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# BOSWORTH

BATTLEFIELD HERITAGE CENTRE  
AND COUNTRY PARK

## Battlefield Mail

### TWO KINGS, ONE DAY THE BATTLE OF BOSWORTH 1485



Welcome to the spring issue of Battlefield Mail. We have a packed programme of activities on offer over the next few months, including **guided walks, falconry events, living history weekends** and **haunted heritage evenings**. Plus, we have a brand **new exhibition - King Richard's Reinterment - The Bosworth Story** - in our temporary exhibition area.



It's now even better value to come and enjoy a day with us as the majority of prices to our "Award Winning" exhibition have been held at 2015 rates: adults £7.95, concessions £7, children (aged 3-15) £4.75 and a family of four ticket (two adults plus two children) £21.50. Please visit our website for prices of other ticket combinations, guided walks, individual events and partnership offers.

### King Richard's Reinterment - The Bosworth Story Until Saturday 31 December

This colourful exhibition remembers the remarkable local events to mark the procession of King Richard III's mortal remains from Bosworth Battlefield towards his final resting place at Leicester Cathedral. The exhibition features striking images from the day as well as the carriage on which his coffin was carried to the memorial sundial, the oak casket containing soils from Fotheringhay, Middleham and the Battlefield and a fabulous embroidered banner made originally for display in Desford. Free entry.

### NEW Exhibition



We look forward to welcoming you to Bosworth this year!



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### Archaeology Research

Under the guidance of our Heritage Relationships Officer, four volunteers spent four days out in the Field. They covered approximately 23.8 acres of the 41.66 acre field, and bagged 44 items in total from various time periods.



Research is still taking place to see if any of these are related to the 22 August 1485. As always we'd like to thank the landowners for giving their permission for us to access their land.



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## Bosworth Walks

Tickets can be purchased in advance from the Ticket Office or by calling 01455 290429



### Guided Walks

A 2km guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. Adult £4.50, child £3.25.

11am and 2pm: : 11.30am and 2pm:  
**February: 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 & 28** : **April: 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 & 30**  
**March: 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 & 28** : **May: 1, 2, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 & 30.**

### Costumed Guided Walks

**17 February 11am and 2pm,  
6 April & 31 May 11.30am and 2pm**  
Children and adults alike can enjoy the magic and mystery behind the history of the battle of Bosworth 1485. The walk is led by a costumed guide in full character. Adult £4.50, child £3.25.

### Wider Battlefield Walks

**9 April & 15 May, 9.30am-4pm**  
Experienced walkers with a penchant for history can join our expert guide and enjoy Bosworth Battlefield's extended 7.5 mile (12k) walk which provides all aspects of the environment surrounding this pivotal battle of the Wars of the Roses. No dogs. Please provide your own lunch and refreshments. For experienced walkers over 12 years only. Adult £17, concession £12.

### Hawkwise Falconry Events

We hold a number of exciting hands-on events with hawks, owls, falcons and ferrets, on site throughout the year. Visit our website or call for details of forthcoming events.



### Brass Rubbing

**Friday 19 and Saturday 20 February**  
Create your very own rubbings from our collection of Knights and Ladies. Drop in session - booking not required. Materials included. 11am-3pm. £2.

### Haunted Heritage Ghost Walk

**Tuesdays 1 March & 5 April,  
7.30pm**  
18+ years. Pre-booking essential. £13 - tickets are available from [www.hauntedheritage.co.uk](http://www.hauntedheritage.co.uk)



### Les Routiers de Rouen

Our living history re-enactors will be holding the following events over the coming months. Adult £2.50, child £1.50.

#### Conflict 1485

**27 & 28 March;  
1 & 2 May**

#### Soldiers' Camp

**23 & 24 April**

#### Warriors through the Ages

**29 & 30 May**



### Bosworth Battle Anniversary Event

**Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 August**

Planning for this major annual event has already started and it looks as though it's going to be bigger and better than ever. Keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and Twitter feed for details of exciting "Early Bird Offers" coming before Easter. Remember these offers will be time limited, so book early!

### New and Improved Website

We're working hard on developing an improved website using the same domain name. We look forward to launching this in the spring ready for the start of the new visitor season and we hope you enjoy using it and welcome your feedback!



### Wi-Fi on Site

Did you know that we now have Wi-Fi on the site, so you can share your photos with us on our Facebook Page or Instagram Account – just ask our staff for the Username and Password.

### Country Park Opening Times

The opening and closing times for the next few months are:

February: 7am-5pm; March: 7am-6pm; April: 7am-7pm; May: 7am-8pm

### School Visits

Last year we were delighted to welcome 8,743 children, helpers and staff to the site for a variety of educational activities from guided walks, to Roman Days, an Archer's Life, Heraldry and more. We're already taking bookings for this year, so please call us if you would like to book a school or group visit.

### Richard III Legacy Banquet

**Saturday 19 March, 7pm-Midnight**

A four course feast in honour of the anniversary of King Richard III's reinterment. Enjoy a complimentary goblet of Clarry and entertainment including Angela Spencer as the White Queen introducing The Life Gallery of Elizabeth Woodville, a talk on the achievements and the legacy left by Richard III and singing by the Ladies of the Courte. Guests are encouraged to dress in appropriate medieval attire! £40. 01455 291048.

For more information about events at Bosworth visit [www.bosworthbattlefield.com](http://www.bosworthbattlefield.com)

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