

Branch 40th Anniversary

We are very much indebted to our Branch Secretary for the hard work she has put in when arranging this varied programme. This 40th anniversary season is a special one for the Branch and is to be marked by a series of fascinating lectures and events.

Please show your appreciation by helping arrangements to run smoothly. Members are asked to book early, using the slips provided and to pay by the dates specified. Please write the event being booked on to the back of your cheque. Further payment information can be found on the back cover of the programme.

The Branch is not able to take bookings without a properly completed booking slip.

Let's make 2016 a Year to Remember.

Richard Wheeldon, Branch Chairman

MEETINGS VENUE:

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre

Grantham, NG31 9PY.

Prices for all coach trips will include Driver's gratuity whenever possible.

SCHOOL HISTORY PRIZE

Please let Jean have your nominations as soon as possible. This year we will copy the Michael Wood History Award which fits in with the National Curriculum history element for Years 5 and 6. Michael is happy for us to do this. Nominations must be for a Lincolnshire Primary School and not a Secondary School, as in previous years.

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL WITH DR. JONATHAN FOYLE

Jonathan has kindly offered to spend a day with us looking at aspects of Roman Lincoln and Lincoln Cathedral. Those of you who went on his tour of Coventry will know that this will be another fascinating and educational day. This will be an all day event, meeting in Lincoln at 10.30 am and leaving Lincoln at 4.15 pm. Please take a packed lunch if you wish to or there is plenty of food available in the area.

A coach will be available for those who prefer it, as parking in Lincoln can be a problem! We will pick up in Newark (London Road Car Park); the Woodwards; Long Bennington, Royal Oak and Heckington, if required. Please tell Jean when booking where you will be boarding the coach. Jean will issue pick up times and an itinerary when she knows what pick ups are required.

Price - £25.00 with coach; £20.00 own transport. **PLEASE BOOK WITH JEAN NOW**. Cheques payable to JEAN marked 'Lincoln' on the back.

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

'THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN' - THE HISTORY OF STAMFORD

A talk by Jill Collinge.

Jill is a Blue Badge Guide and has a vast knowledge of Stamford. She is also a lively and entertaining speaker.

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 8.00 pm.

NOVEMBER - No meeting as there are two meetings in December.

TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

BRANCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Welby Arms, Allington, Nr Grantham, Lincs

Time: 7.30 for 8.00 pm.

Price: £21.00 for a 3-course meal, tea/coffee and chocolate mints.

Menu choice available from Jean.

PLEASE BOOK WITH JEAN NOW. Cheques payable to Richard III Society Lincolnshire Branch marked 'Christmas Dinner' on the back.

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS AT KENTWELL HALL

We have seen Kentwell on a summer's day and some of us have seen Kentwell by candlelight but we have never seen it decked for Christmas. Step back in time and enjoy the tastes and smells of a traditional Christmas along with the usual cast of costumed participants. It is a magical place so be prepared to suspend belief! This will probably be the last time this event takes place so make the most of the opportunity. Either take a packed lunch or food will be available on site.

Price - To be advised.

PLEASE BOOK WITH JEAN NOW. Cheques payable to JEAN marked 'Holkham Hall' on the back.

Coach pick up times: Wrights' Depot 8.00 am, Balderton 8.15 am, Long Bennington, Royal Oak 8.30 am,

SATURDAY 23 JANUARY – Please Note the Date

MEMBERS' EVENING

This is your evening. Time for a chat over tea/coffee and biscuits. Or join in with the silly quiz or 'Name the Location' competition slides with Jean.

This year there will also be a Photographic Competition. This used to be an annual Branch event, and in honour of our 40th Anniversary, Jean has decided to hold the competition one more time. The subject matter of the photograph to be any historical subject. Anyone can enter - you do not have to have an expensive camera - just the ability to take a good photograph! Please submit your photographs (you may enter 2 photographs) to Jean before 06 January 2015. Please do not write your name on the photograph! The size of the photograph to be 6" x 4". The competition will be judged by Grantham photographer, Gary Cant. There will be superb prizes for all the competitions, so please take part! There will be a book stall.

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 8.00 pm.

Please Note: The details of the Photographic Competition given here supersedes previous information set out in the Chairman's email of 21 August 2015.

SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY
'SPITAL CHAPEL THROUGH TIME'

David and Ann Marcombe are the owners of the hidden Lincolnshire gem and they kindly hold a memorial service for Richard III on 22 August each year. It is possible that Richard knew about the chapel or even visited it during his visits to Lincoln and Gainsborough Old Hall.

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 8.00 pm.

SATURDAY 19 MARCH – Please Note The Date. This is to avoid clashing with Easter.

'THE LION AND THE BOAR - BROTHERS IN ARMS'

An illustrated talk by Dr Phil Stone, the Chairman of the Richard III Society.

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 8.00 pm.

MONDAY 28 MARCH

A PRIVATE VISIT TO CROSBY HALL, CHELSEA

This is Jean's 40th Anniversary Present to the Branch!

Crosby Hall is the home of Mr Moran and family and is a very private house so it is a huge privilege to be allowed inside. This is no ordinary house, so be prepared to be amazed! Crosby Hall was the London home of Richard III. The Great Hall, where Richard would have entertained his guests, still survives and you may be lucky enough to have a cup of tea beneath its roof! Mr Moran will meet us and give our guided tour. He has asked, (for security reasons), for the name and address of each member of the -party. He has also asked that if anyone has anything of particular interest they would like included in the tour, to please ask Jean prior to the visit.

We will go in to central London for our lunch stop.

Please note that numbers are limited for this visit, so first come, first served.

Price - £45.00 per person inclusive (includes a donation to the Arts' Council).

Please book with JEAN **NOW**. Cheques payable to JEAN marked 'Crosby Hall' on the back.

Coach pick up times: Wrights' Depot 8.00 am, Balderton 8.15 am, Long Bennington,

Royal Oak 8.30 am.

SATURDAY 23 APRIL

ST GEORGE'S DAY

St George became our Patron Saint in the 12th Century, superseding Edward the Confessor. St George was adopted by Edward III about 1350. The victory at Agincourt was attributed to St George, following which the Festival of St George became a day of celebration with jousting, feasting and drinking and Mummung plays on the theme of St George and the Dragon.

Richard III included a Collect of St George in his Book of Hours and would have celebrated the Saint's Day.

We will hold our own more modest celebration in the form of a Bring and Share Supper. The venue will depend on numbers.

Everyone will be asked to bring a dish and wear something in red and white (St George's colours).

Book with JEAN by the end of FEBRUARY. There will be no charge for this event.

SATURDAY 30 APRIL

'ST GEORGE, BRITAIN'S PATRON SAINT'

An illustrated talk by Stuart Orme.

Stuart is the Marketing and Events Officer for Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery. He returns by popular request.

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 8.00 pm.

MONDAY 02 MAY

DENTON STREET MARKET

Tombola stall in aid of Branch Funds. Please help with this event – maybe lend a bit of colour by wearing costume (not compulsory) on the day, as this attracts interest.

Would each member please donate a prize for the stall or give a cash donation.

Please give prizes and offers of help to any member of the Committee. An organised table of helpers can then be drawn up – even a couple of hours of your time would be welcome.

MONDAY 09 MAY - THURSDAY 12 MAY - Please Note the Departure Date

RICHARD THE THIRD'S YORKSHIRE

A short break exploring the places connected with Richard in North Yorkshire. Based at the Aldwark Manor & Spa Hotel, north-west of York. The hotel is set in lovely grounds and has the usual 4* facilities of en-suite rooms, tea/coffee making facilities + free internet access. The hotel also has a spa for those who fancy a bit of pampering!

This area was obviously dear to Richard's heart and Jean has spent 40 years studying the people places connected to his time in Yorkshire. We will visit some places that are familiar to you and some that you may never have heard of. The coach may go where no coach has ever been before! However, Jean must have at least 25 people before she begins work on the itinerary.

Price - £298.00 per person. This includes coach pick ups (en-route only), bed and breakfast, all evening meals, all entry fees and visits and portorage at the hotel. Single room supplement is £75.00. Personal insurance can be arranged at £19.00 per person; please pay for this at time of booking. Worried about parking your car - no problem, just ask Jean!

PLEASE BOOK WITH JEAN NOW WITH A £50.00 NON-RETURNABLE DEPOSIT. Cheques payable to JEAN marked 'Yorkshire' on the back.

Please note that the full amount must be paid **BY THE END OF MARCH**.

Coach pick up times: Wrights' Depot 8.30 am, Balderton 8.45 am, Westborough Lodge 9.00 am.

FRIDAY 03 JUNE

COACH OUTING TO RANWORTH CHURCH & NORWICH

The Parish Church of Ranworth contains a rare and beautiful survival, a 15th Century rood screen which is considered to be one of the finest painted screens in England. Also, about 19 years ago during restoration work, 3 painted panels were discovered behind

the rood screen. These show the White Rose of York on a coloured background. Since the original colours are intact, this is a unique opportunity to see a 15th Century York Rose. Ranworth has other 15th Century treasures and really is a hidden gem. We will spend the afternoon in Norwich, which, of course, has a beautiful cathedral, medieval streets, a superb castle museum and lots of places to eat. There is something for everyone in Norwich.

Price - £25.00 per person inclusive.

Please book with JEAN by end of MARCH. Cheques payable to JEAN, marked 'Norwich' on the back.

Coach pick up times: Wrights' Depot 8.00 am, Balderton 8.15 am, Long Bennington, Royal Oak 8.30 am, Heckington 9.00 am, if required.

SATURDAY 11 JUNE

BRANCH GRAND AUCTION & POT LUCK SUPPER

This is in aid of Branch Funds and is an important fund raising event.

THE BRANCH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT AT THIS EVENT.

The Auction was the brain-child of Gool Mugaseth around 25 years ago and it has become very much a fixture in the Branch Programme. It is always a fun evening so please come along and support it. If you cannot attend, please give your item or items for sale to Jean. Otherwise please bring the items along on the night. We will auction anything in good condition; put a reserve price on the item should you wish to do so.

Please bring a contribution to the Pot Luck Supper (finger food only) and your own drink. Jean will make/coffee for those who prefer a 'brew'. Everyone is welcome, so please bring your family and friends! Please return the booking form to JEAN by the end of APRIL at the latest.

Venue – Dry Doddington Village Hall. Auction starts 7.30 pm prompt.

THURSDAY 14 JULY

THE MUGASETH MEMORIAL LECTURE

'SKELETONS; REVELATIONS FROM THE BONES OF BURIED LONDONERS'

An illustrated talk by Jelena Bekvalac.

Jelena is Curator of Human Osteology at the Museum of London. She has launched a 3 year project to analyse over 2,500 skeletons dating from the medieval period to the Industrial Revolution. Using the latest digital technology, Jelena and her team have uncovered some amazing facts about the health of Londoners.

This will be a fascinating and lively lecture - do not miss it! .

Venue: The Urban Hotel Grantham, Swingbridge Road, Grantham, NG31 7XT.

Time 7.30pm £7.00 per ticket.

Tickets will be on sale in April – please see MAUREEN WHEELDON. Please book by end of MAY. Cheques to Richard III Society Lincolnshire Branch.

SATURDAY 06 AUGUST

BRANCH FUND RAISING EVENING

'NOTTINGHAM'S ALABASTER MEN AND THE LOST TOMB OF RICHARD III'

An illustrated talk by Jean Townsend.

Nottingham was once a major centre for the carving of alabaster. Beautiful items such as figures, panels, altarpieces and tombs were carved in the city, including the lost tomb of Richard III.

Jean will explore the history of these exquisite carvings and will attempt, by using documentary evidence and surviving images, to surmise what the tomb of Richard III may have looked like.

We will have a raffle and a 'Bring and Buy' table. Please donate items for the raffle to MAUREEN WHEELDON and bring items for the 'Bring and Buy' on the night or donate to any Committee Member prior to the event. Cakes, jams and homemade produce always sells well but any attractive item is welcome. We will also have a book stall – please donate books to TRACY UPEX.

Tickets £5.00 – includes tea/coffee and cake.

Offers of help and home made cakes please!

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 7.30 pm

Tickets will be on sale in April – please see MAUREEN WHEELDON. Please book by end of MAY. Cheques payable to Richard III Society Lincolnshire Branch.

SUNDAY 07 AUGUST

BRANCH PICNIC

A MURDEROUS MONKEY, CHURCHES WITH TREASURES, A WORKING WINDMILL AND YUMMY CHOCOLATE!! WHERE ARE WE?

The picnic this year will be a coach trip into the Lincolnshire countryside and will be a Mystery Tour. We are the Lincolnshire Branch and it seems fitting that we should hold our 40th Anniversary Picnic in our home county. We will not be travelling far - the idea being to have a fun day seeing some hidden treasures and ending up with a delicious tea. Even if the weather is poor, we will have the shelter of the coach! The usual picnic format will apply - bring your own chair and picnic.

Price - £20.00 per person, includes tea. Please book with JEAN by end of APRIL. Cheques to be payable to JEAN, marked 'Picnic' on the back.

Coach pick up times: Wrights' Depot 9.00 am, Balderton 9.15 am, Long Bennington, Royal Oak 9.30 am, Heckington 10.00 am, if required

MONDAY 22 AUGUST

REQUIEM MASS FOR KING RICHARD III – SPITAL CHAPEL, LINCOLNSHIRE

Refreshments by courtesy of the Lincolnshire Branch. Attendance by ticket only. Further details from JEAN.

THURSDAY 01 - MONDAY 05 SEPTEMBER

A SHORT BREAK IN BURGUNDY

Jean has always wanted to take the Branch to Burgundy and our 40th Anniversary Year was the perfect excuse to organise a longer trip. Burgundy is packed with medieval towns, glorious churches and abbeys and, of course, the wine!!

Jean has booked the hotels but the itinerary is going to be fairly complicated so she must have at least 25 people before she begins to work on this.

On Day 1 we will break our journey at the Ibis Hotel at St Quentin. The rest of our stay will be at the Dijon Gare Hotel in Dijon. Both hotels are modern chain hotels with all the usual facilities and are, of course, en-suite. In Dijon we will see the beautiful tombs of the Dukes of Burgundy and will visit the medieval town of Beaune with its unique 15th Century hospital, plus much, much more!! Price - £406.00 per person. The single room supplement is £101.00 inclusive but these rooms are limited, so first come, first served. The price includes coach pick ups, Eurotunnel, bed and cold buffet breakfast. A 3 course evening meal is included on the first night only. The Dijon Gare has a restaurant and a bar and Dijon itself has many places to eat. The price includes all visits and entry fees. Personal insurance can be arranged at £26.50 per person. Please pay for this when booking. PLEASE BOOK WITH JEAN NOW WITH A £50.00 NON-RETURNABLE DEPOSIT.

Cheques payable to JEAN, marked 'France' on the back. Please note that the full amount must be paid BY THE END OF JUNE.

Coach pick up times to be advised.

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note, Jean will show slides of the year's events after the meeting.

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 8.00 pm.

NOTES FOR YOUR 2016 DIARY

SUNDAY 02 OCTOBER 2016

RICHARD III'S BIRTHDAY

Lincoln Cathedral will be floodlit in memory of Richard III and also to mark our 40th Anniversary.

It is hoped that members will attend the switch on and get together for a meal afterwards. Some members may also like to attend Evensong at the Cathedral.

Full Details later.

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2016

BRANCH MEDIEVAL BANQUET

This is by popular request but for Jean to organise this event, she must have at least 40 people. It is hoped to hold the Banquet at the Angel and Royal Hotel, Grantham.

Please put your name on Jean's list ASAP. Friends and Family Welcome!