

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Richard III Lecture

# RICHARD III, MERCHANTS AND MONEY

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**King Richard III's reign** came at a major turning point in English economic history: from the 1440s until the 1470s, England had been gripped by a severe economic depression, following high epidemic mortality and a contraction in international trade. This had important consequences for the 'economic polices' of the Yorkist kings. These policies, initiated by the pleas of English merchants, included the minting of new coins and attempts to counter competition through imposing financial restraints upon foreign merchants and their businesses. This public lecture will examine what can be learned about this powerful mercantile lobby and the money that they used to transact their business operations in Richard III's reign and the impact of political and economic change upon their ventures.

**Tuesday 28 May, 5.30-6.30pm**

**VENUE**

**King Richard III Visitor Centre  
(opposite Leicester Cathedral)**

This event is free of charge and open to all. However, there is limited space (max. 80). The event will be followed by a drinks reception.

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