

Anne F. Sutton, M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S. (1942–2022)



Anne F. Sutton at the 2019 Harlaxton Medieval Symposium
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It is with great sadness that the Richard III and Yorkist History Trust announces the death of Dr Anne F. Sutton on Saturday 18th June 2022 in her hometown of Bury St Edmunds (Suffolk). In spite of her declining health, she had been able to remain at home until very recently, where she was able to enjoy the company of visitors, telephone calls, letters and cards from her friends and well-wishers from around the world.

Anne's contribution to scholarship is truly outstanding. She was a highly regarded scholar and a prolific writer, and the recent publication of her book *The King's Work: The Defence of the North Under the Yorkist Kings, 1471–85* (Donington, 2021) has not only been well received, but it also brought her much pleasure. In spite of her illness, she was able to complete the production of this year's *Ricardian*, on schedule as always, and to

enjoy reading the articles and book reviews on publication earlier this month. Next year's journal will be a tribute issue to Anne's scholarship, with essays – appropriately given her interests – on Yorkist people, and guest edited by Caroline M. Barron and Christian Steer. Anne was delighted when this was suggested to her. The prospect of this brought her happiness in her final weeks.

Anne Sutton was a trustee of the Richard III and Yorkist History Trust since its foundation in 1985. She was an ardent and loyal supporter of the Trust, its publications and the grants awarded to others to help them with their own research.

Medieval scholarship has lost a truly gifted and remarkable historian, one who didn't suffer fools gladly, but who provided great hospitality, encouragement and friendship to others. Anne was a private person with great dignity and presence, but she also had a wonderful sense of humour and enjoyed nothing better than being with her friends and talking about King Richard and the events of the fifteenth century. She had a formidable memory and was able to find connections that others could not. She was one of a kind, and, although she will be deeply missed, her publications will remain a mainstay of scholarship for many years to come.

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