

*Adelaide Branch
Richard III Society*

Meetings

Our **March meeting** was the Quiz. We had Sue, Di, Kevin, Valerie, Judith & Ella, Margaret, Lisa, Anne, Amy & Kate attending. Apologies were from Ruth (husband's birthday + Clipsal), Judy, Lyn & Chris, and Rilla (baby shower for daughter-in-law). Previous minutes were read and accepted and then the Treasurer Kevin gave us the good news of \$763.30 in the bank. Sue filled us in with the latest emails and that 2 reports had gone to the UK. One was on our branch activities last year to go in the Ricardian Recorder. The other was the official Annual Report 2016. One Email pointed out Current Archaeology (April) has an article on Pembroke castle (Henry Tudor's birthplace).

In General business Valerie reported she hadn't received her branch newsletter so Sue said she'd check her sent file and resend if necessary. Lenis Wells had rung Valerie & Margaret to say SBS was replaying the reburial of Richard III. Mortimer History Society was asking for donations to protect the roll of arms recently discovered. Finally the Adelaide Festival of Arts had Richard III Schaubuhne Berlin Germany on its programme and there was a large picture on the front page of the Advertiser. (Shakespeare's hunchbacked tyrant is transformed into a death-metal rapping, drum-pounding, microphone swinging monstrosity in provocative director Thomas Ostermeier's bloody, visceral and darkly comic interpretation. Advertiser Feb 9). Meeting closed 2.10pm for the Quiz. With only 7 to begin with, Sue gave out "The cat, the rat and Lovell our dog" question sheet with the answers having something to do with the cat, rat and dog. The 2nd worksheet required identifying Ricardian places or people associated in various ways with Richard III. Both sheets gave us a workout.

Our **April meeting** was originally Elsewhere in the 15th century but has been widened to include everyday life in Ricardian times (eg religion, clothing, houses, food, recreation.....). Max time 5 minutes so short and sweet please. Copies of what you talk about to Sue please afterwards.

Our **May meeting** will be a picnic to share at Mt Hurtle winery so an earlier start- meet there around 12.30pm? Remember you can invite family and friends along too. So far there is 6 of us with a number of unknowns. I have had apologies from a few too. Tim wanted to know numbers so the winery management were aware of us coming and how many to expect.

The address is-

**Mount Hurtle Wines
291 Pimpala Road,
Woodcroft, SA 5162**

Let's hope the weather is fine. At least we won't have a heatwave like last year.



Picture from their website

Our **June meeting** is everyone on Ricardian basics. We have 4 areas- major and minor characters, events and places. Sue has made up a set of cards and you get to have a lucky dip. If you're not at the meeting, Sue will do it for you and email your 4 topics. If everyone takes one of each and researches the topic for a short talk (again I stress short, max 5 minutes), we can share at the meeting (1 each or maybe more depending on number of people) with **August and September meetings** also on these topics.

While doing some research for Saturday's meeting I found these 2 quotes on one of the websites.

"Richard, might I ask you something? We've talked tonight of what you must do, of what you can do, of what you ought to do. But we've said nothing of what you want to do. Richard, do you want to be King?"

At first, she thought he wasn't going to answer her. But as she studied his face, she saw he was turning her question over in his mind, seeking to answer it as honestly as he could.

"Yes," he said at last. "Yes...I do."

— [Sharon Kay Penman, *The Sunne in Splendour*](#)

"I think the day might come, Bess, when all men will know of Dickon is what they were told by Tudor historians like Rous."

"Jesú, no!" Bess sounded both appalled and emphatic. "You mustn't think that. Whatever the lies being told about Dickon now, surely the truth will eventually win out. Scriptures does say that 'Great is truth and it prevails,' and I believe that, Grace."

Bess straightened up in the bed, shoved yet another pillow against her back. "I have to believe that," she said quietly.

"Not just for Dickon's sake, but for us all. For when all is said and done, the truth be all we have."

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<http://www.goleicestershire.com/news/SleepLikeAKingInRichardIIIRoom.aspx>

Philippa Langley MBE has opened the Richard III Room at the Belmont Hotel in Leicester.

Dear Members,

Reburial anniversary message from Society Chairman, Phil Stone:

Sunday, 26th March is the second anniversary of the reburial of the remains of King Richard and it will be marked by a special service of Evensong in Leicester Cathedral, during which flowers will be placed at the tomb.

The finding and reburial of the remains of the king will always be one of the major achievements of the Richard III Society and it is fitting that we remember it, especially in the place where he lies at peace, a place of honour, a place of sanctity, adorned with the banners and heraldry he would have recognised as his own.

As we remember the reburial, let us remember Richard III, King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, as a man of integrity, as a law giver, as a man who cared for his subjects and those who had his trust.

Also, as we remember the reburial, giving Richard III the honour and dignity denied him in 1485, let us not forget those others who died on Bosworth Field. For most, their names are lost, but they were men like us. As we remember them, let us hope and pray that one day, the world will see an end to war and conflict, a time when man may no longer have to die for a cause.

Dear Members

When composing my recent message about the second anniversary of the reburial of the remains of King Richard, I should also have included the 'Looking for Richard Project' and Philippa Langley when I wrote that finding the remains will always be one of the Society's greatest achievements. That I didn't do so was because I felt that, by now, there cannot be many among us who aren't aware of the enormous part the Project members played in finding the King. My apologies to Philippa and the rest of the team for any concern this may have caused.

Kind Regards

Phil Stone

Ian Churchward has sent this link to an article about his book and his latest album Sunnes and Roses.

I have had an article published on the Medieval Archives website which is about my book and my Sunnes and Roses album:-

<http://www.medievalarchives.com/2017/03/22/sunnes-roses-wars-of-roses-inspired-album-by-ian-churchward/>