

NEWSLETTER

August 2018

Adelaide Branch Richard III Society



Meetings

Our July meeting is our Coronation lunch and congratulations to everyone - we managed a medieval menu all of which was very tasty. To name a few- Spinach soup, Vyne Grace, Hedgehogs, Beef pie, cherry tart, apple and orange tart.

As it was Valerie's 80th birthday that day she lit the candles before lunch- one for Richard III , then one each for Richard III Society, Australasian branches, the UK branch, rest of world branches and groups and for the South Australian branch- 35 years!



Rilla proposed a toast to King Richard III, and then to the Richard III Society. During lunch attended by 10 members (with half a dozen apologies) we heard the Rules of the Table. During the dessert course Rilla and Sue read from "1066 and all that- A Memorable History of England". We heard about the War of the Roses, Warwick the Kingmaker, Cause of the Tudors, Lambert Simnel and Perkin Warbeck, Poyning's Law, Age of Daring Discoveries and then Test Paper III. Such a delightfully funny book!

Our Saturday August 4th meeting will look at the Battle of Bosworth. Sue has a number of articles which she will ask people to read.

Saturday September 1st meeting Rilla looking back on early talks/papers on Richard's place of burial and how accurate they were in light of recent events.

Membership fees are due this meeting.

Full UK membership \$75,

Senior (over 60) UK membership \$65,

Senior family UK Membership \$75,

Junior UK Membership \$45,

Student (over 18) UK membership \$65,

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

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If you are not renewing (especially UK membership) LET ME KNOW asap!

Our AGM is the Saturday October 6th meeting with members asked to bring along their collection of..... to share with the other members.

Saturday November 3rd Members talks on medieval food, clothing, houses, trades (pick a topic on medieval life). 5 minutes max.

Saturday December 1st Christmas lunch. 12.30pm And this time we share our favourite thing, carol, song, story, memory about Christmas after main course so no going home early. (Hopefully a report on Richardian conference held in Albury in November.)

York Dungeon has set up a petition asking for the remains in Westminster Abbey to be re-examined.

<https://www.change.org/p/richard-iii-excavate-the-remains-of-the-princes-in-the-tower-for-archaeological-examination>

Please go online and sign the petition.

Thanks to Pam Benstead for this news -

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2018/jul/25/fifty-works-national-portrait-gallery-coming-home>

The NPG is to send 50 portraits to places most closely associated with them, so the portrait of Richard will go to Leicester, to the New Walk Museum and Art Gallery.

Remembering a vibrant city thoroughfare which was swept away in the name of progress



The historic Bow Bridge on King Richard's Road, Leicester, in 1955

We feel sure this fascinating photograph from our archive, above, will stir many memories among our older readers who can recall the old West End of Leicester.

It was taken in 1955 when King Richard's Road was a vibrant thoroughfare lined with shops, factories, pubs, a school and churches.

It was a focal point for the whole area but was swept away, along with almost everything you see in this picture, in order to create the St Augustine's Road and Narborough Road North development.

Apart from the historic Bow Bridge in the foreground, everything has fallen victim to the demolition wrecking ball, including the factory in the distance.

Between the bridge and the factory there is now just a conglomeration of multi-lane roads. We are looking across the old King Richard's Road. On the right, set into the wall of the building then adjoining the bridge, was a memorial tablet to Richard III.

This was originally attached to a building belonging to the Austin Friars and was later transferred to a smaller modern building on the opposite side of the river.

It reads: "Near this site lie the remains of Richard III, the last of the Plantagenets 1485."

Of course, we now know that the King's remains were found underneath a city council car park where they had been hastily interred after the Battle of Bosworth at the medieval Greyfriars monastery.

On the opposite side of the road to the tablet is the Bow Bridge Inn, pictured above, which was demolished in the late 1970s.



The Bow Bridge pub photographed by Graham Freer shortly before demolition

<https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/history/remembering-vibrant-city-thoroughfare-swept-1798874>

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