

## **BRANCH PROGRAMME 2011 – 2012**

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 VENUE:**

**Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre  
Grantham, NG31 9PY.**

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

### **SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER**

#### **'MIEVEAL GARDENS AND GARDENERS'**

**An illustrated talk by Loretta Rivett.**

**Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 8.00 pm.**

### **FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER – Please Note the Day**

#### **A WHITE CHRISTMAS AT BLENHEIM PALACE**

Home to the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, Blenheim is a masterpiece of English Baroque Architecture. Surrounded by fabulous gardens, the magnificent palace will be decorated for Christmas with sparkling icicles, snow flakes and silver white birches. Stunning costumes from the English National Ballet production of 'The Snow Queen' will be on show in the Long Gallery.

We will have a private guided tour of the house. You will then have free time to do as you wish: explore the gardens, have lunch or shop. Blenheim has a self service restaurant and four shops stocked with Christmas goodies. If you wish to take a packed lunch, Blenheim also has picnic areas.

**Price - £33.00 per person – Includes coach, guided tour and access to gardens. Pick up:**

**Long Bennington, Royal Oak 8.00 am; Stamford Bus Station 8.45 am.**

**PLEASE BOOK WITH JEAN NOW. Cheques payable to JEAN.**

### **SATURDAY 03 DECEMBER**

#### **BRANCH CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The Welby Arms, Allington, Nr Grantham, Lincs.

Time: 7.30 for 8.00 pm.

Price: £19.95 for a 3-course meal

£15.95 for a 2-course meal + tea/coffee

**Menu choice available from Jean.**

**PLEASE BOOK WITH JEAN NOW. Cheques payable to Richard III Society Lincolnshire Branch.**

### **SATURDAY 21 JANUARY – Please Note The Date**

#### **MEMBERS' EVENING**

A lighthearted evening for members to get-together over tea, coffee and cake. There will be a game of Ricardian Bingo with a superb prize for the winner. Plus a silly quiz for those who like a challenge.

Not forgetting the usual 'Were You There?' slides from Jean.

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 8.00 pm.

### **SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY**

#### **'RICHARD III – A BLOODY TYRANT?'**

**An Illustrated talk by Dr Phil Stone.**

Phil is Chairman of The Richard III Society.  
Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 8.00 pm

**SATURDAY 31 MARCH**  
**'ART IN BURGUNDY IN THE 15TH CENTURY'**

**An illustrated talk by Bob Moulder.**  
Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 8.00 pm

**SATURDAY 14 APRIL**  
**COACH OUTING TO CLIFTON HOUSE & SANDRINGHAM**

Clifton House is the family home of Dr Simon Thurley, who is head of English Heritage. Simon has very kindly allowed us to visit his house and we will be given a tour by his neighbour, Dr Paul Richards. Clifton House is a Grade I listed merchant's house and dates from the 1300s to 1740. It is famous for its 13th Century tiled floor and is a very rare medieval survival which has been beautifully restored as a family home.

We will then go from the Middle Ages to the Edwardian time-warp of Sandringham, home of Her Majesty, The Queen. You will have access to the house, gardens, museum and church. Sandringham has plenty of eating places or take your own food for the day. Like Clifton House, Sandringham is a rare survival of another age.

Price - £35.00 per person – includes coach, tour of Clifton House and entry to Sandringham.

**Pick up Wrights' Newark depot 8.30 am; Long Bennington 9.00 am.**

**Please book with JEAN BEFORE END OF FEBRUARY. Cheques payable to JEAN.**  
**\*\*\*\*NB. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO GO TO SANDRINGHAM and wish to spend the day in Kings Lynn, we will pick you up on the way home – see Jean for revised price.**

**SATURDAY 28 APRIL**  
**'PACKHORSES AND PACK ROADS FROM THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD TO THE 19TH CENTURY'**

**An illustrated talk by Wendy Freer.**  
Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 8.00 pm

**MONDAY 07 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. Prizes: – items suitable for dry indoor storage to CHRIS & ANDY LIGHT; items suitable for garage storage to MAUREEN & RICHARD WHEELDON. Offers of help to the Lights & the Wheelcons please. An organised timetable of helpers can then be drawn up – even a couple of hours of your time would be welcome.

**SUNDAY 13 – WEDNESDAY 16 MAY – Please Note The Date**  
**A LONG WEEKEND IN PERTSHIRE**

Based at the Hilton Dunkeld House Hotel, on the outskirts of Dunkeld. Originally built by the 7th Duke of Atholl as his summer home, it sits beside the River Tay in 280 acres of tranquil, unspoilt countryside. The hotel has a terrace with full views over the river and a garden bar. Facilities include a health club with a swimming pool, spa, sauna, steam room, all weather tennis court, private salmon fishing and French boules on the lawn. All rooms are ensuite.

Pertshire is a beautiful area, bursting with historic houses, castles, lovely towns and stunning scenery.

Price – £290.00 per person – inclusive of coach pick ups, bed, breakfast, evening meals and all visits.

All rooms are doubles. Single occupancy supplement is £90.00 inclusive. Only nine single supplement rooms are available, so first come, first served.

\*\*\*\*\*Insurance can be obtained from Jean but must be paid at the time of booking – cost is £15.50 per person.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT JEAN CANNOT SECURE THE HOTEL ROOMS OR PROVIDE AN ITINERARY UNLESS A MINIMUM OF 25 PEOPLE BOOK TO GO ON THIS TRIP. PLEASE BOOK WITH JEAN NOW WITH £30.00 DEPOSIT. Cheques payable to JEAN.**

**Coach pick up times to be advised.**

### **SATURDAY 19 MAY BRANCH GRAND AUCTION**

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

**THE BRANCH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT AT THIS EVENT**

Please donate an item or items for sale. We will auction anything in good condition, If you cannot attend the auction, please give your item to Jean; otherwise bring it along on the night.

Please bring a contribution to the Pot Luck Supper (finger food only) and your own drink.

Family and friends are welcome at this FUN evening, so please join in.

Please fill in the booking form supplied and return to JEAN by the end of APRIL at the latest.

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

### **SUNDAY 17 JUNE - Please Note The Day COACH OUTING TO COLCHESTER AND LAYER MARNEY TOWER**

We will visit Colchester Castle Museum which is housed in the largest Norman castle keep in Europe and contains an extensive display of objects. We will then have free time in Colchester to explore or have lunch. (The castle has a picnic area should you wish to bring your own food.)

In the afternoon we will have a private guided tour of Layer Marney Tower, followed by a cream tea. Layer Marney is owned by Nicholas Charrington, who may well be our tour guide during the visit. The Tower was built during the reign of Henry VIII and was intended to surpass the work at Hampton Court. It is a fascinating building which also has superb outbuildings, including the long gallery with its magnificent oak roof and a medieval barn built in 1450. It has lovely gardens and the church will be open for a visit.

Price - £41.50 – includes coach pick ups, entry to the castle, the tour of Layer Marney and the cream tea.

**Please book with JEAN by end of APRIL. Cheques payable to JEAN.**

**Coach pick up times to be advised.**

### **SATURDAY 14 JULY THE MUGASETH MEMORIAL LECTURE 'CLIMBING BRITAIN'S CATHEDRALS'**

**An illustrated lecture by Dr Jonathan Foyle.**

Following his successful series on BBC Television, Jonathan will share with us his experiences climbing some of Britain's great cathedrals. Jonathan is known for his TV series 'History Mysteries' and 'Hidden House History'. He makes regular appearances on Time Team and is the Chief Executive of the World Monuments Fund, Britain. An inspired lecturer – Not To Be Missed!!!.

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

**Time 7.30pm £6.00 per ticket.**

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

### **SATURDAY 04 AUGUST BRANCH FUND RAISING EVENING 'THE DARK HISTORY OF MONARCHY 1066 – 1603''**

**An illustrated talk by Jean Townsend.**

A whistle stop tour through centuries of Betrayal, Murder, Atrocities and Treason.

We will have a raffle and a 'Bring and Buy' table. Please donate items for the raffle to CAROL LEWIS and bring items for the table on the night – anything nice that will raise cash. (Cakes, jams and homemade produce always sell well but any attractive item is welcome.)

Tickets £4.00 – includes tea/coffee and cake.

Offers of help and home made cakes please to our Refreshment Ladies, CHRIS LIGHT & JEAN WHITTAKER.

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 to Richard III Society Lincolnshire Branch.**

### **SUNDAY 12 AUGUST**

#### **BRANCH PICNIC AT FULBECK MANOR, LINCOLNSHIRE FOLLOWED BY A GUIDED TOUR OF THE HOUSE.**

Fulbeck Manor is a real family home and contains some very interesting items, including 400 years of family portraits.

Bring your picnic and a chair. We will have our picnic in the garden of the manor, by kind permission of the owner, Mr Julian Fane who will give us a guided tour of the house. We will then have tea in the Old Stables at Fulbeck Craft Centre.

Meet 12.30 pm for the picnic; 2.00 pm house tour; 4.00 pm tea.

Price - £10.50 fully inclusive.

**Book with JEAN by the end of May. Cheques to JEAN.**

### **FRIDAY 07 – MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**

#### **WEEKEND TRIP – EXPLORING NORTHERN FRANCE**

This part of France is just over the Channel but has some fascinating and little known places to explore, such as the historic town of Montreuil-sur-Mer and Saint-Valery-sur-Somme. It also has attractive villages and a wealth of other historic sites.

Since it was a majority decision to go over the water, Jean thought that Northern France would be a more economical choice in these turbulent times!

**JEAN IS UNABLE TO SECURE HOTELS OR PUT TOGETHER AN ITINERARY UNTIL A MINIMUM OF 25 PEOPLE HAVE BOOKED.**

**\*\*\*\*\* A DEPOSIT OF £30.00 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED ASAP.**

**Cheques payable to JEAN.**

**Price/hotel/pick ups – To be advised.**

**A detailed information sheet will be provided once the required number of people have confirmed.**

**NB – Jean does require a returnable deposit NOW to show intent.**

### **SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER**

#### **BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Community Centre – 8.00 pm

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