

History: A Local Study—The Battle of Bosworth

The BIG Question: Why was a king found under a car park in Leicester?

Battle of Bosworth

On 14th August 1485, the Battle of Bosworth Field began.

The battle was long and bloody and both armies sustained many casualties. There was a mixture of weapons in use, including swords, handguns with small bullets and cannons.



What Happened in Battle?

Richard III had more men with him than Henry.

The battle was long and many soldiers were killed from both sides.

Richard tried to go after Henry himself but was knocked off his horse and killed on the battlefield.

Who Was Henry Tudor?

Henry Tudor was born in Wales and was part of the House of Lancaster family. He grew up to become earl of Richmond and believed he was a rightful heir to the throne of England. He had support from the enemies of the current king, Richard III, as well as France.



Henry Tudor 1457 - 1509

Henry brought a few thousand men, many of whom were French soldiers, to attack the armies of Richard III in Leicester.

Richard III

- **Born** on 2nd October 1452, Fotheringhay, Northamptonshire.
- **Died** on 22nd August 1485, Bosworth Battlefield, Leicestershire.
- **Crowned** King 6th July 1483.
- **Married** to Anne Neville.
- **One son**, Edward of Middleham, who died when he was 8 years old.
- **Suffered** with curvature of the spine.

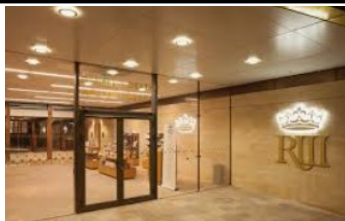


King Richard III was found buried under a car park in Leicester

The discovery of Richard III August 2012



Scientists used Richard's skull to reconstruct his face. This is what they think he may have looked like.



King Richard III Visitor Centre in Leicester



King Richard III is now buried in Leicester Cathedral