

# *Adelaide Branch Richard III Society*



## **Meetings**

A reminder that **this Saturday's meeting** is the next lot of talks by you our members from the 4 you selected. Remember to keep them short, no more than 5 minutes. With places keep the information relevant to the 15<sup>th</sup> century. If you can't find your cards, I've included a list after the Josephine Tey talk for you to choose 1 or 2 from. Last time we did this, we only did 1 talk each. So be prepared.

**September meeting is our guest speaker Sue Garforth coming to give her talk on The Princes in the Tower.** Please invite friends or family who may be interested too. Obviously the more the merrier.

**Subs 2017/18.** Even taking into account the increase in overseas postage charge, and the exchange rate fluctuations, subs can stay the same as last year. Subs are due in October. So please pay Kevin at September's or October's 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) \$30.**

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**BSB 105-120**

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**Or by mail to me at 5 Spencer St Cowandilla 5033 or**

**Kevin Jones at 11 Ormsby St Windsor Gardens 5087**

**If you are not renewing LET ME KNOW asap!**

**October's meeting** is the AGM so if you have a burning ambition to be Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer now's your chance to nominate for the positions. You must be a UK member, sorry BOARS can't nominate for these positions.

## **Coronation lunch 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

A small select group who enjoyed a variety of food, some from medieval recipes – well done Anne!



Kevin and Margaret



Di, Valerie, Rilla and Sue



Rilla, Sue, Kevin, Margaret      Rilla and Sue reading the politically correct speech from that play.

From our June meeting Ruth's talk on

## Elizabeth Woodville

Famous as the beautiful but scheming Queen and wife of King Edward IV of England

- **Name and/or Title:** Elizabeth Woodville
- **Born about 1437, possibly in October**
- **Close family connections or relatives:** Elizabeth Woodville was the daughter of Sir Richard Woodville (later made first Earl Rivers) and Jacquetta of Luxembourg who was the daughter of a Count and a descendant of Simon de Montfort and his wife, Eleanor, daughter of England's King John.
- **Lifetime:** This famous woman lived from c. 1437-1492. She was originally a maid of honour to Margaret of Anjou the Queen of Henry VI
- **First marriage** was to John Grey of Groby in 1452. He died in 1461 at the Second Battle of St Albans
- **Married:** King Edward IV on May 1, 1464 - How Elizabeth met Edward is not known for certain, though an early legend has her petitioning him by waiting with her sons beneath an oak tree. Another story circulated that she was a sorceress who bewitched him. She may have simply known him from court. Legend has her giving Edward, a known womanizer, an ultimatum that they had to be married or she would not submit to his advances. On May 1, 1464, Elizabeth and Edward married secretly.
- **The result of this marriage** was that the Earl of Warwick, aka "the Kingmaker" was opposed to this marriage causing him to turn against Edward & help restore Henry VI to power.
- **Title:** Her title was Queen consort of England
- **Children:** Elizabeth Woodville had two sons & five daughters with Edward who survived infancy, the most famous being Elizabeth of York (1466-1503) and the two little princes - Edward V (1470- c. 1483) and Richard, 1st Duke of York (1473 - c. 1483); although they had 10 children in total. Elizabeth also had two sons with her first husband, John Grey.
- **Facts about her life:** Elizabeth Woodville was renowned for her ambitious and scheming nature and the blatant favour she gave to her relatives even at the cost of her popularity with the nobles. Elizabeth had five brothers and seven unmarried sisters. In one of the most scandalous incidents, Elizabeth may have been behind the marriage of her brother, 19 years old, to the widowed Katherine Neville, the wealthy Duchess of Norfolk, 80 years old.
- **After Edward's death in 1483,** our Richard became Lord Protector, the children of Elizabeth & Edward were declared illegitimate & Richard took the throne as Richard III. Elizabeth then sought sanctuary in Westminster Abbey, both Edward & Richard were placed in the Tower, never to be seen again.
- **After Richard's defeat at Bosworth,** Henry Tudor named her "Dowager Queen"; but instead of returning to court to reside, she chose to live out the final years of her life at Bermondsey Abbey. Historians are divided as to why she retreated from public life. Perhaps she simply wanted to live a quiet, contemplative existence, as many women of means chose to do in those days. Perhaps she was forced into exile by Henry, or decided to beat a hasty retreat after becoming embroiled in Lambert Simnel's abortive bid for the throne in 1487.
- **Important historical events during her life:** The Wars of the Roses (1455 - 1485). Whilst married to her first husband John Grey, she supported the Lancastrian cause. Once she

**married Edward, she then supported the Yorkist cause. King Edward IV was a notorious womaniser. She was the mother of the tragic 'Princes in the Tower'**

- **Ruth Overy**

**Josephine Tey** Sue Walladge ( information from article in Bulletin Sept 2015 )

Most of us know the author Josephine Tey from her book “The Daughter of Time” and she is an important figure in the history of the Richard III Society and the revisionist cause

Born Elizabeth Mackintosh 1896 and died 1952 at age 55 of cancer. Never married, Her training and career as a PE teacher was mainly in England. After her mother died in the 1920s she spent her life caring for her father in her home in Inverness Scotland. Living at home enabled her to write. Visited London regularly. Wrote under a number of pseudonyms including Josephine Tey and Gordon Daviot.

As Gordon Daviot, 1933 play “Richard of Bordeaux” was about Richard II and made a star out of its young lead John Gielgud. First wrote about Richard III in her play Dickon in the 1940s. Due to WW2 theatre productions were cut back and the play was never performed in her lifetime.

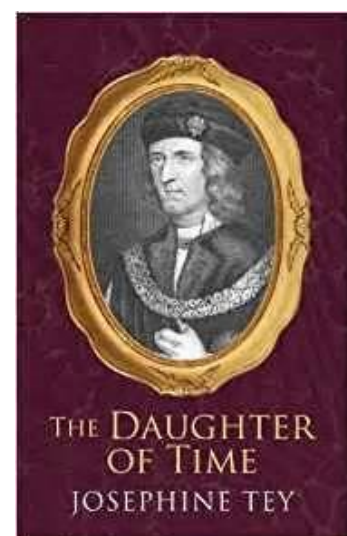
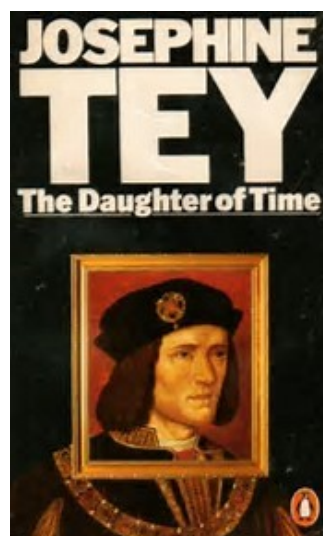
As Josephine Tey she wrote crime novels. In the 1930s crime fiction was not reviewed and seen as lighter fare, but she took it seriously and researched thoroughly.

The Daughter of Time was her 9<sup>th</sup> novel and is a mix of crime and historical research. Her detective Alan Grant, in hospital after badly breaking his leg, is bored. His friend brings him portraits, each with a mystery attached. This keeps him amused and he becomes fascinated by the portrait of Richard III. He believes as a policeman he can recognise criminals but can not reconcile the portrait showing a sensitive intelligent man with the Shakespearean reputation. Using an American researcher Brent Carradine, Grant investigates the crime of the murder of the Princes and becomes convinced of Richard’s innocence.

The novel was 1<sup>st</sup> published in 1950 and reprinted 3 times in its 1<sup>st</sup> year. Paperback rights were offered to Penguin and it was on its 4<sup>th</sup> reprint. Continued in popularity to this day and has recently, along with her other novels, been republished.



Elizabeth MacKintosh aka Gordon Daviot



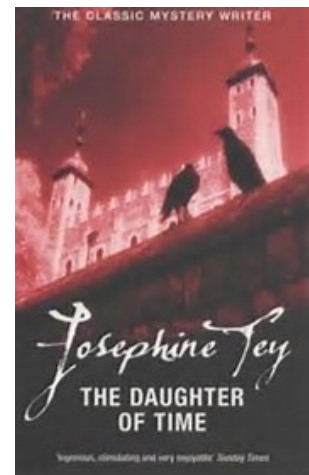
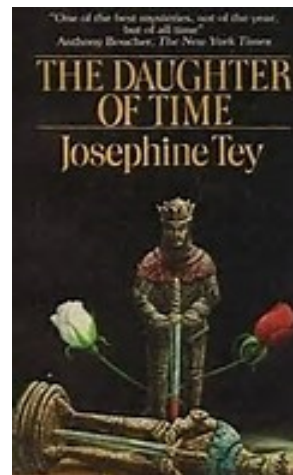
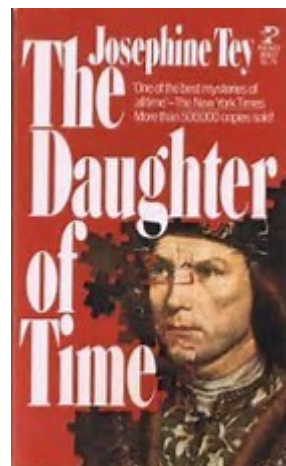
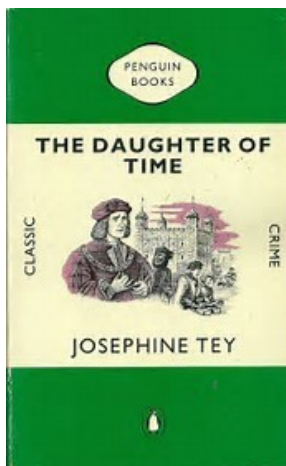
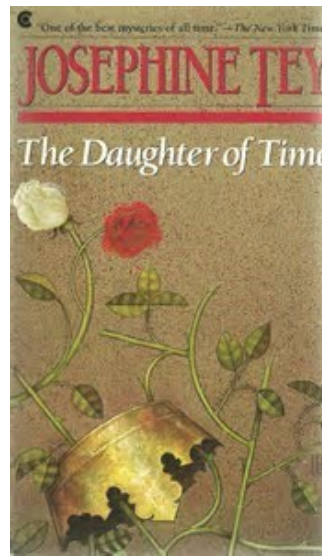


**Authoress**

**BY** the death of Gordon Daviot, better known as Miss Elizabeth Mackintosh in her native Inverness, Scotland has lost one of her most distinguished writers.

She was a retiring person whose life was devoted to her work. One of her friends in Inverness tells me that she was exceptional among writers in the amount of painstaking research she put into her books. This took longer than the actual writing of them.

Miss Mackenzie, who also wrote detective fiction under the name of Josephine Tey, chose the name Gordon Daviot because Gordon was a favourite Christian name, and because Daviot was a name of happy memories. As a child she used to spend holidays at Daviot by the River Nairn.



## Talks to choose from

(if you can't find your original picks)

### Major

Prince Richard 5<sup>th</sup> Duke of York (one of Princes in Tower)      Lambert Simnel  
 Thomas Stanley, Lord Stanley      Richard Neville Earl of Warwick (the Kingmaker)  
 Perkin Warbeck      Richard Of York, 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of York      George Duke of Clarence

### Minor

Jasper Tudor      Philippe de Commines      Croyland Chronicler      Jeremy Potter  
 Henry V      Rhys ap Thomas      Sir William Catesby      John Rous      S Saxon Barton  
 Polydore Vergil      Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy      John Russell Bishop of Lincoln

Sir Richard Radcliffe      Jane (Elizabeth) Shore      Dr Ralph Shaa      Paul Murray Kendal  
 Dominic Mancini      Hanseatic League      De la Pole family (Dukes of Suffolk)  
 King Louis XI of France      Isabel Neville      Sir James Tyrell      Robert Brackenbury  
 Horace Walpole (Historic Doubts 1768)      Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy  
 James III of Scotland      John de la Pole Earl of Lincoln

## Places

Salisbury, Ludlow, Stony Stratford, Barnard Castle, Bermondsey Abbey, Tower of London, Lincoln, City of London, Carmarthen, Zeeland, Low Countries, Windsor, Pontefract, Kenilworth, Oxford, Cambridge, Milford Haven, Gloucester, York Minster, Winchester, Baynard's castle, Pembroke castle, Leicester, Sheriff Hutton, Middleham, Warwick castle, Coventry, Duchy of Brittany, Nottingham

## Events

Trial of Richard III 1984, Battle of Ludlow 1459, Battle of Tewkesbury 1471 Battle of Barnet 1471, Buckingham's rebellion 1483, Richard III's progress July to November 1483,

The War of the Roses, Henry Tudor's invasions 1483-85, Reburial of Richard III at Leicester Cathedral, Greyfriars Archaeological dig 2014, Founding of the Fellowship of the White Boar 1924,

Precontract of marriage Edward IV & Lady Eleanor Butler, Holbein's painting of Sir Thomas More and family, Reburial of Richard of York at Fotheringhay August 1476,

On Wednesday, 28th June, I attended a reception at the Adelaide Town Hall, Queen Adelaide room, to celebrate the life of King William IV.

The invitation to attend was extended to our club by Ken Jacobs representing the Pioneers Association of SA.

It was an interesting hour of speeches, given by different speakers, about King William, his wife Queen Adelaide, and the enthusiasm of the pioneers of our state.

Thanks to Ken and the Pioneers Assoc for the invitation.  
 Di Haynes (chairperson Richard III Society Adelaide branch)



John Ashdown-Hill has sent Pam links to his talks which are now available on his website and Facebook pages.

Pam, can you please let people know that some of my Powerpoint slide presentations have now been uploaded onto my website - and more are coming.

They are updated (more text added to the slides) - so that people can now receive one of my talks without needing to hear me speak!

Link: <https://www.johnashdownhill.com/powerpoint/>

(They are also accessible via my Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/johnashdownhillhistorian/> )



## The Richard III Society

*Promoting research into the life and times of Richard III since 1924*

Patron: HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO

*Bringing you the latest important news and events about Richard III.*

Dear Members,

Come what may, the performances of Shakespeare's 'Richard III' in Leicester Cathedral will go ahead. However, the Dean has asked the Society to supply an information sheet which can be placed on seats for every member of the audience. Consequently, the Society has provided something which points out that the real Richard III was a very different man to the one they are about to see on the stage.

They will be printed off and distributed by the Cathedral authorities at no cost to the Society.

A copy of the information provided by the Society can be viewed [here](#).

**The Executive Committee**

Richard III Society



# GOOD KING RICHARD

Investigate Richard III and you will find a very different man from the one you see on stage today.

## RICHARD III SOCIETY



Founded by Dr Saxon Barton in 1924  
Patron HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO

Richard died in battle and his supporters were silenced. Henry Tudor's claim to the throne was weak and he blackened Richard III's name to justify taking it.

Most historical accounts of Richard date from after the battle at Bosworth which began the Tudor Age. No one dared to defend the late King. Shakespeare used these sources and, through the genius of his writing, an evil caricature was created.

There is no contemporary evidence that:

- Richard was deformed
- the Princes were killed in his reign
- he was responsible for killing the numerous people alleged in Shakespeare's portrayal, including his wife, Anne, Henry VI or the Duke of Clarence.

This is not to say that Richard was a saint – he lived in turbulent times – but the real man was a faithful son and loyal brother. His one Parliament showed his desire to rule justly and well.

The Richard III Society was founded in 1924 by people unconvinced by Tudor myths. Today it has a worldwide membership of some 4,400 based mainly in the United Kingdom, the United States and Australasia.

The Society's Patron, HRH the Duke of Gloucester, has said: *"The purpose and indeed strength of the Richard III Society derive from the belief that the truth is more important than the lies .... It is proof of our sense of civilized values that something as esoteric and fragile as reputation is worth campaigning for."*

*Dr Phil Stone*  
*Chairman of the Richard III Society*



For further information about the Society, please contact the Secretaries  
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Web site: [www.richardiii.net](http://www.richardiii.net)





## From Pam

There's a letter from Philippa Langley MBE about one particular FAQ in the current *Bulletin* (pages 5 – 7). This concerns the use of the word usurper in the question. The text has now been revised, to make it clearer that the society know he wasn't a usurper, and the new text is printed in the *Bulletin* together with another alternative provided by Philippa.

[http://www.richardiii.net/7\\_faqs.php](http://www.richardiii.net/7_faqs.php)

Do please write to the *Bulletin* with your views about this particular FAQ and any others you feel are not clear enough and positive enough about Richard III.

Emails should go to [ricardian.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:ricardian.bulletin@gmail.com) to the Editorial Team, with a clear subject heading about the content.

That play is to be performed in Leicester cathedral despite protests. Article includes David Monteith's response to the petition and comments in it.

<http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/dean-of-leicester-says-controversial-play-will-still-be-staged-despite-petition/story-30419919-detail/story.html>

The petition being handed over

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-40400020>

Still on about Richard supposedly staying at the Blue Boar Inn in Leicester.

<http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/there-was-room-at-blue-boar-inn-for-richard-iii/story-30393785-detail/story.html>

Article about the recent events in Middleham to celebrate Richard III.

[http://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk/news/15374742.Town\\_pays\\_tribute\\_to\\_medieval\\_monarch\\_Richard\\_III/?ref=arc](http://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk/news/15374742.Town_pays_tribute_to_medieval_monarch_Richard_III/?ref=arc)

Reports about that play which was performed in Leicester Cathedral last night and will be on again tonight. Every member of the audience will get a flyer about the real Richard III.

<http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/richard-iii-campaigners-call-play-219001>

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-britain-richardiii-idUKKBN1A41A1>

Brief report and 4 photos from the events at Middleham Castle over the weekend of 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

[http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/15386988.Middleham\\_once\\_home\\_to\\_Richard\\_III\\_returns\\_to\\_its\\_medieval\\_roots/](http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/15386988.Middleham_once_home_to_Richard_III_returns_to_its_medieval_roots/)

### Anyone going to UK?

Tickets are now on sale for the Northern Dales Study Day on Sat 14th October - in St Mary's Church, Barnard Castle. Our speakers are -

Dr Katherine Wilson - "The Theatre of the Burgundian Court in the C14th/C15th"

Philippa Langley MBE - "The Missing Princes Project - Where We Are Now!"

Dr Sandra Pendlington - "The Anglo-Scottish War 1480-1482"

Juliet Barker FRSL - "Knights in Shining Armour"

I have attached a proforma which explains how to get tickets (£25, or £30 with buffet lunch). If any of your group/branch members are applying for tickets in early August, there might be a slight delay in your ticket arriving, due to holiday arrangements.

Please be in touch if there is anything more you need to know. More information can be found across the summer on our Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/Northern-Dales-Richard-III-Group-1555111188072365/>

With best wishes,  
Richard III Group

Loyaulte me lie

Kim Harding

Chair, Northern Dales

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