

Adelaide Branch Richard III Society



Meetings

Our Saturday July 7th meeting is our MEDIEVAL coronation lunch, starting 1pm so we are not eating too late. Please try to be as medieval as possible with the food you are bringing.

Coming meetings

August 4th Bosworth your research on someone who was there- Yorkist or Lancastrian. List provided earlier of combatants.

September 1st Rilla looking back on an early talk on Richard's place of burial and how accurate was it in light of recent events.

October 6th AGM Sharing our collections. (We have members who collect so lets share!)

November 3rd Members talks on medieval food, clothing, houses, trades

December 1st Christmas lunch and this time we share our favourite thing, carol, song, story, memory about Christmas after main course so no going home early.

Our June meeting was attended by 20 people with 2 apologies received. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with a quiet chuckle over the wording in the treasurer's report. This month's treasurer's report had us with a balance of \$782.27 with 5c interest. The rent hasn't come out yet nor a cheque to Sue. Correspondence was Ricardian Recorder, Affinity newsletter and information on NSW conference, all forwarded to members to read. Judith sent news and photos of her trip and there were the obits for John Ashdown-Hill. General business was mainly to do with next month's coronation lunch. Valerie- Vyne Grace, Anne- soup, Di- meat loaf/ hedgehogs, Rilla- mushroom pasties and cherry tart, Lisa- crockpot casserole, Kevin- sweet pottage, Sue- bread, butter, wine, etc chicken casserole?

Meeting closed followed by our High Tea and a number of Ricardian readings relating to Richard III, and others to those Princes while we indulged. Thanks to those who contributed food items.



Rilla (chairwoman) and Sue (Secretary)



Our High Tea also included a choice of 5 different teas and coffee.



Lisa, Ruth, Di, Diana



Valerie, Margaret, Anne, Kevin

Valerie and her husband George were surprised with a party to celebrate their 80th birthdays, George May 3rd, Valerie July 7th. Here are some of the photos taken.



Yes they were surprised!



The cake-Egyptian top, Port Power bottom



daughters who organized the party Linda and Tania



We wish to thank all our friends and family, that came to, or sent their best wishes, on the occasion of the Surprise Party (more of a shock really) that Lynn and Tania arranged for our joint 80th celebration. It was an event that will stay in our hearts forever, with the mental visual recaps. It seems the planning, and detective work, began back in January, even being carried out while we were in Tasmania and Victoria staying with one or the other. And we thought we had brought them up to be honest, not sneaky people!!! **Thank you all, from the bottom of our hearts. George and Valerie Walden.**



Portraits of the pair, one of their presents.

From Judith 6/6/18

We had a lovely trip to Loughborough for the WWII weekend. Steam trains dressing up and a hassle free drive on the motor ways. Yesterday Louse and I spent ages collating family history.

Today Tuesday I've been to see the Terracotta warriors and tomorrow catch the train to Sussex to stay with Barb for a week. Love Judith xx

Love these proper baby prams.



They started the engine but it didn't take off

From: Judith Carr **Date:** 27 June 2018 at 1:45:11 am ACST **Subject:** Birmingham

I've just had two days in Birmingham, it's quite hot, high 20s! There is a mixture of architecture, not really an attractive place, too much 60s and 70s for my taste. Back to Liverpool tomorrow then Adelaide late Sunday evening.

Dippy the diplodocus and a Dodo skeleton in the museum.



They have found a piece of Roman road while digging a new tramline.



News from the UK

Sally Henshaw has been asked by Philippa Langley to pass on to you her comments regarding the BBC Radio 4 programme yesterday – ***Last Word*** which featured an item about John Ashdown-Hill. Please see below - Best wishes from Pam

***Last Word* – BBC Radio 4**

Please can you let the members know that I have asked the Producer of the *Last Word* programme to remove the disparaging remark about Dr John Ashdown-Hill being an ‘enthusiastic amateur’. I’ve explained to him (not that I should have to if he’d done his research properly) about the number of degrees John held as well as his Honorary Doctorate. I also explained about the number of languages he spoke etc etc. I am deeply saddened and disappointed that even now within this obituary piece that this disparagement from the University of Leicester continues. It is utterly patronising and condescending and I despair.

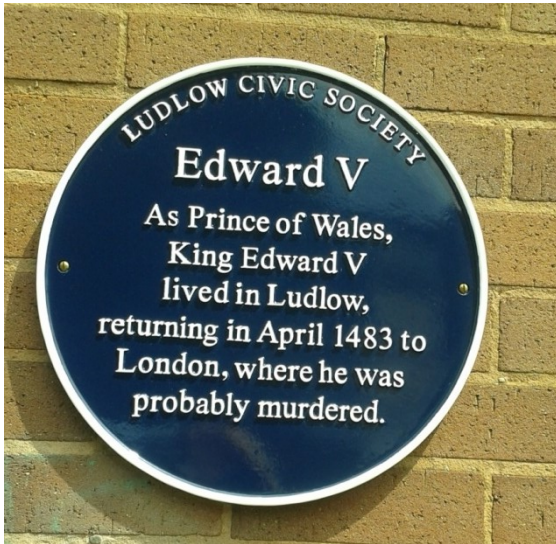
I have also asked the Producer to remove the statement that I am the President of the Society (?). I had sent them an email detailing my title exactly and they apparently chose to ignore it.

It is hoped that the *Last Word* on Sunday at 8.30pm will include the above amendments.

With apologies to all the members who listened in today for John. Philippa

Rehearsals for a production of *Richard III* are currently taking place in London. The production will be performed at the Pop-Up Theatre in York, close to Clifford’s Tower. Four of William Shakespeare’s plays will be performed over a ten week summer season from June 25th – September 02nd. The first performance of *Richard III* will be on June 29th. For further details -

www.shakespearesrosetheatre.com<<http://www.shakespearesrosetheatre.com>>



Thanks very much to Clive Lloyd for spotting this at Ludlow Castle. At least it says “probably murdered” and doesn’t make any accusations as to who did it if indeed it ever happened.

On a less serious note- **What does it mean to be British?**

One of the British national daily newspapers is asking readers: "*What does it mean to be British?*"

Some of the emails are hilarious but this is one from a chap in Switzerland...

Being British is about driving in a German car to an Irish pub for a Belgian beer, then travelling home, grabbing an Indian curry or a Turkish kebab on the way, to sit on Swedish furniture & watch American shows on a Japanese TV.

And the most British thing of all? To be suspicious of anything foreign.....