



How did forensic science help identify Richard III?

Professor Sarah Hainsworth OBE

Richard III was the last king of the House of York and the last of the Plantagenet dynasty. His defeat at Bosworth Field, the last decisive battle of the Wars of the Roses, marked the end of the Middle Ages in England. His remains were lost for more than five centuries until they were uncovered during an archaeological excavation on a city council car park. Professor Hainsworth will speak about her involvement in identifying the skeleton as that of Richard III.



Professor Sarah Hainsworth FEng is a Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the School of Engineering and Applied Science at Aston University. She is a Professor of Materials and Forensic Engineering. In January 2019, she was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the New Year Honours List for her services to Engineering and Forensic Science. Previously she was Graduate Dean and Head of Department of Engineering at the University

of Leicester. While in this role, in 2013, Sarah's expertise helped establish the manner of King Richard III's death at the Battle of Bosworth through analysing wound marks found on his skeleton.



Location Chapter Hall
St John's Gate EC1M 4BU

Date 11th April 2019

Dress Black tie or suit

- 6.00pm** Guests arrive – drinks reception
- 7.00pm** Guests proceed to Chapter Hall to dine
- 8.30pm** Comfort break
- 8.40pm** Professor Sarah Hainsworth
- 9.10pm** Q & A Chatham House Rules
- 10.00pm** Carriages