

*Adelaide Branch  
Richard III Society*



**Meetings**

**February Meeting**

Present- Sue, Di, Judith (+ Ella), Ruth, Anne, John, Margaret, Valerie, Kate, Amy, Kevin, Lisa

**Apologies** –Lyn, Chris, Rilla

**Minutes of previous meeting** read & accepted. Business arising- Picnic meeting either April or May at My Hurtle winery. Probably May as Amy & Kate involved in competitions in April.

**Correspondence**

emails sent on to members WA convention, NSW Affinity, Victoria's newsletter

Other emails on UK visits to Lancaster, Gloucester festival, Ricardian programming on More 4to coincide with anniversary of identification of Richard's remains, Membership card discounts, legendary ten seconds website link.

**Treasurer's report** \$1655.96 Bill from NCW \$375 (\$35 per meeting +\$25 storage)

**General business**

Anne suggested everyone does research on major and minor character, place and event from Ricardian times to cover basics. Talk to be short so a number of people can share at meetings April (?), June, August and September.

**Programme 2017**

Feb- Anne on medieval medicine,

July- coronation lunch

March- Quiz

August- back to basics (everyone)

April- Elsewhere in 15<sup>th</sup> century (everyone)

September- back to basics (everyone)

May picnic at Mt Hurtle winery.

October- AGM

June- back to basics- 4 topics(everyone)

November- Lyn on illustrated manuscripts

December- Christmas lunch

Judith reported on her talk in January to University of the third age in Adelaide. January programming is for short talks on one off topics. About 60 people heard Judith's talk on Richard III- a personal view. When talking afterwards, she found people were unaware of Richard III Society.

**Books added to our library-**

donation of Anne Neville by Michael Hicks

The Man who killed Richard III by Susan Fern + DVD of programme

The Fox and the Ghost by Michael Morpurgo

The Daughter of Time by Josephine Tey

We received more sample pens from National Pen.

Meeting closed 2.45pm followed by interesting and informative talk by Anne on medieval medicine.

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From Lyn-[https://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/t/tey/josephine/daughter\\_of\\_time/](https://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/t/tey/josephine/daughter_of_time/)

From Pam & Jacqui

Dear All,

Thanks to Michael Elliman for sending me this from the Mortimer History Society which is of great interest to Ricardians:

I want to give you more information about the important roll of arms that has come to light fairly recently. Dating from around 1576, it shows the coats of arms of 42 people associated with the castle. Of particular interest to us as members of the Mortimer History Society is the fact that it shows the arms of 11 previous owners of the castle including Walter de Lacy in the 11th century, Geoffrey de Geneville and Roger Mortimer, 1st Earl of March. It goes on to include Edmund Mortimer, 3rd Earl of March and then from Richard, Duke of York and Edward IV to the Tudor monarchs. Each coat of arms is named and, though faded in places and with some rodent damage, it's still in amazing condition.

Members of the Society living locally have been at the heart of the project to purchase the roll. As it is rather fragile, we intend to have high-quality copies made. One of these will be used to enhance and develop our existing MHS programme in local primary schools.

You can read all about the roll (including exactly who is displayed on it) and about our plans for it by following this link.

<http://mortimerhistorysociety.org.uk/index.php/ludlow-castle-heraldic-roll>

I'm sure you'll agree that this is a most worthwhile project. We are trying to raise £20,000. **Please help us to achieve our objective.** You'll find information on how you can easily donate if you follow the link.

Thank You Hugh Wood

MHS Membership Secretary &

Secretary of the Ludlow Castle Heraldic Roll Group

**From the NSW branch**

Dear Friends,

We wish to update you on two changes to Committee Membership of the NSW Branch of the Richard III Society.

Christine Field has advised that due to increased work commitments and responsibilities, and more recently, some health issues that have arisen, she was probably not able to continue in the role of Treasurer of the NSW Branch. Judith Howard has agreed to resume responsibilities for the Treasury function in the short term. The Committee approved her appointment as Treasurer and accepted Chris's resignation. The Committee wishes to express their thank you to Chris for her work as Treasurer over the last 2 or so years. Judy can be contacted on [treasurer@richardiii-nsw.org.au](mailto:treasurer@richardiii-nsw.org.au).

Lynne Foley, who did a capital job of the Membership Renewals for the current year, also indicated that she did not want to continue in that capacity for the remainder of the year and beyond. Dorothea Preis has kindly offered to assume the responsibility of Membership Secretary to relieve Lynne of the pressures of maintaining the Membership Register. Lynne will remain on the Executive Committee, it is only her Membership responsibilities that are moving on to Dorothea. The Committee approved the appointment of Dorothea Preis as Membership Secretary and acknowledged the work done by Lynne over the recent renewal. Dorothea can be contacted on [membership@richardiii-nsw.org.au](mailto:membership@richardiii-nsw.org.au)

Kind regards          Committee, NSW Branch of The Richard III Society

(They also had to cancel their February meeting due to the extreme heat that weekend plus problems with public transport)

### **Mary Stuart commemoration at Fotheringhay**

Dear All,

Alison Gough sent me this link after attending the commemoration on Wednesday 8th February with the Marie Stuart Society for the 430th anniversary of her execution. "We had a church service followed by a flower laying up at the castle rock. It was absolutely freezing!! I knew from having been to an RIIISoc Christmas service it would be cold, but it really was distractingly cold in the church. Goodness knows how Mary coped there the winter of 1586 with her rheumatism.

The service was partly in French and Latin, which was very poignant, and the bells were rung 44 times, one for each year of her life. I wasn't the only one moved to tears hearing them.

I was being teased for standing at the wrong end of the railings when we laid the flowers as there were still white roses (presumably artificial but I didn't see) for Richard. I had split or dual allegiances!!

We had a meal at the Falcon after and the vicar, Sue, was most enthusiastic about Mary, having done a lot of reading up before. I gather she's also enthusiastic about Richard - isn't that great? It certainly all adds another dimension to her pastoral duties?!"

<http://www.itv.com/news/anglia/search/?q=Fotheringhay>

Thanks Alison for a lovely account.

Best wishes from Pam

A very interesting and well written account of Bewdley's associations with the House of York by branch member Mary Friend.

<https://murreyandblue.wordpress.com/2016/06/16/bewdleys-king-edward-iv-charter/>



## The Richard III Society

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Dear Members,

### **Special event to commemorate Richard III on Sunday, 19 March in Market Bosworth**

In 2015 Market Bosworth felt very privileged to be a key resting place on the last journey of the mortal remains of King Richard III to their reburial in Leicester Cathedral. That special event, on 22 March, attracted many thousands of people to view the funeral cortège as it passed through the village which was bedecked with banners, bunting and shields in honour of the King. Thanks to the hard work of a small number of local people, the event, and in particular the sale of 1485 porcelain white roses, resulted in a small financial surplus being available for community use. Inspired by the legacy of the 22 March event, the Parish Council together with the village's Richard III steering group, decided to use the fund primarily to commission an artwork to be installed in the Market Place. In addition to the village's Richard III funds, the commemoration has been supported by Hinckley and Borough Council and the input of a small number of local volunteers. The artwork will be dedicated by the Rector of Market Bosworth Rev. Mark Poskitt, Richard Smith and Sally Henshaw representing the Richard III Society and Councillor Richard Allen the Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council on 19th March.

The artwork has been crafted by local specialist stone sculptor, Damian Witty. Some images of Damian making the artwork will be uploaded to the Society's website shortly. Apart from the text around the stone the centre will portray a white rose. The artwork will be officially revealed at 3.30 as part of a medieval themed event in the Market Place. Captain Mortimer and his re-

enactors will be there, plus the award winning Hawkwise from the Battlefield Centre, medieval music, a special mobile cinema, Bosworth Battlefield retail stall, the community choir and much more. It is planned that bunting and floral displays in the colours of Richard III will be hung around the Square, and white roses will decorate shop windows.

The events are free, and commence at 1pm, concluding at 5pm.

#### **Richard III Events in Leicester for reburial weekend 2017**

Details have just been announced of events marking the anniversary of the reburial.

There will be a service at Leicester Cathedral at 3.00 pm on Saturday March 25th.

Representatives of the Richard III Society will be taking part in the service. No further details of this are currently available.

The Richard III Visitor Centre, 4A St. Martins, Leicester, LE1 5DB Tel: 0300 300 0900 will holding a Question and Answer session with Philippa Langley at 10.00 am on Saturday March 25th. The price for this is £10. The event is due to be launched on Monday and should appear on the Richard III Visitor Centre website - [www.kriii.com](http://www.kriii.com).

It is also understood that Philippa Langley will be opening the Belmont Hotel's new Richard III bedroom at lunchtime on Friday March 24th. Philippa will also be hosting a dinner on the evening of Saturday March 25th. Further details of these events and a weekend package can be obtained.

#### **A note about Middleham Castle RIII Standard flying on 16th March 2017**

To mark the anniversary of the death of Anne Neville on March 16th, the Richard III Standard at Middleham Castle will fly at half-mast. It should be noted, however, that the castle itself is **not** open to the public on this day.

Kind regards,

**Executive Committee**

Ian Churchward has put his song about Warwick the Kingmaker up on youtube. It's from his latest album Sunnes and Roses.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USR1RR90bQ4>

A mention of the new Richard III bedroom planned for the Belmont Hotel in Leicester.

<http://www.boutiquehotelier.com/richard-iii-leicester-city-fc-and-space-inspire-hotels-new-family-rooms/>

<http://www.nichemagazine.co.uk/single-post/2017/01/31/New-local-themed-rooms-at-Belmont-Hotel>

An article about Richard's prayer book being available online. I know I have already told you about it being online but the media are now aware of it.

<http://www.livescience.com/57989-king-richard-iii-prayer-book-goes-online.html>

The search for another king – James I of Scotland.

<https://inews.co.uk/essentials/news/uk/experts-unite-find-lost-grave-king-james-i-scotland/>

**Subject:** The Duck

So there was this Duck standing on the side of a busy road watching the traffic zoom past. He stood there for quite a while waiting for a gap in the traffic, when a Chicken walked up & stood beside him. The Chicken said to the Duck "whatcha doing" & the Duck said he was trying to cross the road. The Chicken said to the Duck " don't do it mate, you'll never hear the end of this"

**To take your mind off the news.....this is brilliant**

**Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning.  
A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.**

**You think English is easy??**

**Read all the way to the end..... This took a lot of work to put together!**

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.

- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture..
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert..
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear..
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

### Let's face it - English is a crazy language

. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France . Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted.

But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And **why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing**, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? **Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?**

If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

**If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?** If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? **Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.** In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

**How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same**, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on. **English was invented by people, not computers**, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.

**That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible**, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. PS. - **Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?**

You lovers of the English language might enjoy this.

**There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is UP!**

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP ?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP ?

Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends.

And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen.



We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

**At other times the little word has real special meaning.**

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

**To be dressed is one thing**, but to be dressed UP is special .

A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP .

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP !

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP , look the word UP in the dictionary.

In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used.

It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP , you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP .

When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP .

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP .

When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP,

for now my time is UP,

so.....**it is time to shut UP!**

Now it's UP to you what you do with this email