

The Battle of Bosworth

What a mistake!

When Richard heard about Henry's invasion, he did not think it was a real threat because he expected the Welsh landowners to attack Henry.

Eventually, Richard realised his mistake. Richard was shocked to find out the Welsh landowners were actually helping Henry!

Richard marched his army to meet Henry's army in Leicester.

Richard knew that Lord Stanley would only support the side he would get the most reward from. Richard did not trust Lord Stanley to be on his side.

The fighting began on the 22nd August, 1485. The Stanleys stayed away at first, because they needed to work out whether they were going to support Henry or Richard in the battle. Both armies suffered huge injuries.

Then things changed.

King Richard decided to charge at Henry himself. Henry's bodyguards closed ranks and saved him. Suddenly, Lord Stanley decided who to support! He attacked Richard, and defended Henry.

King Richard III of England was killed and his army ran away.

The Yorkist king was dead. Lord Stanley picked up the crown from the ground and placed it on Henry's head. Henry Tudor of the House of Lancaster was now King Henry VII of England.

The red rose was the badge of the Lancastrians and the white rose was the badge of the Yorkists.

