



The Richard III Society  
Adelaide South Australia Branch

## Newsletter November 2015

November meeting was well attended and as part of general business Lisa explained about the website and what were some of the hassles she had had which hopefully are fixed. We now have a domain name registered- [richardiii-sa.org.au](http://richardiii-sa.org.au) . Sue had printed off what was on a couple of other Ricardian websites to give us some ideas plus Lyn Gill had emailed suggestions on what to include on our site. The members also gave suggestions and generally thought the best idea was to keep it easy to use, eye catching, to include mission statement and to promote our branch, meeting dates and topics, membership options and costs. Also include links to UK society and other Australasian branches.

After that part of the meeting we all grabbed coffee/tea and cake and sat back to listen to Amy finally give her talk on Richard's wife and Queen, Anne Neville. ( no Irish dancing comps this time)

### Minutes of the November meeting

Present Sue, Lisa, Kevin, Di, Rilla, Margaret, Kate, Amy, Judith (& Ella), Valerie and Ruth

Apologies Judy, Anne, John, Lyn & Chris

Minutes of Sept meeting were read & accepted Moved Amy, seconded Judith

Correspondence –website, Ricardian Recorder, Dominic's armour appeal, Ricardus Rex, TV programme on Sir Rhys ap Thomas (in Welsh), various online reports on the MBEs award ceremony, Ipswich Star article (March 2015) on Duke & Duchess of Suffolk tombs in Wingfield, NZ Ricardian Times

Treasurer's report unavailable (left everything at home!) but solvent

### General business

-2 additions to **library**- The Reburial of King Richard III (Society publication) and The Reinterment Of King Richard III- a photographic record ( Leicester Cathedral publication). Both excellent and the photos in the latter are lovely.

-Lisa talked about the **website**. She had some hassles to begin with and isn't as advanced as she would have liked. Domain name is registered [richardiii-sa.org.au](http://richardiii-sa.org.au) .

Suggestions on things to include (this bit open to everyone to give ideas)- R3 mission statement (refer UK society website for wording), SA branch logo, SA branch meeting dates and topics, costs involved, where we meet and time, membership details and options. Include gallery of photos taken of us and also Ricardian places and people.

Query raised about BOAR membership being included but it was pointed out by several members that other branches in Australasia have associate membership options so can't see a problem.

KISS principle, attractive to look at, easy to use and include links to other sites.

Meeting minutes to be included as well as still being emailed /posted to members.

-**Judith giving talk next year** June/July to Tea Tree Gully history group. She may use scrapbooks of photos about the dig, the bones and the reburial. Rilla suggested the use of a forklift to help her move them.

**-Margaret reading a book** on the return of King Arthur and it is set in Henry VI's time with the Duke of Ebor. She said it looked like being a trilogy but was a reasonable read.

Another book mentioned was **Wolf Hall** by Hilary Mantell with opinions divided on it. Those who had seen the TV series all agreed that was excellent with special mention of Mark Rylance as Thomas Cromwell and Damian Lewis (maybe the next Bond) as Henry VIII. Historical accuracy – well.....

**-December meeting - A reminder about poems for Christmas lunch entertainment- can be any type, long or short, send up or serious. Copies are requested as they are also wanted for Ricardian Recorder and our newsletter.**

Rilla read her poem as she won't be at Christmas meeting (on a cruise Adelaide to Freemantle then motorhome back to Adelaide)

**Christmas lunch 12.30pm so we are eating by 1pm.**

Apologies as forgot to check what people at meeting would bring but savoury or sweet (and think Christmas). I'll bring bread rolls and butter so that's covered. Also some wine.

**Mantel piece raffle Christmas theme, as should be what you wear.**

## **2016 programme**

**Feb- DVD Who killed the Princes in the Tower.** Blurb in last month's newsletter

**March- Picnic meeting at Geoff Merrill's winery** Mount Hurtle Winery 291 Pimpala Road Woodcroft SA 5162 CELLAR DOOR OPEN 10am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday, 12 midday – 4.30pm Saturday

More details later but probably met there around 12.30pm. Bring lunch to share.



**April Perkin Warbeck/ The Princes in the Tower**

**May Quiz** -making use of the many quiz questions Margaret has compiled over the years-( and no looking at answers Margaret!!!) Format to be decided-teams or individuals.

**June** Kevin will talk on the **minor Woodvilles**

**July Coronation lunch** preferably medieval in flavour, costumes worn if you have one. Everyone to bring their own personal drawn portrait of Richard III. ( we feel we can do just as well or better- so confident aren't we?!)

**August** Rilla will talk on **Laurence Olivier** but in general this time not just his performance as R3.

**September** Lisa is challenging herself to give a talk. Topic to be decided.

**October AGM** Topic TBA (maybe DVD part 2 on births, deaths and marriages in the Middle ages?)

**November** Everyone – **Elsewhere in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century**

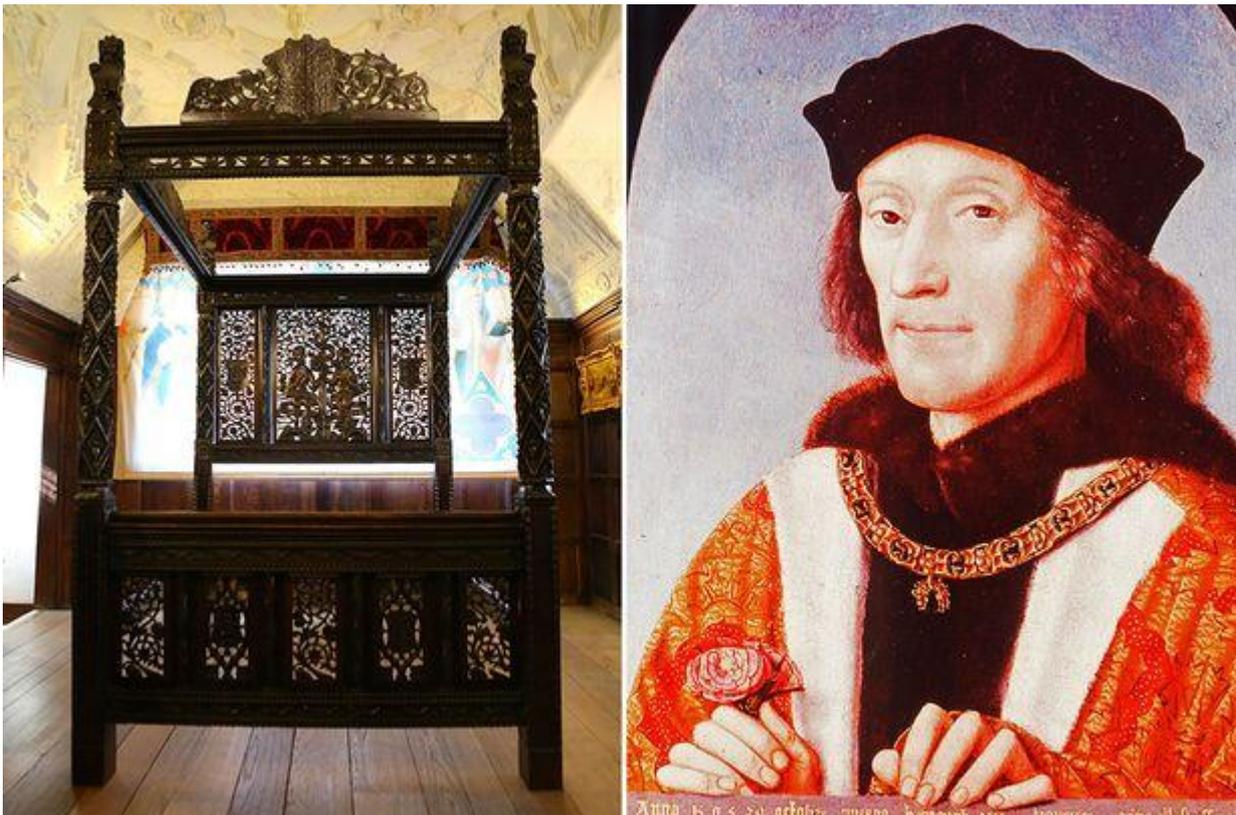
**December** **Christmas lunch** plus challenge/topic TBA

-Di brought up possibility of radio interview – friend works on community radio station- programme is music and interviews.

## **Richard III successor King Henry VII's £20m Tudor bed found dumped - also in a car park**

- 10:37, 2 Apr 2015 By [Darren Devine](#) Mirror on line

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**Fit for a king: The £20m bed discovered in a Chester car park** Successor: Henry VII defeated Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth Field

An ornate four-poster bed dumped in a hotel car park and sold on for just £2,200 belonged to Tudor King Henry VII.

Reports suggest the monarch's crib, found outside the Redland House Hotel, in Chester, could be worth £20million.

DNA testing shows the bed belonged to Pembroke-born Henry VII, who defeated Richard III in the Battle of Bosworth.

Bizarrely, the bones of Richard III - the last of the Plantagenets - were also found underneath a car park in Leicester in 2012.

His remains now rest beneath a two-tonne block of Swaledale fossil limestone in the city's Cathedral.



Find: TV historian Dr Jonathan Foyle

Builders dismantled Henry VII's oak bed and left it to be picked up by auctioneers while working on a renovation project at the venue.

Four poster bed specialist Ian Coulson, from Northumberland, spotted the item listed as 19th-century Gothic revival while searching lots on a website in 2010.

He placed a winning telephone bid for £2,200, [reports Wales Online](#).

But when Mr Coulson unpacked it, he was astonished. He approached TV historian Dr Jonathan Foyle, believing it was the only surviving Tudor bed.

Mr Foyle says the bed was “immensely culturally valuable”.

The historian, the former chief executive of heritage charity the World Monuments Fund Britain, said the bed would have been situated in the Painted Chamber in Westminster Palace, where royal state beds were set until 1512.

He wrote: “It is specifically the marriage bed for Henry and Elizabeth (of York) from 1486, taken to Lancashire in 1495.

“Having survived the civil war, it was discovered in 1842 near Huddersfield in a dilapidated state, most of the remains of its medieval paint then scraped off and varnished over.”

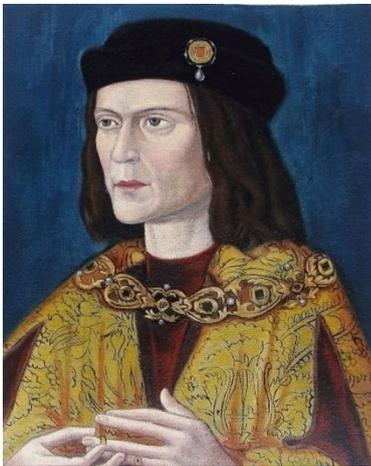
Mr Coulson had a dendrochronology or tree ring survey completed on the bed to date it.

This suggested the wood was American white oak growing after 1756 - casting doubt on links to Henry VII.

But Mr Foyle said the survey “made no sense” and DNA results now show it’s made from native European oak growing between the Pyrenees and Latvia, from where Edward III imported wood for beds.

Oxford University historian Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, who specialises in the period, said he is “quite convinced” of the bed’s authenticity.

“It looks as if we’ve got the frame of a bed we can associate with King Henry VII.



Grave discovery: Last of the Plantagenets King Richard III was found under a car park

“It’s extremely significant and there’s nothing else quite like it with that sort of association.”

The bed, currently on display at Anne Boleyn’s childhood home of Hever Castle & Gardens, was most likely commissioned immediately after Henry VII’s accession to celebrate his marriage to Elizabeth and the end of the War of the Roses.

The headboard depicts Adam and Eve in likenesses of the King and Queen, surrounded by the fruits of paradise which would symbolise fertility and the couple’s hope for an heir, giving rise to its name, The Paradise State Bed.

No Tudor state beds survive for comparison.

It is believed Henry VII may have taken the bed north while on a royal tour.

How it came to be languishing in the attic of the Redland House Hotel, a former 19th-century industrialist’s house, is unknown.

Manchester Metropolitan University historian Dr Jonathan Spangler, an expert on the Monarchy, said even if it is a late 15th century bed the likelihood of knowing 100% that it was Henry's is "small".

He added: "But I would say that kind of bed in the late 15th century would be owned by royalty or at least the very, very top of the aristocracy."

## Here's another trick of Doctor Dementia to test your skills...Can you meet this challenge?

We've seen this with the letters out of order, but this is the first time we've seen it with numbers. Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this OUT LOUD you have a strong mind. And better than that: Alzheimer's is a long long, way down the road before it ever gets anywhere near you.

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To my 'selected' strange-minded friends: Only great minds can read this. This is weird, but interesting!

If you can read this, you have a strange mind, too. Can you read this? Only 55 people out of 100 can.

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This is the chocolate pizza I was telling you about at the meeting. Bought at the Bus Depot markets in Canberra and comes in a pizza box. And these are the Blowflies they make as well. These can be ordered online.



