

Arthur - The Forgotten Prince

This year is the 500th anniversary of Arthur's death, Henry VIII's elder brother. He is buried in a magnificent chantry chapel in Worcester Cathedral. An exhibition is open daily from 3rd April in the cathedral.

There are two one-day conferences on 1st and 2nd May, and a forum in the evening of May 2nd, all featuring Dr David Starkey.

On Friday 3rd there will be a torchlight re-enactment of the funeral procession through the city starting from the river bridge at 6.30 pm and ending with Vespers in the cathedral. If you'd like to dress as a monk or friar and accompany this procession, please telephone Steve Quick on 01905 722322. Costumes will be supplied.

On Saturday there's a Requiem Mass in the cathedral at 10.30 am.

Telephone the Chapter Office for more details on 01905 28854 / 21004.

Beoley Church Historic Weekend

On Saturday and Sunday 28th and 29th September St Leonard's Church Beoley will feature a display on the battle of Bosworth and a copy of a recently discovered portrait of Richard III.

William Sheldon, whose tomb is in the church, fought for King Richard III at Bosworth, and later one of his descendants commissioned a portrait of the king, which is now in America.

Geoffrey Wheeler has tracked it down and given a colour slide of the portrait to Ralph and myself. The full story will be in the Spring issue of the "Ricardian Register" and the July issue of "Dickon Independent".

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