



The Richard III Society  
Adelaide South Australia Branch

*Newsletter September 2015*

Short newsletter this time as we've been away plus we came back with colds so I have been too sick to be bothered but decided this had to be done.

**Our September meeting** was well attended and we heard about the history of our branch from Margaret Collings. Margaret read Kevin Clarke's 10 year report originally published in The Nova Genista and then Margaret used the Novas and her reports as secretary and chairperson to fill in the other 22 years. Yes our branch was started in March 1983 with 4 people at the first gathering. Margaret, Rilla and I first attended the fourth meeting in November 1983. The Quincentenary celebrations 1983-85 generated a lot of interest and the branch had well over 100 members. Margaret talked about the State Library exhibition and follow up exhibits when productions of Richard III were performed. There was fundraising for various Ricardian causes including the Middleham Jewel and the Sutton Cheney church. Margaret's artistic and calligraphy skills produced badges, bookmarks, book and address labels amongst other things made for fundraising. There were radio and press interviews plus letters to the news papers. A singing group, attending the medieval fairs, our own Medieval cookbook, writing clerihews and other poetry, the Trial of Richard III tapes and an open meeting held to watch them, Bosworth commemoration church services, medieval dinners, the talks to and by our members and to the public, the quiz meetings, dances learnt, the Nova Genista, guest speakers, blacksmithing and sword fighting demonstrations and conventions. Ours was held in 2001 and was a great success. Our founder Meredith Whitford wrote and published her own Ricardian novel called Treason. The sadness at the deaths of several members including our former chairman Walter Welburn, of Hugh Lavelle and Cecil Roach whose bequest allowed us to buy the library cupboard. The possibility of the branch not continuing has been an ongoing problem in recent years. Then the excitement and good news of the Leicester dig and the finding and identifying of the bones as Richard III and the reburial which resulted in new members. It has certainly been an eventful 32 years.

Judith Carr and I also brought along bits and pieces plus I raided our library for the photo albums and other items from our early years. I also used my digital photo frame to show the Ricardian photos and pictures.

**October's meeting is the AGM** and I urge everyone to attend . Please let me know if you would like to stand for any of the positions on the committee or to join the committee. After the formalities we will be watching " the Reinternment of R3" which was shown on SBS recently.

**A reminder that Subs are now due.**

**Subs this year will be BOAR \$30, senior and student \$65 and full and senior family \$75.**

That's an increase from last year's due to the exchange rate for the UK memberships.

Unfortunately the rate is changing rapidly at present and we have to cover our costs when the subs are paid in October/November hopefully without taking extra from our bank account.

If you wish to pay to our bank account directly through internet banking

Bank SA Richard Third Society (Adelaide Branch) Inc

BSB 105-120

Account number 027680340

Please include your name in message to recipient so Kevin knows who it's from or email me to say you've paid.

**November meeting** will be looking at what is available to use for talks, although this may also include Amy reading us one of her history essays on a medieval lady.

**December** is our Christmas lunch, theme to be announced.

**OTHER NEWS** Interesting poll on BBC news with the choices offered and results given at the end.

**Battles of Britain: Vote for which one changed us most**

Boudiccan revolt 61 AD, Midlands, England

Brunanburh 937 AD, Wirral?, England

Hastings 14 October 1066, East Sussex, England

Bannockburn 23–24 June 1314, Stirling, Scotland

Bosworth 22 August 1485, Leicestershire, England

Armada July – August 1588, English Channel

Naseby 14 June 1645, Northants, England

Boyne 1 July 1690, County Meath, Ireland

Battle of Britain July – October 1940, British airspace

**Which was the most decisive battle in the history of the British Isles?**

Here are the results: (didn't say how many people voted)

Boudica 2% Brunanburh 4% Hastings 19% Bannockburn 33% Bosworth 3%  
Armada 6% Naseby 7% Boyne 2% Battle of Britain 23%

And for even more news

**Is *Richard III's* ghost now haunting Leicester cathedral?** ITV News-Sep 23, 2015

## **Medium Christine Hamlett claims that images PROVE Richard III haunts Leicester Cathedral ...**



Daily Mail - Sep 21, 2015

A psychic says the ghost of **Richard III** is haunting Leicester Cathedral after taking a photo which she says shows an image of his face in a stone slab. Christine Hamlett, of Northwich, Cheshire, took the photo .....

## **King Richard III's 'ghost' caught on camera peering up from paving slabs at Leicester Cathedral... Mirror.co.uk - Sep 21, 2015**

They were snapped by medium and psychic artist Christine Hamlett, 58, from Northwich, Cheshire, who believes she felt **Richard's** presence in the cathedral.

And not only but also.....



## **Are these pictures PROOF princes murdered by *Richard III* are haunting the Tower of London?. Express.co.uk-Sep 4, 2015**

IS THIS photographic proof of the two famous princes in the tower - thought to have been murdered by their uncle, Richard III -are haunting the Tower of London?

Whatever next?Sue

