

## MINUTES FROM THE RIII BOARD MEETING WITH YVONNE MORLEY

OCTOBER 28, 2025

Susan Troxell began the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Present: Susan Troxell, Joan Szechtman, Liz Bateman, Tiffany Holmes, Wayne Ingalls, Yvonne Morley-Chisholm

Handout: Voice for Richard Project – Proposal from Yvonne Momrley-Chisholm

A non-profit fund was set ten years ago where donations have been paid and equally paid out as the project has oved along. More funds will be needed for two more films of the avatar speaking the remaining two texts. There will be three in total:

- Richard’s Prayer from his Book of Hours – the reveal is scheduled for November 29, 2025 and will also be a permanent exhibition in the King Richard III Visitor Centre in Leicester near his first grave in a meditative setting.
- A letter from Richard to his mother, Cecily Neville – scheduled for summer of 2026  
<https://tinyurl.com/2pma2y25>
- Establishing an exhibition within York for the end of this year, to run the first reveal that was launched November 2024.

So far, they have collected £7,600 for the next phase but now need an additional £9,200 for the summer 2026 “reveal” (Richard’s letter to his mother) along with the book publication. This includes:

- Facelab’s work on the avatar
- Voice team’s work in collaboration
- Cost of the venue

By the end of January, 2026, they will begin to collect money for the educational program slated for the sometime in 2026. The funds they anticipate for the educational aspect will be approximately £4,675.

Yvonne will be happy to give the American Branch credit as a sponsor to promote our Society.

She has received funding from different branches of the RIII Society and other organizations she has spoken to over the last ten years:

- London Branch
- Leicestershire Brancy
- The city of London
- Barnard’s Castle
- Australia, New Zealand and Wales

During the education phase, Yvonne wants school children to learn to s peak in Ricardian English, which is not Chaucer’s Medieval English, but more of a Middle English like what Edward V would have spoken.

There will be two presentations on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 PM GMT.

- ✓ Brief introduction by Yvonne
- ✓ Dr. Bridget Foreman, playwright and lecturer in playwriting at the University of York, examining Shakespeare's play on RIII.
- ✓ Matthew Lewis, historian, author presenter considering the real Richard with a focus on those nearest to him and the accents that he heard.
- ✓ Philippa Langley M.B.E. looking at the contemporary source material on the personality and character of Richard.

and Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.

- ✓ Yvonne's welcome
- ✓ Professor David Crystal on Richard's original pronunciation
- ✓ Professor Caroline Wilkinson on building Richard's facial avatar
- ✓ Yvonne Morley-Chisholm with a brief overview of the project
- ✓ Interview with actor Thomas Dennis on "Becoming Richard"

The avatar will then be played with sound and vision.

At the end, Yvonne will answer questions.

The next new event will occur on November 29<sup>th</sup>, with the avatar speaking Richard's Prayer at the King Richard III Visitor Centre with a simultaneous livestream. Tickets for both should be released soon; the contact link is:

<https://kriii.com>

Clues for the pronunciation Richard might have used can be found in the spelling of the words in his letter to Cecily as well as his prayer from his Book of Hours.

Contacts: Yvonne Morley-Chisholm

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The Board decided to discuss donating to the Voice for Richard Project at the next Board meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting ended at 5:00 PM and the Board stayed to discuss the donation idea for a few more minutes after Yvonne signed off.

Respectfully,  
Liz Bateman  
Secretary, RIII Society, American Branch