

NEWSLETTER

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Meetings

August's meeting was supposed to be Meredith Whitford talking on writing her novel Treason and her other books. Unfortunately Meredith caught the flu back in May and is still suffering. Sue filled in with an article from the magazine About History on "Richard III at War", written by Tom Garner. (From Barnet to Bosworth, the bloody rise and tragic fall of the last Plantagenet King. England's last Plantagenet King is often portrayed as a villain, but he was a talented soldier who played a leading role in the final battles of the Wars of the Roses.)

We felt the article gave a reasonable account but various facts were either overlooked or ignored. The section "Loyalty binds me" caused much discussion with most disagreeing with the idea of "cruel necessity". The magazine is now in our library and also has articles on Neil Armstrong, Ramses the Great, Josephine Baker and history's first serial killer Giles de Rile.

September's meeting is Polydore Vergil's Memoir of Richard III thanks to Robert Bender OAM who kindly made available a copy of his presentation from the Australasian convention for us.

Membership fees are due September or at the latest by October.

Full UK membership \$75, Senior (over 60) UK membership \$65,

Senior family UK Membership \$75,

BOAR membership (members of Adelaide branch only) \$35.

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Or by mail to me at 5 Spencer St Cowandilla 5033. Or pay Kevin at the meeting

Going on current exchange rate we can just and I mean just about not increase the subs.

Australasian convention 2019

A very entertaining and interesting experience which has given me some ideas and thoughts for our convention in 2021.

Friday evening kicked off with registration and welcome with canapés and drinks. Also you collected your name tag and gift bag. Saturday started with 2 talks, David Bliss (Vic) on "John Howard Duke of Norfolk" and Dorothea Preis (NSW) on "some fact and speculation on Hertford." After morning tea Julia Redlich (NSW) on "Shakespeare could better" then Prof Jane Evans via video from UK on "Richard III- analysing the skeleton of a King". Dr Jenny Spinks from Melbourne Uni concluded the morning session with "Renaissance Men? Books, metalwork and Art in Nuremberg".

After lunch Anne Maslin told us about "Ipomedon- a story read by Richard Duke of Gloucester" followed by the members of JOAS Living History Society (Vic) who gave a practical demonstration on "Arms and Armour". Afternoon tea was followed by Louise Carson (WA) on "Henry Stafford- 2nd Duke of Buckingham" and Helen Portus (NSW) with "A voice for a King".

The Banquet - okay let's make you hungry! After canapés and mulled wine and the welcome, the candle ceremony followed. First remove- pea and bacon broth, herb and cheese tartlets, bread and butter, hedgehogs, raisins and almonds. Michael and Yvonne Illiffe then brought in the Subtlety. The second remove- roast pork, roast chicken, savoury pie, buttered parsnips, carrots and leeks, apple sauce with cloves and lemon. The Loyal toasts to the Queen, King Richard and the friends of King Richard were proposed. The third remove was apple pie with cream, strawberries with cream, dates and figs, plus slices of the subtlety. White and red wine and ales were available to drink.



Candle ceremony and flag castle



Subtlety

Sunday morning started with Mark Porter's dvd, followed by Robert Bender (Vic) on "Polydore Vergil's memoir of Richard III". Rob Smith then ran a short business session and I mentioned our convention dates and venue and handed out invitations to attend. After morning tea Mercia Chapman (Vic) talked on "Medieval courts and the legal profession" and then Ron Pidcock and friends entertained us with "How Richard got his hump". This was followed by quiz question answers, the raffle draw and farewells. Lunch was next and then people organised themselves for leaving. Can I pick a favourite talk? No! All were interesting and thought provoking.



here we are!



Arms and armour



getting the hump



Petrifying Richard III ghost walk will tread over fields where hundreds died in battle

Previous guests have reported being pushed, grabbed, followed and watched

By Sam Hadadi 04:00, 4 AUG 2019 [leicestermercury](#)

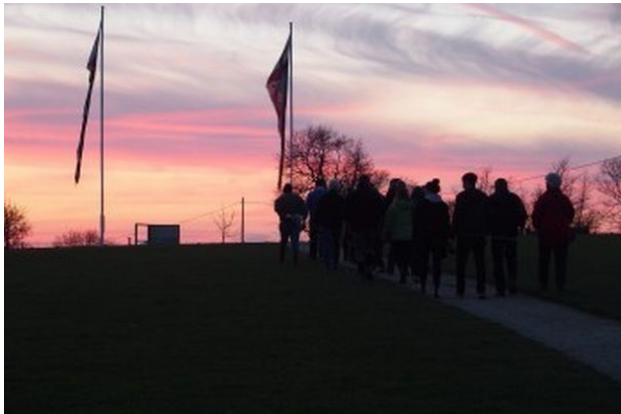
A ghost walk will take place for brave history lovers to celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of Bosworth - if they dare.

The walk will be held at Bosworth Battlefield on Thursday August 22 from 8pm to 10.30pm.

But it is not for the faint-hearted - previous guests have reported being pushed, grabbed, followed and watched.

Fought on August 22, 1485, the famous battle, which changed the landscape of the country forever, was won by the Lancastrians. Their leader Henry Tudor, Earl of Richmond, became the first English monarch of the Tudor dynasty. His opponent, [Richard III](#), the last king of the House of York, was killed in the battle - alongside an estimated 1,200 soldiers.

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walk at Bosworth Battlefield

Here's your chance to take part in a paranormal ghost

Historians consider the Battle of Bosworth to mark the end of the Plantagenet dynasty, making it a defining moment of English and Welsh history.



Bosworth Battlefield (Image: Matt Short)

A spokesperson said the walk would not be for the faint-hearted: "It goes with saying this site is steeped in history and a truly active area. The use of ghost detection equipment has demonstrated on a regular basis that the area is extremely active.

"Light anomalies seen with the naked eye and physical sensations of being pushed and grabbed are common experiences and the feeling of being followed and watched is difficult to shake off.

"This ghost walk is medium led and an historian is also present. Haunted Heritage Guests will have the use of paranormal detection equipment throughout the walk.

"Please come suitably dressed as the walk is open to the elements. Refreshments will be served at the end of the walk."

The walk will take place over 1.2 miles on dirt and gravel paths with slight incline and slopes. Guests must be aged 16 years and over and suitable shoes and clothing must be worn.

Tickets cost £15 and can be purchased by calling 07340 239294.



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Result of the Society-wide Ballot

The result is a resounding vote in favour of the proposal that the Society becomes a Company Limited by Guarantee.

In a turnout of 83.8%,

- 2542 members voted for the proposal, • 41 voted against and
- 79 didn't fill their papers.

Under the present Constitution, a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required to carry the resolution. With 98.4% in favour, this was considerably more than the required two-thirds majority.

There will, of course, be a discussion at the AGM of the result and where we go from here.

Meanwhile, the members of the Executive Committee thank the membership for their expression of confidence.

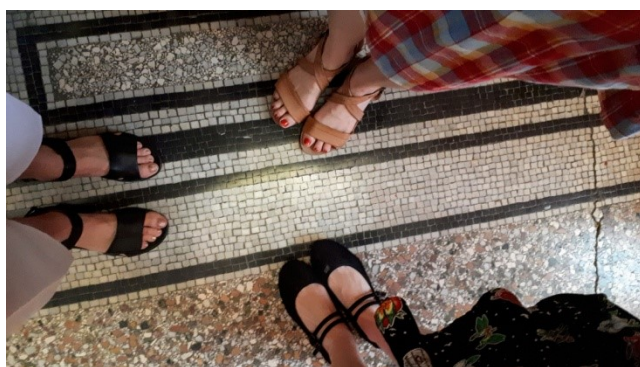
Executive Committee

Richard III Society

The continuing journeys of Judith

Subject: News from a cool and damp UK

Hi Everyone. Can't believe that I will be packing at the end of next week. I had a lovely weekend in London with Anita and her friend. The Dior exhibition at V and A museum was wonderful, we looked at the material in Liberty, I only bought a small quantity, very expensive. We had lovely food and walked by famous buildings near the Thames. I met with my knitting and crocheting friends yesterday and was given more cardigans and blankets, we've exchanged addresses, I've enjoyed meeting with them. After lunch with my girls we went to Williamson Tunnels, a huge area which is being explored under part of Liverpool city. We walked between the 2 cathedrals, Anglican and Catholic looking at the amazing Georgian architecture, this is an area used in many films and TV series. Friday we're driving to Leicester, staying the night then on to Bedford for a Vintage day on Saturday . Back to Liverpool on Sunday afternoon and then Monday driving to Shrewsbury for a couple of days to meet a new relative. My holiday will then be over! It's been a lovely time. Love Judith xx
We loved these tiles.



Subject: Vintage day

We stopped in Leicester Friday night so had time in the afternoon to visit Richard iii and to have a nice lunch. The Vintage day at Twinwood Air force base where Glen Miller was based was lovely and it was very busy and hot. We were there from 11.30 am until 8.30 pm. We

stayed at an hotel near there and Louise drove us back to Liverpool today, Sunday. Just doing some chores and we are off to Shrewsbury tomorrow. My last week here. Love Judith xx

We had a good view over the arena, great music.



Beautiful 1960s Rolls Royce. The owner took our photo.



See the label? This was in the WWII museum at Twinwood Air force ba