



THE RICHARD III SOCIETY

Year Ended 31 March 2014

Mission Statement

In the belief that many features of the traditional accounts of the character and career of Richard III are neither supported by sufficient evidence nor reasonably tenable, the Society aims to promote, in every possible way, research into the life and times of Richard III, and to secure a reassessment of the material relating to this period, and of the role of this monarch in English history.

Foreword

It is my pleasure to introduce our annual report for the year 2013/14, by any measure another exceptional period when King Richard has been much in the public eye. The success of the Greyfriars dig and the Looking for Richard project continue to provide opportunities and challenges despite the year having been overshadowed by the dispute over where King Richard's remains should finally be laid to rest.

Our membership continues to grow at a steady rate, while public and media interest in the Society's work shows no signs of abating. We face the future with confidence; our finances are strong; we have an active membership and we remain committed to playing our part in ensuring that King Richard will be reburied with the honour and dignity due to an anointed king of England.

This report gives an overview of our structure, achievements and activities over the past year, all made possible by the freely given time and commitment of our members throughout the world. Officers of the Society at every level have seen their workloads increase considerably since the Greyfriars discoveries and I thank them all and acknowledge their contribution most sincerely. Let me commend this report to the membership.

Phil Stone (Chairman)

Key achievements for 2013/14

- development and launch of the new full-colour *Ricardian Bulletin*
- publication of the York Wills
- membership exceeded 4,000
- organising the successful 2013 Study Weekend
- design and launch of phase two of the new website
- support for the project to transcribe and publish the IPM from the reign of Richard III
- developing plans for the outsourcing of the sales function.

The Society

The Society was founded in 1924 under the name The Fellowship of the White Boar. It was refounded in 1956 on a wider membership basis and formally changed its name to The Richard III Society in 1959. The Society is an incorporated body bound by a constitution and managed by

an executive committee elected at the AGM, which takes place each October.

Governance

Patron

HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO has been the Society's Patron since 1980.

President and Vice Presidents

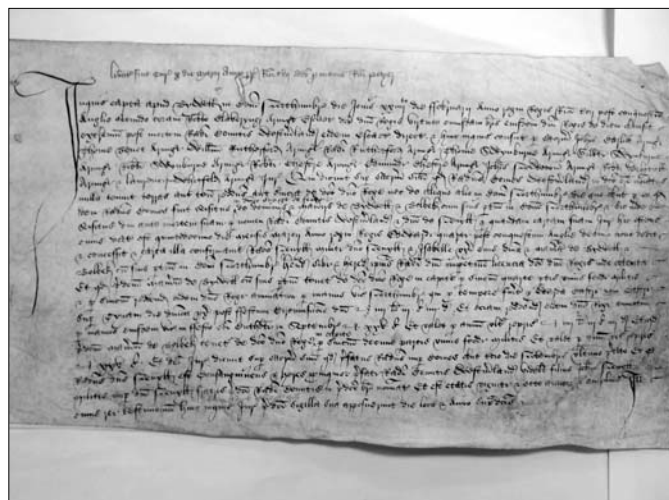
Peter Hammond FSA was re-elected President at the 2013 AGM. For the year October 2013 to September 2014 five vice-presidents were elected: John Audsley, Kitty Bristow, Moira Habberjam, Carolyn Hammond, Jonathan Hayes and Robert Smith.

Executive Committee

At the 2013 AGM the following were elected to serve on the committee: Paul Foss, Marian Mitchell, Wendy Moorhen, Lynda Pidgeon, Phil Stone, Anne Sutton, Richard Van Allen, David Wells, Susan Wells, and Geoffrey Wheeler. Phil Stone

SUPPORT FOR IPM PROJECT

The Society is helping to fund a project by the University of Winchester to transcribe and publish the Inquisitions Post Mortem from the reign of Richard III. These are important primary sources and will be of great value to anyone undertaking research into our period.



Example of an inquisition Post Mortem

THE ROBERT HAMBLIN AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

This award was established in 2002 to recognise members who have given significant service to the Society; it is named in honour of the late Robert Hamblin who was chairman of the Society from 1989 to 2002. In 2013 the award was made to **Sally Henshaw** in recognition of her many years of service as secretary of the Leicestershire Branch.

was subsequently re-elected chairman with John Saunders and Stephen York ex-officio members. During the reporting year Melanie Hoskins and Gretel Jones were appointed to the committee and Jacqui Emerson, Branches and Groups Co-ordinator, was also invited to become an ex-officio member of the Executive. The Executive Committee meets every two months at the Civil Service Club in London.

Standing Committees

These are permanent bodies with specific tasks and responsibilities delegated from the Executive Committee. Current standing committees are: Research Committee, Visits Committee, Bulletin Editorial Committee and Ways and Means Sub-Committee.

Working Parties

These are temporary bodies established by the Executive Committee to examine a specific area of Society business. The only current working party is the Constitution Working Party, which did not meet during the reporting year.

Secretariat

The role of the Secretariat is a vital one, providing support for the Chairman and Executive Committee, Website Committee and the Ways and Means Sub-Committee. Additionally, it is the key link between the Society's management and the wider membership, including the Branches and Groups Liaison Officer. It is also the first point of contact for general Society enquiries made via post, telephone, e-mail and the website. The Secretariat has responsibility for organising key Society events such as the Members' Day and Annual General Meeting and managing the Society's archive store. During 2013/14 in addition to the general duties outlined above there continued to be a high level of activity following the Greyfriars dig and subsequent issues relating to the reburial. As a consequence, there have been a considerable number of letters, e-mails and telephone calls – all of which needed a polite and considered response. There was also significant involvement in the project to outsource the sales function.

Membership

During the reporting year the membership department continued to be managed by Wendy Moorhen. The Society's subscription year runs from 2 October, in contrast to our financial year, which begins 1 April. The statistics below are therefore taken from the membership year 2 October 2012 to 1 October 2013, and relate to the status of the membership as at 31 March 2014.

At 31 March 2014 we had 3,305 paid memberships, of which 30 were part-paid. Total individual membership, after adjustment for the family membership category (which assumes 2 per household), lapsed members who may yet pay their subscriptions and inclusion of the USA branch (396), stood at 4,074 as compared to 3,401 last year.

The number of lapsed members was 440, an increase over the previous year; these are members who fail to renew their subscriptions but do not officially resign their membership. They receive the December *Bulletin* but are removed from the mailing list in the New Year. The increase in lapsed memberships came in predominantly from those who had joined since September 2012 following the euphoria of finding Richard III's remains – inevitably, in some instances, this was short-lived and they did not renew.

Membership exceeded 4,000 during the reporting year

The membership database records the breakdown by country (family memberships counting as one unit and including lapsed and resigned members), as follows: Australia 162; Austria 6; Belgium 3; Bermuda 1; Brazil 1; Bulgaria 1; Canada 89; Croatia 1; Denmark 5; Estonia 1; Finland 3; France 18; Germany 23; Hong Kong 1; Ireland 15; Israel 1; Italy 2; Japan 3; Kenya 1; Malta 3; New Zealand 28; Norway 3; Poland 1; Portugal 4; Russia 2; South Africa 4; Spain 9; Sweden 3; Switzerland 4; The Netherlands 12; Turkey 1; UK 3,273; USA (including members of US Branch) 508.

From 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 there were 997 applications to join the Society (down slightly from the 1,018 last year), the vast majority having been recruited via the internet, particularly the Society's website. It is encouraging that we are still recruiting steadily and despite some losses the membership continues to grow. The recruitment and retention of members continues to be a priority for the Executive Committee, and we will continue to consolidate and expand our membership base.

Communication

The Ricardian has been published since 1961, and over the years has developed into a widely-respected scholarly journal of late-fifteenth-century studies. It continues to flourish under Anne Sutton's editorship and enjoys a good assortment of contributions from members and academics, and has no trouble in finding an excellent array of reviewers.

Contributions have continued to be on a wide variety of topics: the 2014 edition of *The Ricardian* includes an extensive article on London's trade in the reign of Richard III, new evidence presented on the clothing provided for the children in Richard's care, notably his daughter Katherine; new evidence about the death and burial of Katherine; and new material about Edward Woodville. There is a discussion of Richard III's epitaph, and a study of the knights of the Garter made by Richard. Finally, there is a study entitled 'Pleas, Pigs and Peascods' about three unpublished Stonor accounts.

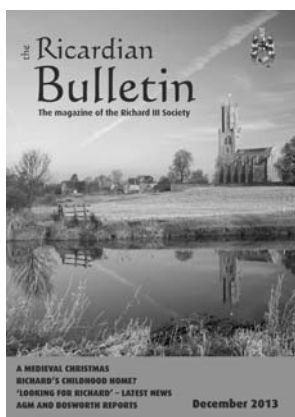
Sixteen reviewers have done sterling work reviewing 20 books, and summary notes have brought another 12 books and articles to members' attention. Livia Visser-Fuchs is thanked again for assisting on the index.

Ricardian Bulletin: The Society's members' magazine was first published in 1974. It underwent a major change in style and format in 2003, with further significant changes in December 2013 (see below). During the reporting year the editorial team was pleased to be joined by Diana Whitty. The events following the Greyfriars digs, particularly the debate over Richard III's reburial, have continued to dominate content. In addition to reporting on these events we have carried related articles on scoliosis, the king's diet, the facial reconstruction and the rites for reburying a medieval king. We have continued throughout the reporting year to offer an increasing range of Society-focused information and historical articles. These have covered diverse subjects, ranging from an article about a motet composed to celebrate the discovery of the king's remains to a feature about our library team and a study of William Hobbys, a physician at the Yorkist court.

Society website: The website is a point of reference for both members and visitors, providing up-to-date news and information about the Society's structure, its activities, services and history. It also provides articles on Richard III and his family and on the Wars of the Roses, and links to related sites with a focus on the last Plantagenet king.

Throughout the reporting year work has continued on maintaining, improving and updating the Society's website.

RELAUNCH OF THE *RICARDIAN BULLETIN*



Over time the *Ricardian Bulletin* has undergone several changes in size and style, responding to changing needs and circumstances. The last redesign had taken place in 2003, and in 2013 the *Bulletin* Editorial Committee proposed a relaunch of the magazine in a new size and style, taking advantage of the falling costs of colour printing and a more economic A4 format to achieve a professionally produced magazine without any substantial increase in the unit cost. In particular, the committee wanted the facility to have colour illustrations throughout the magazine to enhance the Society's professional image and to build on the heightened worldwide interest in Richard III following the Greyfriars discoveries.

The new-look *Bulletin*, designed by Flagholme Publishing Services, was launched in December 2013, and immediately attracted an overwhelming majority of favourable comments from both new and old members.

Wendy Moorhen remains the project leader, with a brief to develop the site and meet the growing expectations of our internet presence following the Greyfriars discoveries and subsequent worldwide interest in King Richard. During the summer of 2013 phase 2 of the redesign was successfully launched, which included galleries covering Richard III-related sculptures, paintings and musical compositions. Back issues of both *The Ricardian* and the *Ricardian Bulletin* have been added during the reporting year, providing a rich archive of articles and information for visitors to the site. The current year also saw the beginning of the systematic digitisation of *The Ricardian*, working back from the 2003 issues. This is a long term project and the scanning process is being undertaken by Hilary Blakemore. The home page continues to provide up-to-date information about relevant news and events, particularly so with the Judicial Review and debate over King Richard's reburial. There continues to be a high volume of people accessing the site and feedback from both members and others has been very positive.

Facebook: the Richard III Society Facebook page made its debut in 2010 and, given the importance of social networking in communicating information, our presence will expand and we will seek opportunities to promote our work further through it. At the end of the reporting year we were approaching 10,000 visitors who indicated they liked the site. Much activity continues to be generated by the Greyfriars excavation and the continuing debate over King Richard's final resting place.

RIII Mailings: Since its inception in December 2012, RIII Mailings has been providing signed-up members with e-mail alerts to newsworthy events and items of importance. There are currently almost 2,500 members signed up to the service and they come from all corners of the world. New members who provide an e-mail address are added automatically, and sent a welcome message explaining the service. RIII Mailings has been particularly important following the Greyfriars dig and subsequent controversy over the location of King Richard's reburial. During the reporting year a new administrator for the system was appointed, Katie Dungate, and we moved from Gmail to a new provider, MailChimp, which provides greater flexibility and choices for subscribers. We continue to receive positive feedback from members enjoying this service; the small number who have asked to unsubscribe indicates satisfaction with the material we are disseminating and the frequency of e-mails. The service is currently restricted to providing breaking news as quickly as possible to members.

Public relations, publicity and the media

Richard III continues to capture headlines and interest, particularly with the very public debate over his final resting place. This has inevitably generated a great deal of correspondence from members, the media and the public, especially over the Society's stance on the reburial issue. Overall the reporting year has proved to be another busy and challenging one on the public relations and media front. All of this attention has continued to raise the profile of the Society. Key points to note are:

FACIAL RECONSTRUCTION ON TOUR

The Society's facial reconstruction of Richard III underwent a tour during the reporting year, being shown at a number of places, including the Yorkshire Museum, the British Museum and Sudeley Castle; in many instances it formed part of wider Richard III-related exhibitions. Its permanent home will be in Leicester's King Richard III Visitor Centre, where it will be on loan from the Society.



Richard III and our Patron, Gloucester Museum, March 2014.

- We spent a lot of time fielding media requests from all over the world, including radio and TV stations, as well as answering requests from reporters from some of the world's leading newspapers and journals. In conjunction with this activity we also issued a number of press releases in response to Leicester Cathedral's proposals for Richard III's tomb.
- Likewise, a number of interviews were conducted with overseas media and in particular we received a request from the Foreign Press Association to brief their members on the present situation. This briefing was carried out at their offices in London by the Chairman and amongst the representatives who attended were correspondents from Czech radio, Israel, Switzerland and Japan.
- The Society's post-Greyfriars media campaign attracted the attention of *PR Week*, the public relations industry's journal, when in July 2013 a case study about it was published. In November 2013 it was recognised when the Public Relations Consultants Association awarded the 'Looking for Richard' PR campaign as one to be 'Highly Recommended'.
- The Society continues to support major medieval events such as Tewkesbury and Bosworth and also took part in the University of Leicester's prestigious series of live debates, 'Leicester Exchanges', in June 2013.
- The work of the Society was also promoted by Philippa Langley and Mike Jones during the promotional tour of their book, *The King's Grave*. The tour was highly successful in bringing King Richard to a new and wider audience spread over the 15 venues they visited.
- We have added to our growing range of Ricardian merchandise, including items incorporating Andrew Jamieson's new crested image of Richard III, a new white boar badge, and a bust of Richard III.

Ricardian research

The Society's primary purpose is to promote research into the life and times of Richard III and we undertake this through four key areas: *The Ricardian*, research projects, publications and individual members' research. The Greyfriars excavation and its outcome continue to generate additional work for the research committee, with a high volume of enquiries from members, the press and the public. This inevitably impacted on time available to spend on research and related projects. It has, however, been gratifying to see the number of students, not only in the UK, but also in Australia and America, who have decided to include Richard III in their history projects. Key projects and activities this year include continuing work on the following:

York Wills Project: *English Wills proved in the Prerogative Court of York, 1477–1499* was published during the reporting year. (see below)

Lesley Boatwright's legacy projects: On her death in September 2012 Lesley left unfinished a number of projects she was working on. These include: the miracles of Henry VI, an itinerary of Richard's life to 1483, a translation of the original Latin version of Polydore Vergil's *History of Richard III*, E404 (Exchequer grants) and the final editing of the Middleham Accounts. It is the intention of the Research Committee to carry on these projects and to see the results published. Given other commitments during this busy time progress has been slow; however, we expect more substantial progress during 2014/15. We will keep members informed via the Research News section of the *Ricardian Bulletin*.

The Ricardian Chronicle: This project, launched in 2011, aims to record events and activities in England in a chronological order for the period April 1483 to August 1485. It made slow progress during the reporting year and its future will be reviewed during 2014/15.

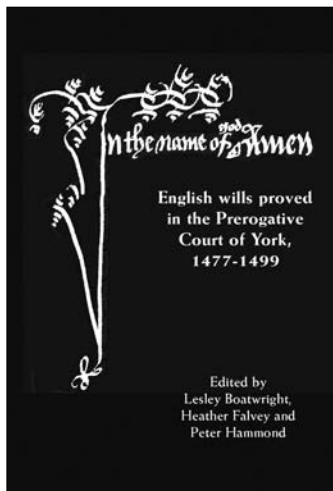
Bursaries: The Society and Richard III and Yorkist History Trust jointly fund two annual bursaries, one administered by the Centre for Medieval Studies, University of York, and the other by the Institute of Historical Research (IHR), London. In recognition of the impact of inflation over the years the Trust has agreed to match-fund these bursaries, increasing their value from £500 to £1,000. A further change was made to the criteria for the York bursary, allowing PhD students as well as MA students to apply, thus bringing it in line with the IHR bursary.

The York Bursary was awarded to PhD student Jessica Knowles, who also completed her BA and MA at York. Her thesis is entitled 'Of Angels and Men: identity in the late medieval parish community'. This was considered to be an extremely interesting topic, especially as she is using All Saints North Street, York, in her research. This church has a nationally important collection of fifteenth-century stained-glass windows.

The IHR Bursary was awarded to Dan Spencer, a PhD student at Southampton, who completed his MA at Exeter. His thesis is entitled 'The Development of Firearms in Late Medieval England'. With the increased interest in firearms,

RESEARCH IN ACTION – THE YORK WILLS

This new edition of English wills proved at the Prerogative Court of York for the period 1477 to 1499 was published during the reporting year. It was edited by Heather Falvey, Peter Hammond and the late Lesley Boatwright, with the transcriptions undertaken by a team of Society palaeographers. The 89 wills provide much information about people from various strata of society living in northern England in the last quarter of the fifteenth century; the publication helps to fulfil the Society's primary aim of promoting research into the life and times of Richard III.



especially following the discovery of cannonballs at Bosworth, this was a worthwhile thesis to sponsor.

The Society also offers a bursary to members; however, there no applications for this bursary were received in 2013/14.

During the reporting year Tig Lang continued in the role of Bursary Officer, with responsibility for the promotion of the bursaries and the management of the application process.

Research Weekend 2013: This took place at the Elm Bank Hotel in York over the weekend 12–14 April, on the theme ‘Richard III: his friends and foes in the north’. This proved a popular topic and the weekend was oversubscribed. This prompted the decision to find a new more central venue for 2014, which could accommodate more people.

Leeds International Medieval Congress 2013: The Society was present again last year, with a stall at the History and Archaeological Society Fair. This was only for half a day; however, it allowed an assessment of the congress's new location to help inform decisions about future participation. This year saw a move from the site at Boddington to the University Campus in the centre of Leeds. While we were able to display a small range of books, we have now established an arrangement with Shaun Tyas, who prints the Trust books, to sell our books on his stall.

Palaeography course: During the year 14 members signed up for the course, and three completed it, one within the year, and the other two in just over a year. The documents provided are not easy to read at first, but any new ‘hobby’ requires the participant to persevere in order to learn a new skill and those who do complete the course have a real sense of achievement.

The Barton Library

When Dr S. Saxon Barton, the founder of the Society, died in 1957, he left his collection of Ricardian books to the recently re-founded Society, and these 21 volumes formed

the nucleus of the collection later to become known as the Barton Library in his memory.

During the reporting year 158 new items were added to the collections of books, papers and audio-visual material that are available for members to borrow, double the number of items added last year. Many of the books were donations from generous members.

The number of items borrowed has also more than doubled from last year's 104 items to 244: 40 non-fiction books, 148 papers and 56 tapes.

In addition to advising members on their choice of reading material the Library Team also looked up information, and supplied photocopies. The catalogue of non-fiction papers has been fully updated and installed on the Society's website, and the catalogues of books are currently being revised – new lists will be appearing on the website as they are completed.

The Library Team raised £399 towards Library funds by selling duplicate library books and donations of books from members – this more than covers the cost of running the library and buying new items for stock.

Branches and Groups

At the end of the reporting year there were a total of 19 branches and 18 groups; all are active, with regular programmes of events. Many, though not all, publish newsletters or journals, copies of which are held in the Society's Papers Library. Most groups are located in England, with one in south Wales, one in Ireland and one in Europe – the Continental Group which covers mainland Europe. Of the branches, four are in Australia, one in Canada, one in New Zealand, one in Scotland and one in the USA, with rest in England. The increase in membership over the reporting year has translated into the establishment of eight new groups in the UK and overseas. Approximately a quarter of the membership take part in their local Ricardian activities via a branch or group, quite a substantial increase over previous years. The Liaison Officer provides an important link between the branches and groups themselves and collectively with the wider Society, and issues a regular newsletter, *The Ricardian Recorder*.

Some branches hold their own study and lecture days, particularly the Leicester, Norfolk and Yorkshire branches. The Australasian branches held an interesting and successful convention in Sydney in July 2013.

Richard III & Yorkist History Trust

The Richard III & Yorkist History Trust is a charitable trust established by the Richard III Society in 1986 to further education and research related to the history of late-fifteenth-



Dr S. Saxon Barton

century England and to encourage the publication of such research. It took over most of the Society's academic publishing activities but retains close links with its parent body, which appoints the majority of its nine trustees. The principal duties of these trustees are to commission and see through the press new publications, and assess applications from scholars and publishers for financial assistance towards their research and the expenses of publication.

Since 1986 the Trust has published 13 books, the latest being *The Herald's Memoir 1486–1490: court ceremonial, royal progress and rebellion*, edited by Emma Cavell. In 2013 the Trust made a large grant towards the publication of the latest volume of the Harlaxton Medieval Studies series, volume XXIII, *The Yorkist Age*, edited by Hannes Kleinecke and Christian Steer.

The Trust match-funds the Society's bursaries to York University and the Institute of Historical Research and has announced plans for a Richard III Historical Research Prize for an author's first published article in a refereed journal. This will also be match-funded by the Society.

In the current Trust year plans have been made for a series of research monographs. This series will provide an opportunity for the publication of recently completed doctoral theses on topics related to late medieval English history.

Ricardian heritage

There are a number of associated organisations that reflect the Society's links during the reporting year with places of Ricardian interest:

Ricardian Churches Restoration Fund: A full list of the fund's donations can be found on the Society's website. The current RCRF trustees are Elizabeth Nokes and Phil Stone.

Friends of Fotheringhay: Phil Stone, the Fotheringhay co-ordinator, is our link to the 'Friends' committee, and over the years the Society has given many gifts, both practical and financial, to the church.

RICHARD III GOLD COIN RING

Following an illustrated article in the *Bulletin* about a Richard III coin found near Bosworth (it was auctioned at Spinks in London and went for £36,000) we contacted the owner to enquire whether it would be possible to obtain a reproduction. He welcomed our approach and as a result we were able to offer members a gold-plated version of the coin as a key ring.



Barley Hall: The York Archaeological Trust (YAT), who own the Hall, have day-to-day management of the building. Society officers Lynda Pidgeon and Carolyn and Peter Hammond are part of an advisory committee on the Hall to the YAT. Individual support for Barley Hall can also be achieved through membership of the Friends of the York Archaeological Trust.

Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre: The Society has continued to contribute to the recent redevelopments at the centre. We remain in close contact through the Society's Secretaries, who act as our liaison point with the centre's management and ensure that the centre is regularly supplied with Society brochures and publications.

Visits

The visits programme started in May on a rain-threatening morning with a trip to Beaulieu Abbey, but then the sun came out as we travelled through the New Forest to historic Buckler's Hard, where some of Nelson's ships were built. The 'Northern Progress' in July was a great success, with 49 Ricardians visiting many of the places Richard III would have known, including Barnard Castle and Raby Castle. The weekend concluded with trekking around Flodden battlefield; not quite Ricardian but very vividly described by an excellent guide. August, as always, took us to Sutton Cheney for our annual memorial service at the church and then on to Bosworth battlefield. On a mellow September day we spent a morning at Bodiam Castle, resplendent with its towers and moat; and then another moated building, but very different, peaceful Michelham Priory. The visit to Whitechapel Bell Foundry in November was so popular that we have had to arrange a second visit in November 2014 for those who missed out. The year was rounded off with the popular Christmas lunch and carol service at Fotheringhay.

The Visits Team are grateful for the loyalty of regular participants and thank them for their support. A number of new faces were welcomed this year and it is hoped they will also become regulars. We always need reports and photos of our outings for the *Bulletin*, so volunteers for these tasks are always welcome.

Sales

The Society's sales function has been run for a number of years by a small team of volunteers from amongst our membership, led by the Sales Liaison Officer, Sally Empson and including Helen Ashburn, Heather Falvey, Keith Horry and Judith Ridley. As the reporting year drew to a close, plans were well advanced to outsource this function to E-Mediacy, who also distribute the *Ricardian Bulletin* and *The Ricardian*.

The Executive Committee records its thanks to the whole team past and present. The Secretaries were themselves key members of the team and they led the negotiations with E-Mediacy for the transfer of the sales function.

Total gross sales for the reporting year were £16,881.58: this total included sales of £3,056 at the AGM alone – four times higher than at the last London AGM in 2011, and ten times higher than the 2009 one. Trade and individual sales of £4,190 of the facial reconstruction postcard of Richard

III were recorded. New sales items launched during the year included the crested image range of King Richard, as the Society continued to extend the range of merchandise it offers to members.

The future

With the high level of public interest in Richard III following the Greyfriars excavation and in anticipation of his reburial, we will continue to seek new opportunities to promote our work. We will also continue to ensure that our finances remain sound and our members receive value for money in terms of the publications, information and services we provide for them. Key objectives for the coming year are:

- To work co-operatively with Leicester Cathedral over the plans for the reinterment of King Richard's remains, and to ensure that these plans reflect the king's royal status and importance in English history.
- To develop the Society's own programme of events around the official reburial ceremony, to allow maximum participation by members.
- To work towards a commemoration of King Richard elsewhere in the country.
- To continue to take advantage of media and other

opportunities that offer the chance to make the case for a reassessment of King Richard's life and reputation.

- To maintain the Society's commitment to evidence-based historical research, to develop our research programme and encourage additional projects, such as a further wills-based one, allowing for wide participation by members.
- To continue supporting the Richard III & Yorkist History Trust's ongoing programme of publications, and to support the Research Committee's commitment to complete and publish the various unfinished projects of the late Lesley Boatwright
- To continue to improve our services to members by maintaining and improving the quality of our website and the *Ricardian Bulletin*, and sourcing new sales merchandise

Future events include:

- The reburial of Richard III's remains, and associated events, will take place in Leicester in March 2015.
- The 2015 Triennial will take place at the Burleigh Court in Loughborough on 17–19 April.
- The next two AGMs will be held as follows: 2014 in Norwich, and 2015 in London.

The Richard III Society was founded 90 years ago and we have many achievements to be proud of, particularly our considerable contribution to fifteenth-century research and scholarship. We will continue to work hard in the years ahead to ensure this continues and to encourage a reassessment of the life and character of King Richard III.



Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2014

There has been an ongoing public interest in the finding of King Richard's remains and membership has continued to rise, with corresponding figures for sales and advertising receipts. There were two major bequests and many smaller donations, amounting to a sizeable sum which has increased our surplus this year. The preparation for the handling of our sales involved a radical reappraisal of our stock and for the first time in many years we are able to show a realistic figure.

Changes in expenditure were to be expected from the upheaval of last year and the costs of the new website will now diminish substantially. Other increases in expenditure are entirely expected and the AGM costs vary enormously in alternate years – London being much costlier.

Paul Foss (Treasurer)

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Accounts for year ending
31 March 2014

	2012–13	2013–14
	£	£
Income		
Subscriptions	58,652.37	72,215.13
Subscriptions in advance	8,772.13	13,563.55
Sales less cost of sales	10,835.11	13,121.58
Donations	2,892.65	25,844.42
Bank Interest	62.03	22.85
Royalties	26.21	34.94
Advertisements		735.00
	<u>81,240.50</u>	<u>125,537.47</u>
Expenditure		
Marketing <i>general</i>	6,641.41	2,149.72
<i>website</i>	13,843.46	17,434.37
Ricardian & Bulletin <i>print</i>	15,752.10	20,329.52
<i>distribution</i>	8,077.83	5,897.66
Administration <i>committee</i>	5,311.25	6,402.60
<i>membership</i>	12,795.96	8,222.01
Treasurer's expenses	574.40	362.00
Accountancy	80.00	311.60
Donations & Bursaries	1,100.00	3,310.59
Library	207.68	-464.42
Bank & Card charges	388.90	524.88
Purchases	4,870.15	8,457.27
AGM costs	1,462.14	4,188.06
Prepayments	1,358.44	–
Looking for Richard	14,725.44	1,000.00
Deficit/surplus to accumulated fund	-5,948.66	47,411.61
	<u>81,240.50</u>	<u>125,537.47</u>
Summary		
B/fwd	11,819.88	-128.78
Income	81,240.50	125,537.47
Expenditure	-87,189.16	-78,125.86
Transfer to Tomb a/c	–	291.00
Transfer to BMM a/c	-6,000.00	-46,000.00
	<u>-128.78</u>	<u>1,573.83</u>

TOMB ACCOUNT

The Tomb Account holds the contributions to the appeal fund for the tomb of Richard III. The fund was started early in 2013, just after the announcement that the remains were those of the King.

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Accumulated Fund

	£	£
Cash at Bank		
Main Account	1,573.83	
Deposit (BMM) A/c	151,791.20	153,365.03
Creditors		-105.00
Net liquid assets		153,260.03
Other assets		
Library	17,000.00	
Stock	9,430.00	
Prepayments	–	
Debtors	–	26,430.00
		<u>179,690.03</u>

Stock*

	£	£
B/fwd	2,965.00	
Purchases	8,457.00	11,422.00
Sales less cost of sales	13,122.00	
Surplus	7,730.00	20,852.00
Stock c/fwd		9,430.00

*Note on stock

The large surplus shown cannot be construed as 'profit', as for many years in the past stock has been widely held and no true valuation has been possible.

No 2 Account – Visits & Funds

	£
Funds	
Palæography course	0.00
RCRF	1,915.25
Visits	
Bosworth	-12.25
Fotheringhay	453.00
Bodiam	660.00
Newcastle	-326.84
Whitechapel	-252.00
Shropshire	4,159.20
Miscellaneous	1,667.59
	<u>8,263.95</u>