



Somerset Group

2018 Events Programme

All events are held in Wells Town Hall unless otherwise stated

20th January 1.30 – 5pm: Part 1 - Clothing and Sumptuary Laws of the Middle Ages – Tamara Spring, Glastonbury

Part 2 Abbey Wardrobe Volunteer - An opportunity to bring along and model or display any outfits we have individually, with some explanation of different items of clothing. Afternoon Tea.

17th February 1.30 - 5pm: Talk on Francis Lovell, Richard's staunchest friend and ally in two parts by Stephen David.
Afternoon Tea

17th March 1.30 – 5pm: Talk by Chris Skidmore, MP for Kingswood Bristol, and Cabinet Minister for the Constitution on his new book *Richard III Brother, Protector, King*. Afternoon tea.

21st April 10.30 – 12.30: Drop in Coffee Morning. An opportunity to socialise and share informally in Ricardian news, information and discussion.

19th May: To be arranged

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16th June: To be arranged

21st July 1.30 – 5pm: Studying King Richard's Coronation with possible informal read through re/re-enact parts of the Ceremony.

18th August: All day event in Wells. Visit by Philippa Langley, leader of the *Looking for Richard Project* to talk about her *Missing Princes Project*. Visit by Matthew Lewis to talk about the subject of his new book *The Survival of the princes in the Tower*. Commemorative Bosworth service (to be arranged). Opportunity to share lunch.

15th September 1.30 – 5pm: Mini Study Day on writing about King Richard and the Wars of the Roses (ideally with non-fiction and fiction writers).

29th September: Richard III Society AGM and Members Day in Leicester. There will be an exclusive opening of Leicester Cathedral with refreshments for members of the Society.

20th October: Richard III Society Somerset Group AGM and Commemoration of King Richard's birthday.

17th November 10.30 – 12.30: Drop in Coffee morning in Wells Town Hall.

8th December (please note 2nd Saturday of month instead of 3rd) 10.30 – 12.30: Christmas drop in Coffee morning, Wells Town Hall.

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Further proposals

A “do it yourself” overnight trip to Ludlow in the summer has been suggested. Further information to follow.

There is an event happening at Minster Lovell, Oxfordshire in connection with the publication of Stephen David’s book on Francis Lovell, so this may form the basis of a possible visit there.

Also short talks by members on relevant topics of their choice – please contact Helena if you would like to offer anything.

Further information is available from the Secretary.

Secretary: Helena Smith.