

BRANCH PROGRAMME 2018 – 2019

We are very much indebted to our Branch Secretary for the hard work she has put in when arranging this varied programme.

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.

Richard Wheeldon
Branch Chairman

MEETINGS:

Time: Please note that meetings will begin at **7.30 pm**.
Venue: Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre
Grantham, NG31 9PY.

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

You must check with Travel Wright Ltd on 01636 703813 if you are planning to park at Wrights' Depot.

Worried about parking your car? No problem, there is plenty of secure parking at Westborough Lodge Farm; just ask Jean!

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER 2018

'A CLOSER LOOK AT LINCOLN CATHEDRAL'

An illustrated talk by Steve Footit.

Lincoln is our county cathedral. It now has a stone dedicated to Richard III, thanks to our fund raising efforts. Steve will present aspects of the cathedral that visitors often miss.

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 7.30 pm.

WEDNESDAY 07 NOVEMBER 2018

'THE WARS OF THE ROSES AND SHAKESPEARE'

An illustrated lecture by Dr Jonathan Foyle.

A treat for both history and literature 'Buffs!' Jonathan is an inspired speaker and his lectures are always fascinating and thought-provoking. He makes regular appearances on television and is known for his series 'History Mysteries' and 'Hidden House History'. Jonathan has written several books on history and architecture. Not to be missed!

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

Time 7.30pm £7.00 per ticket.

Tickets are on sale now – please see MAUREEN WHEELDON, Cheques to Richard III Society Lincolnshire Branch.

SATURDAY 01 DECEMBER 2018

ADVENT ANGELS

*BRANCH CHRISTMAS VISIT TO KIPLIN HALL AND
NORTHALLERTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE.*

Our lunch stop will be at the attractive market town of Northallerton, with its thriving market and many independent shops, including the famous Barkers department store. There are plenty of places to get lunch.

After lunch, we will visit Kiplin Hall to see their Christmas display entitled 'Advent Angels'. There will also be a Christmas craft fair and a Christmas shop. Kiplin Hall has a nice tea room which serves excellent tea and cake. Kiplin Hall was built in 1619 and has belonged to four fascinating families who have filled the house with portraits, paintings and furniture. It is a hidden gem tucked away in the Vale of Mowbray. Friends and family are welcome to join us.

PLEASE BOOK WITH JEAN NOW.

Price - £35.00 – includes coach travel and entry fee to hall and gardens. The full amount is due with the booking. Cheques payable to JEAN marked 'Northallerton' on the back.

Coach pick up times: Wright's Depot 8.15 am, Balderton 8.30 am, Long Bennington, Royal Oak 9.00 am.

SATURDAY 08 DECEMBER 2018

BRANCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Welby Arms, Allington, Nr Grantham, Lincs, NG32 2EA

Time: 7.30 for 8.00 pm.

Price: £21.95 for a 3-course meal, tea/coffee.

Cheese board is £1.50 extra to be paid when booking. Menu choice available from Jean.

PLEASE BOOK WITH JEAN NOW.

PLEASE NOTE that cheques made payable to Richard III Society Lincolnshire Branch marked 'Christmas Dinner' on the back, should be handed/sent to our Treasurer, Ruth Meates. Please see the back cover for Ruth's address.

SATURDAY 19 JANUARY 2019 – Please Note the Date
MEMBERS' EVENING

This is your evening, with time for a chat over tea, coffee and cake! Browse the book stall or join in the competitions. The choice is yours.

There will be our annual Photographic Competition, judged by retired Grantham photographer, Gary Cant. Gary finds something of merit in all the entries, so do not be afraid to have a go. Anyone can enter - you do not need an expensive camera to take a good photograph. Just send two of your photographs size 8" x 10" on any historical subject to Jean before 07 January 2019. No names on the back, but please give each an appropriate title! A fabulous prize awaits the winner, with prizes for the runners up.

Jean will also devise one of her fiendish quizzes with yet another exciting prize for the winner.

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 7.30 pm.

SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2019

'THE BATTLE OF STOKE FIELD 1487'

An illustrated talk by Kevin Winter.

Kevin is Chairman of the Battlefields Trust East Midlands and Assistant Curator at the National Civil War Centre, Newark. He is also Custodian of the human remains from the battle of Stoke that were found in 1982.

The talk will explore the last battle of The Wars of the Roses and discuss the continuing struggle to protect our battle sites.

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 7.30 pm.

FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2019

A MYSTERY TOUR

Blow away those winter cobwebs and get out and about by coach and with an inclusive lunch.

Price – To be advised and will depend upon numbers, but should be approximately £30.00 per person. The more passengers, the cheaper the trip!

PLEASE BOOK WITH JEAN ASAP.

Coach pick up times: Wright's Depot 8.30 am, Balderton 8.45 am, Long Bennington, Royal Oak 9.00 am.

SATURDAY 30 MARCH 2019

'THE PRINCES IN THE TOWER ... MURDER, MYSTERY AND MYTH'

An illustrated talk by Matthew Lewis.

The disappearance of the Princes in the Tower is the most famous cold case in history. Matt's book on the subject was published in 2017 and he will share his thoughts on this fascinating and controversial mystery. He is also the author of two novels and several non-fiction histories. With an interest in the medieval and early Tudor period, Matt's focus remains on The Wars of the Roses and Richard III, in particular.

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 7.30 pm.

SUNDAY 07 APRIL 2019

SUNDAY LUNCH AT BESTWOOD LODGE, NEAR NOTTINGHAM*

By popular request we will again visit the site of the medieval hunting lodge where Richard III was staying when he heard that Henry Tudor had landed at Milford Haven. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the edge of Sherwood Forest in a place familiar to King Richard. Raise your glass to the last Plantagenet King of England.

Lunch at 1.00 pm. Menus will be available from Jean at a later date. Sunday lunch is usually a carvery but vegetarians are also well catered for.

You can choose your lunch on the day but the hotel does require £5.00 deposit per person.

Please book with JEAN by the end of FEBRUARY and include your £5.00 deposit payment.

Price to be advised.

This is an 'own cars' excursion. Anyone requiring a lift should please see Jean.

*Bestwood Lodge Hotel, Bestwood Country Park, ARNOLD, Nottingham, NG5 8NE.

TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2019

ST GEORGE'S DAY

By popular request. This will be our annual St George's Day celebration and it has turned into a patriotic and enjoyable evening.

Add prestige to the occasion by wearing something red and white - St George's colours.

We will have a Bring and Share Supper; there will be tea/coffee available or bring your own drink of choice. Please contribute to the supper (finger food only). Please let Jean know if you are bringing a sweet or savoury item; this will ensure an equal amount of both!

The venue will depend upon numbers.

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

Start time: 7.30 pm.

SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2019

'RICHARD III'S LOST CHAPEL OF TOWTON'

An illustrated talk by Tim Sutherland.

Tim is an archaeologist, well known for his television appearances on such programmes as 'The Wars of the Roses, a Time Team Special', 'Blood Red Roses', 'Battlefield Detectives' and 'Medieval Dead'. Tim rarely has time to do much public speaking so this is a unique opportunity for Ricardians to hear about the discovery of the chapel. He will explain the background to this lost chapel and the long search for its remains.

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 7.30 pm.

MONDAY 06 MAY 2019

DENTON STREET MARKET

Tombola stall in aid of Branch Funds. Please help with this event; we desperately need volunteers to help on the stall. Maybe you could lend a bit of colour by wearing costume (not compulsory) on the day, as this attracts interest. Volunteers are also needed on the book stall. Just a couple of hours of your time will enable the regular trusty members to take a break. The money raised is vital as it contributes towards speakers' fees, venue charges and our charitable donations.

Would each member please donate a prize for the stall, anything new apart from tinned food or alcohol. 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.

FRIDAY 10 MAY – MONDAY 13 MAY 2019

WELLS CATHEDRAL AND BATH ABBEY WITH DR JONATHAN FOYLE

Jonathan, in his usual fascinating and informative way, will guide us around these two beautiful buildings. Members who visited Lincoln, Coventry, Litchfield and Peterborough with Jonathan, will know we are in for a treat. The Branch is extremely privileged to have Jonathan as our very own tour guide!

You will have ample free time to explore both Wells and Bath or just relax with a bottle of red! This trip is intended to be 'Chilled Out Educational'!

There will be a suitable visit/lunch stop enroute on both the outward and return journeys.

Accommodation will be at the 4 Star AA rated Best Western Plus Swan Hotel*, Wells. The hotel is situated close to Wells Cathedral and has very good reviews.

Price - £320.00 per person includes all coach travel, 3 nights bed and breakfast, guided tours and hotel portorage.

Double room for single occupancy £45.00; only 4 available, so first come, first served. Personal insurance can be arranged at £20.00 per person at the time of booking.

PLEASE BOOK WITH JEAN NOW WITH A £50.00 NON-RETURNABLE DEPOSIT PER PERSON. Cheques payable to JEAN, marked 'Wells' on the back. The full amount must be paid BY THE END OF MARCH.

Coach pick ups: Newark, Balderton and Westborough Lodge; times to be advised.

*PLEASE NOTE: Evening meals are not included because the hotel could not serve us before 8.30 pm. However, if anyone would like Jean to source or book a restaurant close to the hotel, please ask.

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2019

COACH TRIP TO BRUISYARD HALL AND STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK

Prior to visiting Bruisyard Hall, there will be a lunch stop at Stowmarket, where there are many places to have a good lunch. Stowmarket Church contains the burial vault of the Tyrrell family of Gipping, with monuments dated from 1449 to the 18th Century. The site of the Tyrrell chapel is still visible. This will be of interest to Ricardians because of the connection to James Tyrrell, one of the supposed murderers of the Princes in the Tower.

Bruisyard Hall is a fascinating house, given by Lionel, Duke of Clarence, the son of King Edward III, to a college of chantry priests in 1354. It was founded by Maud, Countess of Ulster, and once one of only four abbeys of the Poor Clares. The house has had an exciting and chequered history, but retains its idyllic historic setting within a 700-acre estate. Our guided tour will be given either by the owner, Robert Rouse, or by a member of the family. The house is being opened especially for us, so this is a great opportunity to see the interior of this hidden gem. Refreshments will be served after the tour and Jean understands that there will be cake!

Please book with JEAN by the end of MARCH.

Price - £43.50.

Coach pick up times: Wrights' Depot 8.30 am, Balderton 8.45 am, Long Bennington, Royal Oak 9.00 am. Please ask Jean if you require a pick up en-route other than those stated.

SATURDAY 15 JUNE 2019

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 either by donating items to sell or by coming along and buying something or BOTH! It helps to pay for speakers, room hire and occasionally the subsidy of Branch events. The auction helps us meet costs that increase year on year. We are also keen to support churches and historic sites by offering charitable donations. We will auction anything that is not broken, cracked, chipped or dirty. If you cannot attend the auction, please give your item to Jean; otherwise bring it along on the night. Put a reserve price on your items if you wish to do so. (Strangest things auctioned so far ... a plastic fountain and a Victorian toilet!) Please bring a contribution to the Pot Luck Supper (finger food only) and your own drink. Jean will make coffee/tea for those who prefer a brew. Family and friends are welcome at this FUN evening, so please try to recruit a few participants. Please return the booking form to JEAN by the end of APRIL at the latest. There is no charge for this event.

Venue – To be advised. Auction starts at 7.30 pm prompt.

FRIDAY 19 JULY 2019

THE MUGASETH MEMORIAL LECTURE

'THE REINCARNATION OF THE 4,500 YEAR OLD GOLD LYRE OF UR'

A talk by Keith Jobling.

Keith is a former RAF V-Force flyer, an accomplished choral director and musician.

During the Gulf War in 2003, the museum in Baghdad was ransacked and many artefacts were either destroyed or stolen. After seeing reports that described the total destruction of one of the museum's most beautiful objects, 'The Gold Lyre of Ur', a small team, led by an amateur harpist, decided to construct a working replica. This once in a lifetime experience, is the story of the team's 10-year journey, whose contacts, made in the Middle East, South Africa, the U.S.A. and here in the UK, have endured to this day.

The fulfilment of their dream is a story of triumph over adversity that is both gripping and informative. The talk is fully illustrated and you will also see the beautiful artefacts for yourself as they will be on display during the evening. Come along and be enthralled!

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

Time 7.30pm £7.00 per ticket.

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

SATURDAY 10 AUGUST 2019

BRANCH FUND RAISING EVENING

'COFFINS, CORPSES AND CRYPTS'

An illustrated talk by Jean Townsend.

From the unwrapping of an Egyptian mummy in the 1970s to a more recent encounter with a piece of the body of St. Anthony, Jean has always been fascinated by the ancient dead. The talk will explore such diverse subjects as mummies, medieval monarchs, saints, burial customs and the often bizarre attitude towards bodies by people in the past.

Please note that this talk will not cover the excavation of Richard III.

We will have a raffle and a book stall. Please donate raffle items to MAUREEN WHEELDON and books to STEVE FOOTIT.

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 the end of MAY. Cheques payable to Richard III Society Lincolnshire Branch.

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2019

BRANCH PICNIC - 'YELLOW BELLIES, BRICK AND THATCH. A WEATHERCOCK THAT FLEW IN FROM FLODDEN AND A HIDDEN TREASURE CONNECTED TO ELIZABETH OF YORK. WHERE ARE WE?'

Answers to Jean in an envelope prior to the picnic. There will be a prize for the winner.

By popular request, we will have another coach trip and mystery tour.

The usual picnic format will apply; bring your own chair and a picnic lunch. If the weather is poor, we can picnic on the coach. Come along and enjoy lovely countryside and beautiful historic buildings. There will be morning coffee/tea and biscuits en-route and a yummy afternoon tea.

Price - £36.00 per person - includes coach, morning coffee and biscuits, all visits and afternoon tea. A very cheap day out! Cheques to be payable to JEAN, marked 'Picnic' on the back, before the end of APRIL. PLEASE NOTE - We must have 25 people to run at this price. The outing is subject to cancellation dependent upon a review of the number of bookings received by the end of May.

Coach pick up times: Wrights' Depot 8.30 am, Balderton 8.45 am, Long Bennington, Royal Oak 9.00 am.

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 2019

REQUIEM MASS FOR KING RICHARD III – SPITAL CHAPEL, LINCOLNSHIRE

This is a moving occasion followed by delicious refreshments and a short lecture on a historical subject. If you have never visited Spital Chapel you will be amazed, as it is a lovely little building. Seats are limited at this event. Refreshments by courtesy of the Lincolnshire Branch.

Attendance by ticket only. Book with JEAN. There is no charge for this event, which is held in the afternoon; time to be advised.

MONDAY 09 SEPTEMBER – THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2019 (4 Days, 3 Nights)

'COACH HOLIDAY TO BAYEUX AND MONT-SAINT-MICHEL, NORMANDY'

Bayeux is a lovely town whose photogenic medieval centre has cobbled streets and half-timbered houses. Besides being home to the legendary Bayeux Tapestry, it also has many other attractions including the superb Museum of Art and History which is housed in an episcopal palace. Mont-Saint-Michel is one of Europe's most memorable sights. This thousand-year-old monument sits on its own island and is 80 metres above sea level. An amazing building both inside and out. The island is now accessible to people with reduced mobility. The free shuttle bus has disabled access and reserved seating, but there is a fantastic walkway for those who like a stroll. The views from the walkway are amazing. Jean has obtained a very good deal for full board at the 4 Star Novotel, Bayeux, which is situated on the outskirts of the town. It has an outdoor pool, a terrace and is set in a wooded park. The hotel comes recommended for its good food and clean rooms. It has good reviews online.

Price - £474.00 per person – this includes coach pick-ups, return Eurotunnel crossings, 3 nights bed and breakfast, all evening meals, all visits and entry fees. Single rooms are limited and carry a supplement of £146.00; first come, first served. Personal insurance can be arranged at £28.00 per person, payable at time of booking.

PLEASE NOTE - We must have at least 20 people to secure this price so please advertise this trip.

PLEASE BOOK WITH JEAN NOW WITH A £50.00 NON-RETURNABLE DEPOSIT PER PERSON.

Cheques payable to JEAN, marked 'Bayeux' on the back. Please note that the full amount must be paid by the end of JULY.

Coach pick up times to be advised.

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2019

BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 7.30 pm.