

The Richard III Society

Promoting research into the life and times of Richard III since 1924

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REBURIAL OF KING RICHARD III

Today Leicester Cathedral announced their plans for the reburial of King Richard III; the Richard III Society is pleased that we now have these details confirmed. For all of us the focus must now be on ensuring that the ceremonies to be held during March next year fully befit an anointed king of England.

Since the discovery of King Richard's remains almost two years ago there have been barriers to overcome before reaching this point: the identification of the king's remains, the emotive debate over the location of the reburial and the nature of the reburial itself. We must now move on from these controversies and let King Richard finally be laid to rest in peace and honour.

Dr Phil Stone, Chairman of the Richard III Society said, 'The finding of King Richard's remains has been one of the most significant developments in over five hundred years of Ricardian history. Today's announcement means we can now focus on the events of next March and work together to ensure that the king's reburial is carried out with dignity, solemnity and, above all, honour. At last, we have the opportunity to give Richard III what he was denied in 1485.'

Leicester Cathedral has agreed to hold a special service for members of the Society on Monday 23 March.

The Richard III Society again pays tribute to Philippa Langley and the Looking for Richard team who led the determined and successful campaign to locate King Richard's grave.

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About the Richard III Society

With a worldwide membership and local branches the Society is actively engaged in original research through its own initiatives and through collaboration with other institutions bodies and scholars. Through the Richard III and Yorkist History Trust, a charitable body established by the Society, we publish important academic works and make research grants.

The Society publishes an annual journal, *The Ricardian*, with original articles on fifteenth century history and a quarterly members' magazine the *Ricardian Bulletin*.

Members of the Richard III Society are available for media interview on any topic concerning the life and times of Richard III, the Leicester dig or any related matter.

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