# NEWSLETTER August 2016

## Adelaide Branch Richard III Society



### **MEETINGS**

Our **August meeting** saw 7 members plus Ella attending, with a warm welcome back to Judith Carr who has been in the UK for about 5 months.

**Apologies** from D Mitchell (recovering from pneumonia), L & C Gill, J Mann, L Cortez, J Forster, A Cooper (holidaying in Russia).

Kevin as **Treasurer** assured us we have \$853.96 in the bank but that he has just realized he had the rent to pay to NCW.

Correspondence was Ricardus Rex from Victorian branch, Ricardian Times from NZ branch and Dickon Independent the 100th Worcester branch newsletter. Anne Devrell also sent an email saying she'd be attending September's meeting.

In General business Judith Carr told us of her recent talk to the Tea Tree Gully historical Society. She talked about Richard III and recent events from a personal perspective, her daughter Louise having been at Leicester University during the dig for Greyfriars and Richard's bones. Judith and Louise were also in Leicester for the reburial.

Louise had also provided photos for her mother on a USB for her to use as illustrations for her talk.

The talk apparently went well and one of the visitors at our Coronation lunch was also there to hear Judith and made himself known.

Louise also sent back with Judith a special copy of the BBC History magazine which has articles on Edward IV and how he nearly lost the Wars of the Roses, Thomas More, Jutland and Unusual historical underwear (!!!) It also came with a Collector's Edition on Richard III– The full story of the King under the Car Park. These will go in our library. Thank you Louise.

Judith asked about the portraits. These members

had brought along to the coronation lunch but we ran out of time to view them as John Forster gave an interesting run down on the Children's Book Week finalists. (see page 3)

At the **AGM** in **October** please bring back your **portraits** or do another and this time we will have a proper viewing. If you can't attend but have a portrait please give it to Sue beforehand or mail it to her.

Subs are also due in October and will stay the same as last year. Full membership \$75, Senior \$65, Senior family \$75, Student \$65, BOARS \$30.

Our **next meeting**, September 3rd, is **Lisa Cortez** giving a **talk on the Princes in the Tower**.

November meeting is Elsewhere in the 15th Century so start thinking what you will find out about.

Rilla McEvoy then gave a talk on her favourite actor Laurence Olivier. Previously she had given one on Olivier's Richard III. This talk had been given back in 1987(?) so not too many current members had heard it. It was interesting to hear of his life and performances. It is easy to forget what a great talent he was. (and what a BIG fan Rilla is)

BBC magazine's special edition on Richard III.

The Special edition has 3 parts-the <u>Life of Richard III</u> including his marriage to his sister, the Princes in the Tower and Shakespeare. Next is the <u>Downfall of Richard III</u> with the new site of Bosworth, the Tudors and Henry VII and finally the <u>Discovery of Richard III.</u> That includes an interview with the discovery team, timeline, best books and Was the skeleton really Richard III? 22 articles in all-interesting reading!

#### **Coronation lunch photos**





Our Coronation lunch in July was well attended with 13 members and 2 guests Ken Jacobs and Craig Mac. We started with mulled wine and Di proposed toasts to Richard III and the Society and its members worldwide. Sue told us about Richard and Anne's coronation. We had soup to start and then a variety of main courses to sample. After there was an equally plentiful dessert selection. John Forster in his last year as judge went through the Children's Book Week finalists and passed the books around for us to have a look at while we finished our wine or had tea or coffee. We were hard pressed to decide what we would pick as winners but My Dead Bunny tickled our fancy. Unfortunately even though our portraits of Richard III were on show we didn't get chance to really look at them. Maybe at

the AGM?



Valerie, Amy, Kate, visitors Ken and Craig, Kevin, Lyn, Chris, John, Rilla Di with Margaret standing.

Below Lisa and Anne with desserts

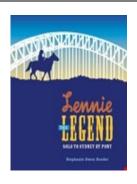


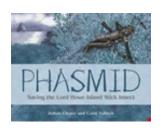


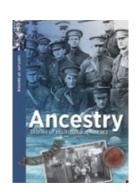
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#### SHORTLISTED BOOKS CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2016 AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

#### The Eve Pownall Award for Information Books







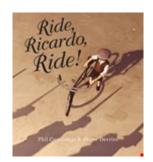
<u>Winner</u>

The Picture Book of the Year



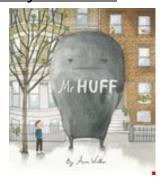
**Honours** 





**Winner** 

Early childhood



**Honours** 





**Winner** 

#### **Honours**

If you are interested the other winners are on the Children's Book Council of Australia's website cbca.org.au

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#### Albury Mini Conference programme

I thought you might like to see what the programme is for the mini conference. Maybe some ideas for our branch programme next year? Sue

We are pleased to provide some more information on the agenda and speakers for the Mini Conference to be held on 2nd November in Albury NSW.

**Peter – Dr William Hobbeys –** the personal physician to the Yorkist dynasty and who continued in this role to Elizabeth of York and her offspring till his death . He will also do an analysis of medieval medical studies , training etc.

Hazel - Jacquetta of Luxembourg.

Michael - The Decisive Battle of Ferry Bridge - the prelude to York's convincing win at Towton\

Touton, in 1461.

Carol - The Gloucester city of Richard's time.

Anne - The nobility and their homes.

Rita - The sources upon which The Bard drew in writing his wonderful play.

Julia – The Midsummer Murders perpetuated throughout time.

Glad to report we have members attending from: N.Z., Qld, A.C.T., Victoria, South Australia and of course N.S.W.

**Helen**, **Denise** and **Dorothea** are presenting an edited version of their DVDs re the recent reinternment and we hope David Johnson will see his way clear to join them.

If time permits there will be some group activities involving knowledge of the medieval period in general and Ricardian times , in particular :-

- a) Ricardian Celebrity Heads.
- b) Medieval History Relay.
- c) An individual quiz