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1975

BUS TO BOSWORTH *BBC TV*: Kenneth Griffith and local school children trace Henry Tudor's route through Wales.

DIE LANDSHUTER HOCHZEIT VON 1475. A legacy from the late Isolde Wigram, this 35-minute video is a commercial recording of the festivities in 1975 (re-staged every four years) at Landshut, Bavaria, commemorating the wedding of George, son and heir of Duke Ludwig the Rich, to Princess Hedwig*, daughter of Casimir IV of Poland. The original event lasted for eight days and was attended by various European nobles. The film opens with a local chronicler who witnessed the occasion writing his account some years later. He appears in flashback as a younger man observing the festival, the wedding procession and the ceremony in St Martin's church. Formal court dances follow the wedding banquet, and then the music and dances of the townspeople, and finally the tilting and jousting of the knights, all re-enacted on a lavish and magnificent scale. Although the commentary is in German the proceedings are easy to follow, but as an added aid copies of the accounts from the *Bulletin* of 1993 (Lynda Pidgeon and Stefanie Schonleber) and 1997 (Jasmin Fohrenbach) will be included. The next re-staging is due in 2013.

*See biography in *Bulletin* March 2003 p 60 R. Diefemhardt-Schmitt

1977

DISCOVERIES *BBC TV*: 'The Hastings Hours'. Dr Thomas Kren looks at the MS and similar Books of Hours. [Includes tour of Bruges, other programmes featuring this city and excerpts available.]

ROYAL HERITAGE *BBC TV*: 'The Medieval Kings' and 'The Tudors'. Huw Weldon on royal castles, art and artefacts of the Plantagenets, Henry II – Richard II.

1983

TIMEWATCH *BBC TV*: 'Richard III' biography with Desmond Seward, Jeremy Potter (past Chairman, Richard III Society), Dr. Rosemary Horrox and Dr. Pamela Tudor-Craig (Lady Wedgwood).

NATIONWIDE *BBC TV*: Hugh Scully interviews Jack Leslau and Jeremy Potter (past Chairman, Richard III Society).

PEBBLE MILL AT ONE *BBC TV*: Frank Delaney interviews Sharon K. Penman, American novelist ['The Sunne in Splendour'].

GOOD KING RICHARD III *Yorkshire TV*: Middleham celebrations, biography of Richard III. With Society's Patron HRH The Duke of Gloucester, Jeremy Potter (past Chairman, Richard III Society), etc.

CORONATION OF RICHARD III: Re-enactment by Canadian Branch, Richard III Society. Excerpts from ceremony and interviews with participants.

HARTY GOES TO YORKSHIRE: Russell Harty visits Middleham. Excerpt with Lincoln Group Richard III Society.

CHANNEL 4 NEWS: Nostell Priory. Thomas More family group painting and Jack Leslau 'rebus' theory.

BBC TV and local news bulletins: Middleham jewel sale at Sotheby's.

1984

THE TRIAL OF RICHARD III *London Weekend Television*: Modern trial by jury of Richard III on the charge of murdering the Princes. (Also now available on DVD).

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW: Richard III Society members with Wax Chandler's float in procession (excerpt).

1985

BREAKFAST TIME *BBC TV*: 22nd August. Madame Tussaud's new figure of Richard III – interview with Elizabeth Nokes (Secretary and Editor of the Bulletin, Richard III Society). Frank Bough and Danny Boreham of the 'Plantagenet Society' on Battle of Bosworth re-enactment.

NEWSNIGHT *BBC TV*: 22nd August. Bosworth / Dadlington battlefield site. Location report on controversy with interviews from Dr. D. T. Williams and Dr. David Starkey.

BLUE PETER *BBC Children's TV*: Simon Groom visits Bosworth.

YEOMEN OF THE GUARD: Warders visit Bosworth in quincentenary year. (Excerpt.)

1986

TIMEWATCH *BBC TV*: Dr. David Starkey biography on Henry VII, with John Gillingham, Dr. Carole Rawcliffe, etc.

EARLY TUDOR GOVERNMENT *Channel 4 TV*: Illustrated talk by Dr. David Starkey.

1987

THE BATTLE OF MORTIMER'S CROSS: Dramatised documentary on Edward IV's 1461 battle. (SPOT video production.)

BOATING BUTLER *BBC TV*: Canal tour visit to Bosworth and Leicester. Includes Midlands Group Richard III Society. (Excerpt.)

ABOUT BRITAIN *ITV*: 'Heralds and the College of Arms', plus an excerpt from 'Fotheringhay' programme.

THE HOWARD INHERITANCE *BBC TV*: Biography of the Howard family, Arundel Castle, etc.

NORTHERN LIFE *Tyne Tees TV*: Robert Hardy re-opening the keep at Middleham Castle.

HIGHWAY *ITV*: Harry Secombe visits Middleham to see the church and jewel. (Brief excerpt.)

TREASURE HOUSES *BBC TV*: Mark Curry on Canterbury and Becket / Westminster Abbey.

COUNTRYFILE *BBC TV*: British Battlefields Register. Brief excerpt on Bosworth.

1989

TIMEWATCH *BBC TV*: 'Witness': Margaret Paston, with Harriet Walter, Dr. Caroline Barron, Dr. Carole Rawcliffe, Colin Richmond, etc.

THE CHEF'S APPRENTICE: Recreating a medieval feast for Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick.

THE MIDDLE AGES *BBC Schools TV*: Warwick Castle.

1990

NATIONAL GALLERY PRIVATE VIEW *part 2*: 'The Early Renaissance in Italy' and 'The Northern Renaissance': 2 short films on the 15th century flowering of art, mainly Italy / Netherlands.

MASTERS OF DEFENCE: 2 short films from the Royal Armouries at the Tower of London: 'Civilian Swords and Swordmanship in Europe, 1500 – 1800' and 'How a Man Shall be Armyd' showing how full Elizabethan armour was donned piece by piece [much is also relevant to the 15th century].

1993

THINGS THAT DON'T EXIST: RICHARD III'S HUMP *Channel 4 TV*: With Gordon Marsden, Editor, 'History Today'.

LANDMARKS *BBC 2 TV*: Dr. David Starkey on Henry VII.

COUNTRYFILE *BBC TV*: Excerpt on Bosworth Battlefield. With John Craven.

1994

COOKING OILS *BBC TV*: Brian Sewell and Roy Ackermann recreate the feast of the Duke de Berri.

PAINTING THE WORLD: National Gallery 15th century painters, Donne triptych, etc.

1995

TEWKESBURY *Video made by Lionel Pitt*: Battle of Tewkesbury re-enactment (July 1995) and 2 costume dramas in Tewkesbury Abbey: 'Battle Remembrance' (July 1994), 'The Savagery of Men' (July 1995). [Rather poor sound quality due to difficult acoustics in the Abbey.]

WILL THE REAL RICHARD III?: Short student experimental documentary looking at the character of Richard III with Elizabeth Kuti, Trinity College, Dublin.

THE WARS OF THE ROSES: 'Blood, Treachery and Cold Steel'. Dramatised documentary narrated by Brian Blessed [with accompanying booklet – an extract from 'A Short History of the English People' by J R Green, first published 1892]. (Cromwell Films.)

PEBBLE MILL AT ONE *BBC TV*: St George's Day visit to Warwick Castle with Alan Titchmarsh, Robert Hardy and 'Kingmaker' exhibit.

1997

WILDLIFE ON ONE *BBC TV*: 'Wild Boar: King of the Wildwood'.

ONE FOOT IN THE PAST *BBC 2 TV*: On the 'rebuilding' of Crosby Hall.

WAR WALKS *BBC TV*: Agincourt and Bosworth with Professor Richard Holmes.

1998

ROSA MUNDI *Tyne Tees Television*: The 15th century re-enactment group appearing at Warkworth Castle, Northumberland.

1999

IN SEARCH OF HISTORY: THE MISSING PRINCES OF ENGLAND *History Channel*: With Martha Andresen (USA), Dr. A. J. Pollard, Colin Richmond, Peter Hammond (Vice President, Richard III Society) and Bill White.

TALES FROM THE TOWER *History Channel*: (1) 'The Spider's Web': Richard III and the murder of the princes. (2) 'Palace of Death': the murder of Henry VI.

CROWN AND COUNTRY *History Channel*: Edward Windsor (Prince Edward) narrates the series on historic towns and events. Excerpts from programmes on the Brays of Shere, the Battle of St. Albans, Westminster Abbey and Hall, Arundel Castle, Salisbury and Winchester.

HART-DAVIES ON HISTORY *BBC TV*: Adam Hart-Davies hears 'Richard III' (Michael Bennett) blame Tudor spin doctors for his wretched reputation. Plus excerpts from HISTORY HOUR visit to Leicester.

1999 continued

HISTORY HOUR *BBC TV*: Excerpts from visit to Leicester. (On tape listed above.)

BLOOD RED ROSES *Channel 4 TV*: On the Battle of Towton and excavation of mass graves.

2000

VILLAIN OF THE MILLENNIUM *Awards ITV*: 'Richard III' with Clive James. (Excerpt.)

MILLENNIUM – THE MUSICAL: Bob Godfrey cartoon – excerpt 'Wars of the Roses and Richard III'.

ARMS IN ACTION *Channel 4 TV*: Series on armour, weapons, castles of the Middle Ages, etc.

KINGS AND BEASTS *BBC 2 TV*: On the Royal Menagerie in the Tower of London.

WE ARE HISTORY *BBC 2 TV*: David Oxley spoof documentary on Richard III and the princes.

HISTORY OF BRITAIN *BBC TV*: Simon Schama: 'King Death' covers the plague, Richard II, the Wars of the Roses (very briefly) and the Paston Letters. Richard III not mentioned in commentary, but shots of Bosworth Field and Stowe carving shown.

2001

GREAT ESTATES *Channel 4 TV*: 'Behind the scenes' look at the annual renovation of the Tussaud's figures at Warwick Castle – includes scenes of the *Kingmaker 1471* display and interview with the 'Warwick Archer' historical interpreter.

2002

CASTLE GHOSTS OF ENGLAND: With Robert Hardy. Includes Muncaster Castle (Henry VI), Sudeley and Tower of London.

History Channel: Biographical film on Henry VII. (Cromwell Films.)

THE TOWER *Channel 4 TV Series*: 'The Bloody Tower' with Alison Weir.

KINGS AND QUEENS *Channel 5 TV*: 'Henry V' and 'Richard III' episodes with Nigel Spivey (University of Cambridge).

RICHARD AND JUDY *Channel 4 TV*: Earliest printed medieval cookbook with Lord Bath, Longleat.

ARTHUR, THE FORGOTTEN PRINCE: Video of re-enactment of funeral procession and service Worcester Cathedral.

WARRIOR SCHOOL *Channel 5 TV*: With John Waller, Master of Arms, Royal Armouries, Leeds, at Bolton Castle.

TWO MEN IN A TRENCH *BBC 2 TV*: Tony Pollard and Neil Oliver. Archaeological investigations of battlefields. Episodes on Shrewsbury, Barnet and Flodden available.

BATTLEFIELD DETECTIVES *Channel 5 TV*: 'Agincourt's Dark Secret' with Matthew Bennett.

2003

THE BLOODY TOWER OF LONDON *History Channel*.

MYSTERY HUNTERS *Canadian TV*: Schoolchildren investigate the mystery of the Princes and local ghost stories. Includes brief interview with Wendy Moorhen (Research Officer, Richard III Society).

2003 continued

THE WARS OF THE ROSES *History Channel Series*: (1) 'The Two Roses', (2) 'The Rose of Rouen', (3) 'The Kingmaker', (4) 'One Perfect Rose'. With John Watt, Dr. Rosemary Horrox, Ian Dawson, Christine Carpenter and Wendy Moorhen (Research Officer, Richard III Society). (Cromwell Films.)

GREAT BATTLES *Discovery Channel*: 'The Battle of Bosworth' with Crispin Swayne at Sutton Cheney church and Ambion Hill – traditional site of battle.

BRITAIN'S FINEST CASTLES *Channel 5 TV*: 'Top Ten' castles with Professor Richard Holmes.

GLORY OF GOTHIC *Channel 5 TV*: V & A Gothic exhibition. Selection of items from display and tour of churches and cathedrals of the period. With Dr. Richard Marks, etc.

IN SEARCH OF SHAKESPEARE *BBC TV*: With Michael Wood. (4 parts.)

LOOK IN *BBC Midlands TV*: Dr. Michael K. Jones on the alternative Bosworth battle site at Merevale.

BRITAIN'S BEST BUILDINGS *BBC 2 TV*: Dan Cruikshank on Windsor Castle and St George's Chapel in the reigns of Edward III, Edward IV and George IV.

ROYAL DEATHS AND DISEASES *Channel 4 TV*: With Dr. Carole Rawcliffe and Tig Lang. Includes Henry V (Shrewsbury wound) and diagnosis of Henry VI's illness.

CASTLES *Channel 4 TV*: Marc Morris in a six part series.

2004

FACT OR FICTION *Channel 4 TV*: Tony Robinson investigates the reign of Richard III, with Dr. Michael K. Jones, Dr. A. J. Pollard, Keith Dockray and Anne Sutton (Editor of the *Ricardian*), with the follow-up programme 'Britain's Real Monarch', which attempts to trace the descendants of Clarence, based on the assumption of Edward IV's illegitimacy.

RICHARD AND JUDY *Channel 4 TV*: On the sale of early and royal autograph documents, including one of Henry VII.

TERRY JONES' MEDIEVAL LIVES *BBC 2 TV*: Author and ex-Python actor on the reigns of Richards I, II and III. Humorous examination with 'animated' medieval manuscripts. [Episode on 'The Knight' also available.]

HISTORYONICS *BBC 1 TV*: Nick Knowles' idiosyncratic, 'off the wall' examination of the Ricardian controversy. With Professor Ronald Hutton.

THE TEN MILLION POUND HOUSE *Channel 4 TV*: 'Time Team Special' on Ightham Mote, Kent, with Tony Robinson.

WEAPONS THAT MADE BRITAIN *Channel 4 TV*: 'The Sword' Mike Loades on its importance at battle of Barnet; 'Longbow', and episode on 'Armour' with Dr. Michael K. Jones on battle of Verneuil (1449).

SEVEN AGES OF BRITAIN *Channel 4 TV*: Parts 6 & 7: Bettany Hughes; Black Death – Henry VIII (includes material on the Pastons).

TIMEWATCH *BBC 2 TV*: Discovery of medieval ship connected with Warwick the Kingmaker on River Usk.

WORLD'S WORST CENTURY *Channel 4 TV*: 'Agincourt' with Tony Robinson. Detailing the parts played by English archers and Davy Gam, and three French knights, with Juliet Barker, Craig Taylor, Tobias Capwell and Dr. Michael K. Jones.

2004 continued

MONARCHY by Dr. David Starkey. *Channel 4 TV*: Episode covering the reigns of the 15th century kings from Richard II to Henry VI.

2005

THE TOURNAMENT *Channel 4 TV*: Mike Loades trains four novice combatants for the joust.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A MASTERPIECE *BBC 2 TV*: Paulo Uccello's 'Battle of San Romano' (1438). Re-unites the three separate panels of this masterpiece from different galleries.

THE PRINCES IN THE TOWER *Channel 4 TV*: Drama-documentary based on the interrogation of Perkin Warbeck, with flashbacks to earlier events and offering a new solution to the 'Mystery of the Princes'.

BRITAIN'S GREATEST MONARCH *Channel 5 TV*: (excerpt). Dr. Anne Sutton defends Richard III's reputation.

MONARCHY *Channel 4 TV*: 'The Crown Imperial'. Dr. David Starkey on the Yorkist Kings and Henry VII.

2006

HISTORY MYSTERIES *BBC 2 TV*: 'The Man With Two Tombs': Jonathan Foyle investigates the memorials to William Canynge in St Mary Redcliffe Church, Bristol.

LONDON NEWS *BBC TV*: On the sale of the 'Wenlock Jug' (acquired for Luton Museum), associated with John, Lord Wenlock's family. (He was killed at Battle of Tewkesbury 1471).

MY FAMOUS FAMILY *UKTV History Channel*: 2 episodes: (1) Rachel Corfield and her ancestor Margaret, Countess of Salisbury and (2) James Lloyd Mostyn descended from the family who fought at Bosworth.

HIDDEN TREASURE HOUSES *Channel 5 TV*: James Miller visits Arundel and Berkeley Castles.

A TUDOR FEAST AT CHRISTMAS *BBC 2 TV*: Historic Royal Palaces staff from Hampton Court recreate a medieval/Tudor feast in the kitchens of Haddon Hall, Derbyshire.

2007

FLOG IT! *BBC 2 TV*: Paul Martin interviews Wendy Moorhen (Research Officer, Richard III Society) at Bosworth.

HOW WE BUILT BRITAIN *BBC 1 TV Series Part 1*: 'A New Dawn'. David Dimbleby tours the country visiting medieval sites including Castle Hedingham, Castle Rising, Walsingham, Oxburgh and Gainsborough Old Hall.

HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU? *BBC 2 TV*: Excerpt from satirical quiz show where Ian Hislop, Paul Martin and others 'send up' David Baldwin's book 'The Lost Prince' (Sutton 2007).

2008

RUSSELL GRANT'S POSTCARDS *Channel 5 TV*: visiting Tewkesbury Battlefield and Abbey as well as the 'Kingmaker 1471' exhibition at Warwick Castle.

WILLIAM MARSHALL: THE GREATEST KNIGHT *BBC2 TV*: Although principally an exploration of the twelfth-century figure, the programme contains scenes of medieval mêlée tournaments.

THE REAL KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE *Channel 4 TV*: Tony Robinson and the 'Time Team' investigate the Windsor site of Edward III's Round Table building.

2008 continued

INSIDE OUT *BBC TV East Midlands*: The latest research into the Bosworth Battlefield site, including interviews with Peter Foss and Glen Foard of the Battlefields Trust (kindly donated by Richard Smith).

BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT *ITV 1*: Hannah Scott-Joynt visits Windsor and Maidenhead, looking at royal patronage and associations. It includes tours of St George's and Eton College chapels.

MIDDLEHAM CASTLE – A ROYAL RESIDENCE: DVD produced and narrated by John Fox (for full details see pages 19-22 of the spring 2008 *Bulletin*).

2009

BLESSED MARGARET POLE, COUNTESS OF SALISBURY (Mary's Dowry Productions, 2009)

A short illustrated documentary on the life of Clarence's daughter Margaret: courtier, magnate and Catholic martyr. The narration is by Margaret herself, with the action mostly confined to impressions of her wandering in mute resignation, writing letters or gazing through windows from the ruins of her various homes and scenes of imprisonment: Farleigh and Warblington Castles and Cowdray House, always in the same dress, with the occasional fantastic and unhistorical headgear. A scene of Edward of Warwick in prison, looking rather older than he actually was, also suffers from inaccurate costuming when he is shown in 18th-century black and silver apparel. At least the writers seem to have been concerned to set the record straight regarding Margaret's miserable end. The only contemporary description of her execution reports that the 'young lad' (the usual executioner being absent) 'literally hacked her head and shoulders to pieces in the most pitiful manner'.

Members who would like to know more about Margaret might like to borrow *Margaret Pole, Countess of Salisbury 1473-1541* by Hazel Pierce (University of Wales Press, 273 pages, £40) from the Society's Library.

2010

SANDAL CASTLE: THE BATTLE OF WAKEFIELD 1460 AND BUILDING SANDAL'S CASTLES: DVD produced and narrated by John L. Fox.

The opening account of the battle is rather let down by the inclusion of cartoon-type graphic figures of the participants in the principal reconstruction scenes. Also the writers seem to have overlooked, or ignored, the most recent detailed appraisal of the battle by Keith Dockray and Richard Knowles (*The Ricardian*, June 1992, and subsequent reprint in booklet form) which presents evidence that contradicts a number of claims made in the film. For example, the fact that contemporary accounts show the castle was not fully provisioned (p. 244 and note 33) and also that the surrounding area was under cultivation, apart from Sandal Park, a palmed wood, and therefore does not support the traditional 'Lancastrian ambush' theory (p. 259).

For the 'computer reconstruction' of the buildings a sixteenth-century drawing exists (although not without its problems of interpretation, as pointed out), together with a three dimensional model in the local museum. Continental archetypes and possible influences on the design of the thirteenth-century castle and its subsequent developments are 'brought to life', including Richard III's additions to the gatehouse and keep. It concludes with observations on the much-quoted breakfast regulations 'for the children' in the king's household in the north (*Harleian MS 433*), raising false hopes that this might refer to the missing princes, but as demonstrated recently in the Autumn 2008 *Bulletin* (p. 17), this probably refers to Clarence's children and the daughters of Edward IV.

MYSTERY FILES – THE PRINCES IN THE TOWER: *National Geographic Channel* DVD

Contributors Tony Pollard, Michael K. Jones, Bertram Fields, Justin Luxford (from Eton College), Peter O'Donahue and the Society's Research Officer, Lynda Pidgeon, examine the eternal mystery of the missing princes with the aid of costumed actors, and discuss the case for the 'usual suspects', Buckingham or Henry VII, being their supposed murderer. The programme concluded with an examination of the claims of Perkin Warbeck.

JOHN SERGEANT ON THE TOURIST TRAIL *ITV1*: The presenter becomes a member of one of the visiting re-enactor groups at the annual Tewkesbury Festival restaging of the battle (courtesy of Ann Cole, Wilton).

2011

TIME TEAM SPECIAL – THE WARS OF THE ROSES *Channel 4 TV*: Despite the title this was primarily about Bosworth. An interview with Philippa Gregory, taking time out from book promotion, was interspersed with location scenes shot at last year's Bosworth Anniversary Weekend. Her assertion that the re-enactors showed a 'complete commitment to being authentic' was quickly demolished by scenes of fully-armoured Henry and Richard, indistinguishable without tabards, although at one point the latter was shown wearing one of his own boar livery jackets. He was even denied a circlet to his helm, so Henry had to be crowned with an improbable golden helmet.

As no actual archaeological excavations had to be undertaken, a good deal of the programme was devoted to artillery, with scientific analysis of the cannon balls found on the field, Phil Harding making replica cannon and Tony Robinson combing the Tower inventories for records of fifteenth-century ordnance. Tony interviewed Toby Capwell, who defined knights as the 'super heroes' of their time, and Tony Pollard (not Dr A.J.) on the dearth of more customary battlefield finds such as arrowheads, as at Towton. This led to a visit to Towton and the predictable examination of the injuries inflicted on the skeletons found in a mass grave there. Back at Bosworth, Glenn Foard, armed with a distribution map of the shot and other finds, finally revealed his new site for the battle.

TIME TEAM AT GROBY OLD HALL, LEICESTERSHIRE *Channel 4 TV*: Joining the owner and Tim Dillon from English Heritage was the ubiquitous Philippa Gregory, here more at home with the family history from the Norman builder of the castle keep on its motte, through William Lord Ferrers whose later work in the bailey was demolished in the late fourteenth century, to Thomas Grey, Marquis Dorset, who constructed the still surviving great brick tower. The narrative was enlivened by the characteristic drawings of Victor Ambrus. Enough surviving foundations emerged for the usual computer graphic recreations of the keep and other buildings such as the Great Hall with its oriel window, recalling that at Crosby Hall.

ROMANCE AND THE ROYALS *Channel 4 TV*: David Starkey on the background to love-matches in history, including Katherine Swynford, Elizabeth Woodville, etc. (see June 2011 *Bulletin*, pp.38-9).

A HISTORY OF THE WORLD: THE BATTLE OF TOWTON *BBC 4 TV* with Terry Deary, the author of *Horrible Histories*. Available as a 30-minute live-from-air DVD, or commercially produced disc with 55 minutes of 'extras', unused footage featuring experts on the Armoury, Tim Sutherland, Thom Richardson, John Waller, together with Julian Humphrys and Helen Cox, in association with the Towton Battlefield Society.

A RENAISSANCE EDUCATION *BBC4 TV*: Helen Castor and John Guy explore the extraordinary story of Thomas More's daughter, Margaret Roper, a woman who published a book at the age of nineteen in the male-dominated world of sixteenth-century learning.

CHILDREN OF THE MIDDLE AGES *BBC4 TV*: Stephen Baxter's forensic investigation of youngsters in medieval society, who had only a 50-50 chance of reaching adulthood. As a result of this high death rate, there were not enough adults to work the land, so many boys had dangerous, life-shortening jobs. Includes a brief reference to Margaret Beaufort.

HORRIBLE HISTORIES PROMENADE CONCERTS 2011 *BBC1 TV* (see September 2011 *Bulletin*, p. 29).

2012

TREASURES OF HEAVEN *BBC4 TV*: - Andrew Graham Dixon on the British Museum exhibition of holy relics and artefacts; also on the same disc *Vatican: the hidden world* and *Rossllyn Chapel: a treasure in stone*.

NATIONAL TREASURES LIVE *BBC1 TV*: - Dover and Portchester Castles, with Dan Snow.

THE PRIVATE LIVES OF MEDIEVAL KINGS *BBC4 TV*: - Dr Janina Ramirez presents a 3-part series to coincide with the British Library's *Royal Manuscripts: the genius of illumination* exhibition 2011-2012.

SHE WOLVES *BBC4 TV*: Dr Helen Castor examines the lives of (1) Queens Matilda and Eleanor and (2) Margaret of Anjou.

THE TOWER *Channel 4 TV*: 6-part series, narrated by Sean Pertwee (approximately 6 hours).

2012 continued

THE WARS OF THE ROSES: A BLOODY CROWN (2 hours 30 minutes including a special feature on 'Towton Graves'). According to the box 'respected historians [i.e. Andrew Boardman and Ian Dawson] provide expert analysis' along with demonstrations of arms and armour and the ubiquitous re-enactment sequences. 'Graphic animation explains the movement and tactics of the armies' together with 'narrated eyewitness accounts'. Superior to the earlier video by Cromwell Films (released in 1994) on the same subject, sub-titled *Blood, Treachery and Cold Steel*.

METALWORKS: THE KNIGHT'S TALE *BBC4 TV*: The Wallace Collection's Toby Capwell investigates the origins and evolution of the Greenwich Armouries, with visits to the lost site in London and the medieval de Vere effigies at Bures, Suffolk. Amongst the experts interviewed are Philippa Gregory, Angus Patters (V&A), and Thom Richardson (Royal Armouries) on the Henry VIII armours, as well as Stuart Phyr (Metropolitan Museum, New York), and the introduction of modern replica construction and engraving / etching techniques are demonstrated by armourer Jeff Wasson.

BRITAIN'S SECRET TREASURES *ITV1*: Michael Portillo looks at the Bosworth boar badge (see September 2012 *Bulletin*, p. 26).

Leicester Excavation Items all 12 September:

ONE O'CLOCK NEWS *BBC1 TV*: Anthony Bartram reports from the Guildhall Press Conference, with interviews with Lin Foxall, Philippa Langley and Michael Ibsen.

Also *ITV1 NEWS* and *Channel 5 TV NEWS* - notable for its quirky visual: when illustrating the Tower of London they showed the entrance to the nineteenth-century Waterloo Barracks.

LONDON TONIGHT *ITV1*: Sarah Harris interview with Michael Ibsen, when the presenter remarks on his resemblance to the modern copy of the Antiquaries portrait.

MOCK THE WEEK *BBC2 TV*: Satirical panel game - when dealing with the news of the Leicester dig it descends into an over-long competitive Star Wars (Darth Vader?) impersonation battle between Chairman Dara O'Briain and Chris Addison.

THE STORY OF WALES *BBC2 TV*: Huw Edwards presents Part 2 - *Owain Glyndwr* and the early fifteenth century, etc.; Part 3 - *Tracing Henry Tudor's* march through Wales and concluding with a 'two-man' recreation of Bosworth - a mounted Henry and Richard's body.

2013

RICHARD III – THE KING IN THE CAR PARK *Channel 4 TV*: with Simon Farnaby (90 minutes) and RICHARD III – THE UNSEEN STORY *More4 TV*: (60 minutes). Interspersed are re-enactment scenes recycled from Cromwell Films' video and DVD releases.

2013 continued

4 February BREAKFAST TIME *BBC TV*: Louise Hobbs live from Leicester interviews Michael Ibsen and Matthew Morris; NEWS AT 11 AM - Richard Buckley announces results at Leicester press conference, interviews with Dr Jo Appleby and Michael Ibsen; BREAKING NEWS *BBC Worldwide* - Louise Hobbs with a detailed report from the Leicester press conference; NEWS *BBC* - Jeremy Cooke live from Leicester, interview with Philippa Langley; NEWS *ITV* - Damon Green at Leicester press conference interviews Jo Appleby, Chris Skidmore and Michael Ibsen. Paul Davies on site in the trench in the car park; NEWS *Channel 5* - Peter Lane, on site report with Michael Ibsen, Philippa Langley and Richard Buckley; NEWS AT 6PM *BBC* - Jeremy Cooke in Leicester - Richard Buckley's announcement at the press conference, excerpt from 'BBC Shakespeare' with Ron Cook as Richard III, Philippa Langley; NEWS LONDON *ITV* - Glenn Goodman and Michael Ibsen on Bosworth Field, excerpts from Olivier's *Richard III* film, Dr Turi King on DNA results; NEWS AT 10PM *ITV* - Richard Buckley press conference and Paul Davies on site of dig; NEWS *Channel 5* - Philippa Langley, Turi King, excerpts from Olivier's *Richard III*, Asha Tanna reporting, interview with Philippa Langley 'live from Henley on Thames'; NEWSNIGHT *BBC2* - Kirsty Wark - studio interview with director Richard Eyre ('bad news for the Richard III Society today') and historian Susannah Lipscomb ('the Tudor propaganda wasn't just an ingenious invention'), Dan Jones' review of events and montage of excerpts, photos of Shakespearean Richards, and interview with the latest RSC actor in the role Jonjo O'Neill.

5 February NEWS *BBC* - 'Row over Burial' and 'Unveiling of Reconstructed Head' - interviews with Professor Mark Ormrod and Canon David Monteith, Richard Buckley and Philippa Langley at the Society of Antiquaries; NEWS *Channel 4* - on the facial reconstruction; NEWS AT 6PM *BBC* - Janice Aitken (University of Dundee) on the facial reconstruction, interview with Professor Mark Ormrod and 'vox pop' comments from the general public on the burial. Satirical and humorous excerpts: Charlie Brooker's NEWSWIPE *BBC2* on the facial reconstruction; 8 OUT OF 10 CATS *Channel 4* - Jimmy Carr and team's reactions to the week's news; THE JONATHAN ROSS SHOW *ITV* - introductory monologue on the week's events.

DRAMA: SHAKESPEARE AND CONTEMPORARIES

1955

RICHARD III: Sir Laurence Olivier's classic film version of Shakespeare's play, plus material from TV interviews, biographies etc. on making of the film. VHS transcription of USA DVD (released in 2004) containing a few minutes extra footage of Bosworth battle scene, TV and cinema trailers, stills and poster gallery, and recording of BBC TV 1965 'Great Acting', interview with Kenneth Tynan.

1980

SHAKESPEARE IN PERSPECTIVE *BBC TV*: Historical background to the plays: Michael Wood on the three parts of 'Henry VI', Rosemary Anne Sisson on 'Richard III'.

1994

RICHARD III *BBC TV* 'Animated Shakespeare' Series: Antony Sher as Richard (cartoon).

1996

RICHARD III: Sir Ian McKellen. With additional material, reviews, interviews, etc.

RICHARD III: SHOOTING SHAKESPEARE: Sir Ian McKellen, Richard Loncraine the director, and some of the actors talk about making Sir Ian's film of *Richard III*.

1997

LOOKING FOR RICHARD: Al Pacino's film, with additional material, reviews, interviews, etc.

1999

RICHARD III: Sir Frank Benson. Abbreviated record of 1911 Stratford production. (From 'Silent Shakespeare').

2003

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF KING RICHARD III: Video of the 1912 film produced in the USA starring Frederick Warde. The first significant Shakespeare film produced in America.

MODERN DRAMA

1939

THE TOWER OF LONDON: 'Historical' melodrama based loosely on historical sources, starring Basil Rathbone as Richard III, Vincent Price as Clarence and Boris Karloff as Mord the Executioner. Inventive, 'high-class', quality 'B' movie. (See *Bulletin* March 2011 pp17-19).

1962

THE TOWER OF LONDON: Inferior re-make of 1939 film. Vincent Price as Richard III. Directed by Roger Corman.

1972

THE SHADOW OF THE TOWER *BBC TV Series*. DVD box set now available. James Maxwell as Henry VII – 13 episodes (each approximately 50 minutes).

(1) *Crown in Jeopardy* (Bosworth and Lovell), (2) *Power in the Land* (Stafford rebellion), (3) *The Schooling of Apes* & (4) *The Crowning of Apes* (Simmel and Stoke), (5) *The Serpent and the Comforter* (Henry VII & heretic), (6) *The White Hart* & (7) *A Fly in the Ointment* (Warbeck), (8) *The Princely Gift* (Cabot), (9) *Do the Sheep Sin?* (Warbeck), (10) *The Man Who Never Was*, (11) *The Strange Shapes of Reality*, (12) *The Fledgling* (Warwick and Warbeck), (13) *The King Without a Face* (deaths of Elizabeth and Henry VII).

1996

LORD OF THE NORTH: 3 act play by Sydney L. Charlton. Based on episodes in the life of Richard III from Paul Murray Kendall's 1955 biography. Winner of the 1996 'People's Play Award'. Filmed by the author during dress rehearsals.

2003

THE ACTORS: (film). Neil Jordan, with Michael Caine, Dylan Moran. Comedy, includes scenes from a disastrous 'Third Reich' production of 'Richard III'.

2005

AN AUDIENCE WITH KING RICHARD III: Recording of Michael S. Bennett's one man show by the students of York University.

2006

JOEY *USA TV*: 'Spin-off' from 'Friends' series, with Matt le Blanc understudying the role of 'Richard III'.

2012

THE SHADOW OF THE TOWER *BBC TV*: - 13-part series of 50-minute instalments screened in 1972 with James Maxwell as Henry VII (see review in March 2012 *Bulletin* on page 23). More details under Modern Drama 1972.

THE BLACK ARROW - dramatisation of R.L. Stevenson's novel for Southern TV children's adventure series, with modernised language (3 discs, complete series 1972-1975, 8 hours). 'All the traditional apparatus of the romantic novel ... Gloucester, although a peripheral character, is a marvellously vivid man of action'.