that fateful day in 1485, but – more than 500 years later – there was nothing in the area that acknowledged that fact, apart from the street's name.

"This simple, but stunning, artwork will provide a visual reminder of King Richards Road's links to the last Plantagenet king of England – but it will also be an attractive new feature in this popular local shopping area."

As well as the willow sculpture, other improvements are proposed for the shopping area. Those improvements include lamppost banners and shopfront graphics. Emmalese Johnson of Bazaar Mart said: "We hope this new sculpture will give a boost to the area by giving King Richards Road a much stronger identity – linking it clearly to Leicester’s King Richard III story.

"The artwork looks beautiful and it's a welcome addition to the area."

### *The Journeys of Judith*

14/5/19 **Subject: News from Liverpool** I had a good flight, people to talk to and I watched some films. Dubai Airport is much better, not so chaotic, it's huge about 20 minutes to walk between flights. Lovely weather here- low teens. I've had a good rest today, and unpacked my things. I twisted my knee and am hoping that the rest will make it better. Love Judith xx  
Lovely blue sky from my bedroom window.



Small area of Dubai Airport.



5am as the sun comes up over Dubai Airport

**18/5/19 Subject: Re: Birthday** (*Louise and I share the birthday -Sue*) Happy Birthday! Grey morning here but some blue sky. Louise and I are going out for a meal later today. Where have all the years gone to? Judith

18/5/19 Happy birthday to you. I hope that you have a lovely day. It's just after 5pm here. I've just been on the train to Liverpool. Knee ok but gives out if I turn quickly, resting now. Off to Italy next

Tuesday. Louise is off to Madrid with Liverpool football club as a steward who assist people with disability the beginning of June. She's very excited



Radio Tower behind Playhouse Theatre.

Central Station Liverpool



Williamson.

18/5/19 Subject: Italian holiday

Big change to our plans! Italian airport strike on Tuesday! Louise has done an amazing job of getting us onto a flight tomorrow Sunday at 9.40 and somewhere to stay for 2 extra nights! We're going to Venice but then going by train to Bologna for 2 nights then back to Venice to start our planned holiday there and in Florence. Tickets printed, euros bought now having late birthday lunch for Louise (4.40) in Bold Street. Then back to pack. Wow. Love Judith hope to send Italian photos next.

22/5/19 Subject: Venice

Woke up in Bologna, going to bed in Venice. Sunny and warmer. 2 hour train trip after a short walk around. We are in a small apartment not far from the Grand Canal in a building about 800 years old!

Wandered around the small alleyways and over bridges for a couple of hours then had vegan pizzas. Now resting. Plan on going on a boat tomorrow to visit some islands.



Walking over a small side canal.



Doges Palace and St Mark's Square. The gondolas waiting for customers, about \$50 to go in one.

**25/5/19 Subject: Venice and Florence**

We took water taxis to visit the islands of Murano where glass is made and Burano where the houses are all brightly coloured and had a long ride around the canals. Weather good about 20 so ideal for walking. We had a small apartment not far from the Grand Canal in a building about 800 years old. We got the train yesterday, Thursday, to Florence about 2 hours and our hotel is close to the train station. We visited Santa Croce a huge church with memorials to Galileo. Leonardo etc. We had an excellent guide and spent about 2 hours there. Out by 8.30 this morning to try to avoid big queues. Climbed over 400 steps of the bell tower, visited the Baptistry and museum of the Duomo a huge church. Crossed the river and climbed more steps to get views of Florence. Now having a rest back at the hotel. Back to Liverpool on Saturday. It's been a lovely holiday. Love Judith



David



Small part of the Duomo



Having a rest by the bell



Safety harness for men working on the building in the 15th century

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