



South Staffordshire Group

2018 Events Programme

Our 2018 programme suggested by a member is based on the Neville family - a family so important in the life and fate of Richard III. The Neville marriages brought in most of the key players in the Wars of the Roses.

26th January: Joan Beaufort - Richard III's grandmother, daughter of John of Gaunt. Responsible for rise of the Nevilles.

23rd February: Cecily Neville - Duchess of York - we have done her before but such an important character worth revisiting.

30th March: Richard Neville Earl of Salisbury - notable soldier, ally of Richard Duke of York.

27th April: Richard Earl of Warwick - 'kingmaker' and his family - we have discussed him before but also worth revisiting.

25th May: Eleanor Neville - sister to Cicely; married to Percy, Earl of Northumberland. What role did the Percy's play in the War of the Roses?

24th June: John Neville - brother to Kingmaker, life long friend of Richard? Briefly Earl of Northumberland. A tragic life? and George Neville brother, leading churchman.

The Richard III Society

Patron: HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO

27th July: Ann Neville, sister to Cecily. Married to the Duke of Buckingham. Role of the Buckingham.

31st August: William Neville Lord Fauconburg - brother to Cecily - last Neville loyal to Richard?

28th September: Cecily Neville - sister to the Kingmaker - married to the Earl of Worcester 'a butcher' ? and Eleanor Neville her sister married to Lord Stanley later husband of Margaret Beaufort.

26th October: Katherine Neville - Kingmaker's sister - married to Hastings.

30th November: Margaret Neville - married to the Earl of Oxford, long standing and key Lancastrian supporter.

We also hope to make possibly three visits during the year.

At present we shall continue meeting at the Moon Under Water Lichfield Street Wolverhampton 12.30 to 2.30 on the last Friday of the month. If anyone is keen to join the group and is unable to make this then there is always the possibility of changing the date or venue. It would be advisable to contact Susan Martin (Secretary) first.

Further information is available from the Secretary.

Secretary: Susan Martin.