

# The Richard III Society

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

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## SCREENWRITER WHO LED THE SEARCH FOR RICHARD III TO UNVEIL PLAQUE AT THE INN WHERE THE PROJECT BEGAN

On Saturday 12 April 2014, a commemorative plaque will be unveiled by Philippa Langley, who conceived and spearheaded the successful Looking For Richard Project that discovered the remains of King Richard III in September 2012. The plaque will mark the spot where the search was set in motion at the Cramond Inn, Edinburgh in 2009.

This event will be the first official commemoration of the Looking For Richard Project which carried out the research, commissioned the archaeology and raised funding for the search for Richard III at a car park in Leicester. The three week project was principally financed by the Richard III Society and its members.

The wall plaque will be accompanied by a portrait of the last Plantagenet monarch by artist, Cynthia Waterman.

Professor Caroline Wilkinson from the University of Dundee, who recreated the face of Richard III using 3D facial reconstruction techniques commissioned by the Richard III Society, will see the plaque unveiled.

The Richard III Society has among its aims the promotion of research into the life and times of Richard III. It was founded in 1924 in the belief that many features of the 'traditional accounts' of this king are 'neither supported by sufficient evidence nor reasonably tenable'.

The TV documentary *Richard III: The King in the Car Park*, based on the Looking For Richard Project, recently won the prestigious Royal Television Society Award. The film followed Philippa Langley's long search for the grave of Richard III. Airing on 4 February 2013, it became Channel 4's highest rated specialist factual show ever.

Philippa, the secretary of the Scottish Branch of the Society, is working on a motion picture script aimed at telling Richard's real story on film and is currently in talks with Hollywood and the UK film industry.

Dr Phil Stone, Chairman of the Richard III Society said, "The plaque to mark the start of Philippa's journey with the hugely successful Looking For Richard Project recognises her determination and vision which has resulted in the momentous find."

He added, "The project has been a landmark event in the Society's history, and perhaps its full impact is yet to be realised".

On unveiling the plaque, Philippa thanked the Chairman, and the Scottish Branch, and said, "The plaque marks where the Looking For Richard Project first started in the Cramond Inn on 21 February 2009. Three and a half years later we uncovered the remains of the last warrior King of England right where we said he would be."

She added: "It is a great honour to unveil this plaque on behalf of the Scottish Branch of the Society and all those involved in the Looking For Richard Project, specifically Dr John Ashdown-Hill, Annette Carson, Dr David and Wendy Johnson, and Dr Phil Stone."

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Photographs:

'The blue plaque in the Cramond Inn, Edinburgh' 'Philippa Langley outside the Cramond Inn, Edinburgh'

Philippa will be unveiling the plaque at 2pm on Saturday 12 April 2014.

Interviews and photo call:

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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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