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Right: 'Friar Paul' giving his engaging tour of the remains of St Mary's Priory, Coventry, to attendees of the Triennial Conference (see pp 19–21). Photo courtesy of Lynda Pidgeon

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Castle against him. Richard pardoned the first offenders when at Beaulieu Abbey in Hampshire, probably about 4 November, when he also visited Poole in Dorset: here there is a gap in Rhoda Edwards' itinerary of Richard's reign. We do not know who was pardoned at this point: some certainly paid big fines not to be attainted. Lewknor was one of the 104 traitors who were attainted. A third of them were eventually pardoned, on terms that varied from individual to individual. It seems likely that each was interviewed by the king and negotiated terms. Richard may have hoped that they would all submit, in which case he would return their lands. If not, then inquisitions would have been held into their lands, which would in due course have joined the files at The National Archives.

The IPMs for Richard III therefore consist principally of returns on those who died naturally in the course of his reign. Life went on as normal; and death, too. If less politically exciting than might have been hoped, these IPMs cast shafts of light onto the England of Richard III and complement the other sources that the Richard III Society and the Richard III and Yorkist History Trust have published.

Michael Hicks

Richard III Society Research Prize

As mentioned in a previous *Bulletin*, the Society recently agreed to institute a prize to reward and draw attention to research into the life and times of Richard III. It is to be awarded annually to the author of an article in *The Ricardian* or other peer-reviewed journal or conference proceedings and is judged by members of the Research Committee.

This year's winner is Randolph Jones for his article on 'James Dokeray, Mayor of Drogheda and Constable of Carrickfergus Castle (fl. 1444–82)' which was published last year in *The Ricardian*. The judges agreed that it throws important light on an area of Irish and Yorkist history that is too often overlooked. Dokeray's second term as mayor coincided with Richard, duke of York's, arrival in Ireland after the rout at Ludford. Dokeray was to prove himself a loyal and valued Yorkist. Later in his career, he was at odds with the earl of Desmond.

We were delighted that Randolph, who has been a member of the Society since 2003, was able to join us at the Triennial Conference in Loughborough with his wife Kathryn to receive his award. He commented 'I was surprised, but delighted to receive Joanna's e-mail informing me that I had won the Research Committee's prize for best article published in 2017. Even after having been presented with the prize, I still can't quite believe it.'

The judges also decided to highly commend Dan E. Seward's article in L. Clark ed. *The Fifteenth Century XV: 'Bishop John Alcock and the Roman Invasion of Parliament: Introducing Renaissance Civic Humanism*



The Chairman, Phil Stone, presents the award to Randolph Jones at the Triennial dinner. Joanna Laynesmith is to Randolph's right. Photo courtesy of Lynda Pidgeon

to Tudor Parliamentary Proceedings'. John Alcock was tutor to Edward IV's eldest son and president of the prince's council of Wales. Seward argued that Alcock introduced humanistic learning to parliamentary proceedings significantly before Thomas More, who is usually given the credit for this development.

Joanna Laynesmith

The Battle of Barnet Project

The Battle of Barnet Project is designed to discover more about the battle of Barnet. It is also designed to inspire and interest the local community. At the end of 2016, the project received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop a variety of activities, including a loan box for local schools, a Medieval Festival, community archaeology, a battle heritage leaflet, a new Battle of Barnet exhibition at Barnet Museum and much more. This community part of the project started in early 2017 and will continue throughout 2018.

Members are well aware of the significance of the battle of Barnet, fought in 1471 between Edward IV and the forces of Henry VI under the earl of Warwick. English Heritage accepts its significance, it is the only Registered Battlefield in London. There is a dispute about the true location of the battlefield, though, with evidence suggesting the currently registered site is too far south. It was this problem that formed the catalyst for the Battle of Barnet Project, which is a partnership between Barnet Museum, the Barnet Society and the Battlefields Trust, with the support of Huddersfield University.

The Barnet Battlefield Survey is part of the project and is an archaeological investigation into the battle. It aims to define more accurately its site, as well as gaining further insight into how it unfolded, including the use of artillery and firearms. Experts believe that this was one of the first British battles where there was a mass use of hand guns (and potentially the only intact