

Adelaide Branch Richard III Society



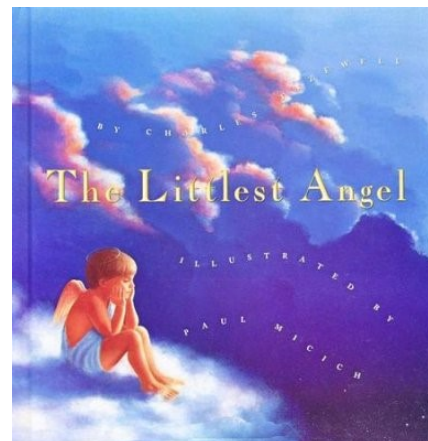
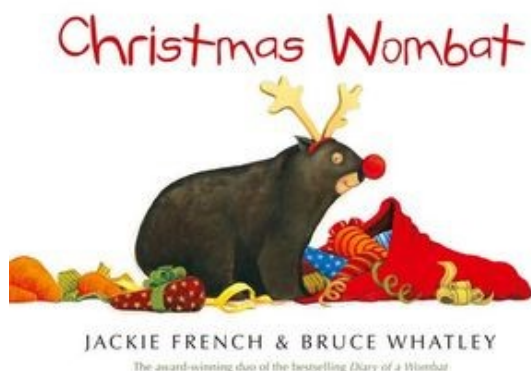
Meetings

Our Christmas lunch as usual was good fun, plenty of food and drink for the 9 of us. We had apologies from Lyn & Chris (Lyn still having problems with her heart valve*see end of meeting minutes), Diana Mitchell (been in hospital again) and Valerie Walden (her husband George had been very sick, in intensive care and had just come home so Valerie wasn't leaving him.) Cards were signed for George and Diana wishing them well and hoping they were on the road to recovery. We'd sent a card to Lyn earlier.

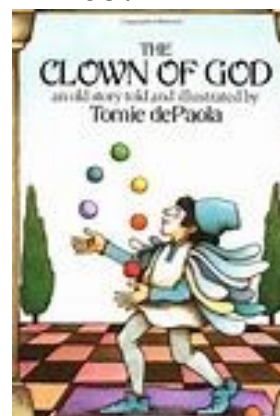
During lunch we shared our Christmas memory/book/song.....

Kevin remembered Christmas some 50 years ago in Renmark with both sets of grandparents present -traditional Christmas dinner, even though it was stinking hot!!!!

Rilla shared Christmas stories- "the Littlest Angel" and "the Christmas Wombat".



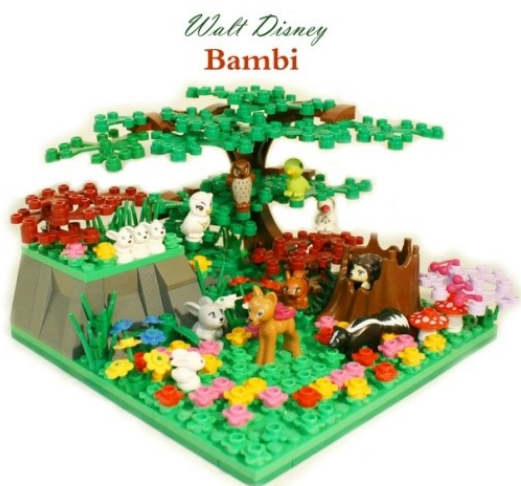
Lisa remembered living in Paris and going to the Christmas party with Christmas tree and presents on stage at the **Folies-Bergère**, for all the staff and their families.



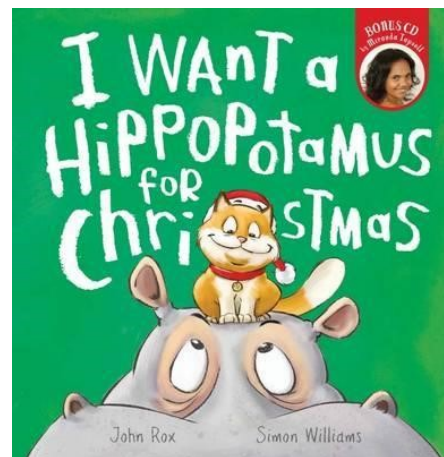
John shared "The Clown of God". Tomie dePaola's 1978 classic retelling of a French legend stars a little juggler whose unique talent leads him to what might be a Christmas miracle.

Judith remembered her brother's christening where the Christmas hymn "Once in Royal David's city" was sung. And her older sister Carol getting turquoise slippers for Christmas which she then wore everywhere.

Ruth remembers being 8 or 9 and getting as Bambi (Barbie?) Lego house and how she spent 3 hours watching her Dad build it.



(only Bambi lego picture I could find)



Di shared that she has a chair with her husband's name on that they include in Christmas festivities.

Sue shared her book given as a present last Christmas from her husband- "I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" and no Sue didn't sing! The other song she remembers from the large family Christmas parties is everyone singing 'All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth'.

Margaret shared a house swapping experience with her husband's work friend in Melbourne about 40 years ago. It was the first year of moving to Blackwood. She didn't decorate their house but the Victorian house was highly decorated. On Christmas day Malcolm and the boys went out to get a chicken for Christmas lunch while Margaret cooked the roast potatoes and veggies. Malcolm came back some 3 hours later- no luck, had to be ordered some weeks beforehand. So for the next 4 days with the shops not open (Christmas day, Boxing Day plus the weekend) they ate roast potato sandwiches. They eventually drove up into the hills and bought pies and pasties!!!

The Ricardian calendar which we raffled separately was AGAIN won by John Forster. Well done John. Thanks to Anne D for donating the calendar.

Our February 2nd meeting is Anne Cooper telling us about surnames. Do you know the origin of yours?

The March 2nd meeting is Sue Garforth coming to tell us about pretenders- a Victorian scandal this time, the Tichborne affair. Visitors welcome. (We were originally going to have Bonnie Prince Charlie but as Sue said, Richard would have eaten him for breakfast!)

April meeting If Meredith is able to get our VHS tapes converted to DVD, there are a number of interesting programmes for us to watch, otherwise "The Man who killed Richard III" DVD with a special afternoon tea to eat while watching.

Update From: Lyn Gill

Subject: Re: Health

Thanks for enquiring Sue

Yes was home for Xmas and am starting cardiac rehab once Again next week

Not sure if the clots have disappeared but certainly am feeling better in comparison !

Just taking it as it comes at the moment, as my body was used to blood thinners it's taking its time I dare say.

It's far longer than I ever thought I be going through, but I'm determined to get there and starting to enjoy life once again

Kind regards

Lyn



The HS2 rail link project found the remains of Matthew Flinders while excavating near Euston Station. So here's my photo taken in his home town of Donington in Lincolnshire. (My favourite explorer) In 2009 this was the only major statue of Flinders in the UK. The

one on the left is in Port Lincoln, another at Flinders University and a third in Euston Station London, unveiled in 2014. Note his cat Trim.

The Albury conference

It was interesting to meet up with Ricardians whom I have been corresponding with by email for many years now. The venue was lovely. On Friday, while I was at the conference, my husband found the staff of Albury manor house very helpful when he wanted to know where to watch the cricket. They directed him to the Legions club. Mike said the TV screen was larger than watching it live!!

There was a number of interesting talks during the day. From my notes and they are brief notes— (and my apologies for no names of some of the presenters as I've lost my running sheet.)

Medieval Mothers- Isabella of France (the She-wolf), Eleanor of Aquitaine, Joan (King David of Scotland), Margaret of Anjou, Margaret Beaufort, Elizabeth Woodville, all fighting to promote their children.

Peter Stride talked about Richard III's scoliosis. He said to imagine Richard in 1495 with severe scoliosis. Lancet article by Jo Appleby –‘would not have suffered significant pain....’. No doctors were involved in the article.

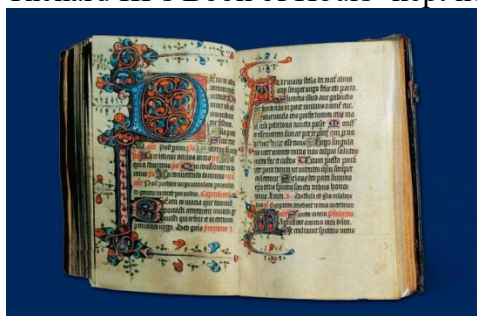
Stuart Weinstein looked at 444 scoliosis sufferers and only 127 survived to old age. Other papers- showed breathlessness and respiratory diseases often causing heart failure. The pain gets worse over time, with daily disabling pain.

So not a good outlook for Richard had he survived the Battle of Bosworth.

Marnie and Christopher talked on how to rebury a medieval king with dignity and honour. Dr Alexandra Buckle's discovery of medieval music- from Richard Beauchamp 5th Earl of Warwick.(Used as basis for reinternment ceremony)

Humphrey Wanley 1672 cypoccat. No music notation-Bangor Pontifical. This explains how a burial is to be carried out. Dr Buckle translated Latin to English- order of service. A Bishop was needed for high status burials. How widespread were the burials? -they were for political gain, getting the best resting place, to atone for sins, and as a memorial.

Richard III's Book of Hours- kept nowadays in Lambeth Palace.



Searching for Richard-one man's journey- Mark Porter

Interpretation of the battle on the real battle site. Historiography Look at History & propaganda. In The Daughter of Time Tey gives the example of Tonyandy. Eyewitnesses- changes in documents often made to suit the required interpretation. After all historians interpret and make deductions about the facts based on their biases. History was used to teach moral lessons.

Manning Clark- “History is not made by men or women. It is made by historians.”

False pictures/interpretations of history- think of Lindy Chamberlain, The Tudors (TV series), wiki/false news. Many other examples. (We do have Mark's DVD)

John Howard- Suffolk Gentleman. Duke of Norfolk 1483. The talk used John Ashdown Hill's book "Richard III's Beloved Cousyn". 1455 John Howard was an untitled and relatively obscure Suffolk gentleman. At the time of his death at the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485 he was Earl Marshal, Duke of Norfolk, Lord Admiral and a very rich man (and the current Duke of Norfolk is his direct descendant). How had he attained these elevations? Through his service to the House of York, and in particular to Richard III during the setting aside of Edward V. John Ashdown-Hill examines why he chose to support Richard, even at the cost of his life; what secrets he knew about Edward IV; what he had to do with the fate of the 'Princes in the Tower'; and what naval innovations, hitherto ascribed to the Tudors, he introduced.

Gentry, family man, shipowner Annual income about 600 pounds p.a., very high for untitled man. Lancastrian under Henry VI, then Yorkist under Edward IV. Sheriff then knighted at coronation.

We were also given a quiz to complete so look out for our Quiz meeting. We'll soon find out how good your knowledge is!!!! Just kidding!

Mark Porter did interviews of various Ricardians on why they are a Ricardian and asked for a good moment or event. I mentioned Louise and the bone dust (If SA members don't know the story ask me or Judith)

The **Medieval dinner** started with hot spiced apple soup. Interesting and very nice. The rest was carvery for main course with salads or vegetables and alternate drop for dessert.

A small group of us did a tour on the Saturday. We visited Bonegilla migrant camp, into Rutherford for a very nice lunch. On to Morris's winery and yes I bought some of their gorgeous muscat. Next stop Chiltern to visit Henry Handel Richardson's home. Remember 'The Getting of Wisdom'? John McEwen 18th Prime Minister, Nigel Lappin AFL player now assistant coach of Geelong and Barrie Cassidy political journalist were born there.

A quick tour of Albury and up to the War memorial with a great view of Albury then back to Albury Manor House.

Funnily enough when telling my neighbour about this trip she remarked that that's where her family had stayed when they first arrived in Australia. They were at Bonegilla about two months or so and she remembers the food as awful but then she has an Italian /French background. However the food did cause problems with the migrants!



Cartoon by one of the attendees at Albury conference. Thanks to Susan for letting me take a photo of her cartoon.

From Pam (Worcester branch) Thanks for an interesting read again. I'd never really thought much about pets in medieval times.

I hope your Christmas lunch goes well - ours is the week following on the 8th. A nice relaxing meeting usually with fiendish quizzes which we do as teams of 4, and lots of lovely food.

Best wishes to you all for a very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year,

Thanks to Marion Moulton for this: Robert Lindsay has named Richard III as his hero in the January BBC History Magazine. Result!

(Sue's comment-well he did get an invitation to the funeral!!)

Also, how time flies- it's the tenth anniversary of the launching of the " Looking For Richard Project" on 21st February 2009.

Renaissance –the Fall and Rise of a King. I (Pam) wrote to you in February about the above book by Marla Skidmore. It's been out a while now and there are several reviews on Amazon if you are looking for a different take on the Richard III story.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Renaissance-Marla-Skidmore/dp/1912183293/>

Marla's story gives Richard a voice and lets the reader into his mind to see the turmoil and drama leading to his betrayal and death at Bosworth and the aftermath, culminating in his reburial in Leicester Cathedral, through his eyes.

Dr John Ashdown-Hill's Crown in Leicester Cathedral: Display Text Update

We are thrilled to announce that Leicester Cathedral has agreed to amend the text for John Ashdown-Hill's crown that is on display in the church. The new text is to be completed when the work for the new visitor centre gets underway which we understand is likely to be sometime next summer. The text now accurately conveys the necessary information, including that John had donated the crown to Richard III. The dean at the cathedral has also signed a letter on the cathedral's behalf in this regard for John's lawyer.

During John's lifetime funding had not been available at the cathedral for the amendments to be made. As a result, and following John's death, at the Middleham Festival in July, many of you very kindly gave to this cause in his memory. The cathedral has since confirmed that their own funding is now in place for the new text (and a new display for the crown also) so we are sending this update to ensure that all those who so kindly gave in July are happy for their donations to be gifted to the cathedral.

If you would prefer your donation to be returned or to go elsewhere, if you can please contact Joanne Larnier on: jrlarner@aol.com If we don't hear from you by Friday 14 December we will take it that you are happy for your donation to be gifted to the cathedral.

We would like to thank all those who so kindly donated to this in John's memory, and to also thank the cathedral for agreeing to these amends.

Best wishes Philippa Langley

Led the Search for Richard III

New Crown Text:

The Crown on display was specially commissioned by Dr John Ashdown-Hill, a key member of the *Looking For Richard Project*, and donated to King Richard III to mark his reinterment. It was made by George Easton. It is an open crown, representing the circlet Richard III wore around his helmet at the battle of Bosworth, decorated with semi-precious stones and pearls and set onto gilded metal. It was used in the reinterment ceremonies of King Richard III in this Cathedral on 22-26 March 2015.

Original Crown Text:

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Leicester City Football Club

As many of you will be aware, Leicester City Football Club – the Foxes – made a significant donation towards the costs of reburying the remains of Richard III.

I wrote on behalf of the Society to congratulate the club when it became champion of the Premier League in 2016. I have, this week, written with the Society's condolences for the tragic loss of the club's owner, Mr Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha.

Phil Stone

Chairman

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