

GOOD KING RICHARD

Investigate Richard III and you will find a very different man from the one you see on stage today.

RICHARD III SOCIETY



Founded by Dr Saxon Barton in 1924
Patron HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCMG

Richard died in battle and his supporters were silenced. Henry Tudor's claim to the throne was weak and he blackened Richard III's name to justify taking it.

Most historical accounts of Richard date from after the battle at Bosworth which began the Tudor Age. No one dared to defend the late King. Shakespeare used these sources and, through the genius of his writing, an evil caricature was created.

There is no contemporary evidence that:

- Richard was deformed
- the Princes were killed in his reign
- he was responsible for killing the numerous people alleged in Shakespeare's portrayal, including his wife, Anne, Henry VI or the Duke of Clarence.

This is not to say that Richard was a saint – he lived in turbulent times - but the real man was a faithful son and loyal brother. His one Parliament showed his desire to rule justly and well.

The Richard III Society was founded in 1924 by people unconvinced by Tudor myths. Today it has a worldwide membership of some 4,400 based mainly in the United Kingdom, the United States and Australasia.

The Society's Patron, HRH the Duke of Gloucester, has said: *"The purpose and indeed strength of the Richard III Society derive from the belief that the truth is more important than the lies It is proof of our sense of civilized values that something as esoteric and fragile as reputation is worth campaigning for."*

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