



Claire Ridgway

October 15, 2014 - 11:26 pm

I could listen to Gareth all day and I loved the quote at the end of his talk, it really did seem to sum Jane up.



Admin Tim

October 15, 2014 - 11:50 pm

Just 10 minutes until the talk



Donna McLean

October 15, 2014 - 11:54 pm

Hi, I really enjoyed watching Gareth's video about Jane Seymour. Looking forward to the live chat



Admin Tim

October 15, 2014 - 11:55 pm

Gareth is just getting ready to log in... we're excited too



Sharon Conrad

October 15, 2014 - 11:58 pm

Hi. Really enjoyed Gareth's talk about Jane.



Gareth Russell

October 15, 2014 - 11:58 pm

Good evening! Or good afternoon, I suppose, depending on time-zone!



Claire Ridgway

October 15, 2014 - 11:58 pm

Me too, it was brilliant.



Claire Ridgway

October 15, 2014 - 11:59 pm

Hello Gareth! Welcome to the chatroom. Are you ready to be grilled?



Gareth Russell

October 15, 2014 - 11:59 pm

I am! And thank you, Claire; I'm very happy to be here.



Admin Tim

October 16, 2014 - 12:00 am

Can we have the first question for Gareth please?



Emily

October 16, 2014 - 12:01 am

Hi Gareth, great talk! I was wondering what sources or biographies you would recommend on Jane. What did you use for researching your talk?



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:02 am

Hi Emily, thank you. I'm really glad you enjoyed the talk; I enjoyed doing it.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:03 am

For my money, some of the best work on Jane has been done in the studies of Henry's six marriages. I think Lady Antonia Fraser is very fair and sympathetic to her in "The Six Wives of Henry VIII" (1992); David Starkey is also illuminating in "Six Wives" (2004), and a bit less sympathetic.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:03 am

Finally, there's a fairly critical take on Jane's life, but still an interesting one, in Karen Lindsey's book "Divorced, Beheaded, Survived: A feminist reinterpretation of the wives of Henry VIII" (1995).



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:04 am

So, I suppose that covers the spectrum of sympathetic to critical on Jane Seymour's queenship, and I can recommend all three.



Claire Ridgway

October 16, 2014 - 12:05 am

Why do you think Agnes Strickland felt the need to make Jane a sociopath? Was it more to do with the Victorian sympathy for Anne Boleyn, the tragic heroine?



Emily

October 16, 2014 - 12:06 am

Thanks! I will have to check them out.



Admin Tim

October 16, 2014 - 12:06 am

Keep your questions coming in ...



Lynne Mclachlan

October 16, 2014 - 12:06 am

Hi I enjoyed your talk but was thinking how actual is the likeness of Holbein portrait of Jane Seymor



Michelle Nasello

October 16, 2014 - 12:06 am

Hi Gareth, great chat about Jane. As Tudor court was a place to find a husband for most aristocratic women, do you think that Jane's family moved her into place for the gain of the family?, or did Jane and Henry simply fall in love?



Dawn Hatswell

October 16, 2014 - 12:06 am

Evenin' everyone...Hi there Gareth, trying hard to think of a 'clever' question here, lol. Give us a minute...



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:07 am

Claire, I think it's more to do with Strickland personally, as there were a lot of Victorian accounts of Anne Boleyn that lambasted her for "stealing" Katherine of Aragon's crown.



Claire Ridgway

October 16, 2014 - 12:07 am

Ah, yes!



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:07 am

I'm not sure why Strickland tore into her as colourfully as she did, but I would say it's quite likely to be sympathy for Anne, absolutely.



Jamie Adair

October 16, 2014 - 12:08 am

The Holbein question is quite interesting question! I'd like to know as well. It is hard to imagine that portrait as the woman who would win a king's heart.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:08 am

Hi Lynne. Thank you. I'd have to say that Holbein's likeness of Jane Seymour is probably pretty accurate. That's what he was known for and why he prospered so much as an in-demand artist in the 1530s and 1540s. It's certainly not flattering, so he can't be accused of airbrushing her.



Hunter S. Jones

October 16, 2014 - 12:09 am

Nice to meet you, Gareth. Thank you for this chat. Has anyone ever studied the psychology of Henry & Jane? Her portraits bear a similarity to Elizabeth of York, to me. Round face, same hair color. It strikes me as a bit odd.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:09 am

He also captures the magnificence of her clothes, jewellery from the queen's collection and her conservative fashion choices, which maids in her service, like Anne Bassett, confirmed. Jane once told her off for having too many fancy buttons.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:10 am

There's also never been any dispute on whether it's Jane or not. If you look at the broach Jane is wearing in that portrait, it's actually her intertwined initials I (used for J) and S.



Lynne Mclachlan

October 16, 2014 - 12:11 am

out of all of Henry's wife I find Jane the most boring, do you think I'm wrong



Dawn Hatswell

October 16, 2014 - 12:11 am

On saying that...Strickland had sympathy for Anne, do you find it hard to stay un-bias when discussing or writing about the 6 wives Gareth



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:11 am

Hi Michelle. Unfortunately, we don't know why she was sent. If I was betting man, I'd say the first option. It's really unlikely that Henry and Jane fell in love early in her career. Jane had previously served Katherine of Aragon, lost her position when Katherine left court in 1531 and was brought back in about 1535 to serve Queen Anne, so I'd say that the attraction blossomed while she was th



Teri Fitzgerald

October 16, 2014 - 12:11 am

Her portrait does bear a similarity to Elizabeth of York, that's interesting!



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:12 am

At court, rather than when the King visited the Seymour family at Wolf Hall, but of course that's guess work on my part!



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:12 am

Good evening, Hunter, thanks for your question.



Hunter S. Jones

October 16, 2014 - 12:12 am

YW!



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:13 am

So let me begin by saying that I'm usually a little hesitant about psychology and the Tudors, not because I don't believe in it, but because, as George Bernard pointed out in the appendix of his biography of Anne Boleyn, there is a risk in projecting too much onto the Tudors without enough evidence.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:13 am

However, your question didn't go too far at all, and in fact raised a really interesting question - I think.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:14 am

People often say that Anne Boleyn was unsuited to be the queen because she was too outspoken, but if you look at England's medieval queens, they were all a pretty feisty bunch!



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:15 am

In fact, it's really only Elizabeth of York and Jane Seymour who ever fitted this mythic criteria for the "perfect" medieval queen consort. So maybe, in some way, that is not just what Henry VIII was searching for, but also the jittery masculinity of the men around him!



Hunter S. Jones

October 16, 2014 - 12:15 am

TY. I do astrology & Henry was a Cancer. Feisty? Eleanor of Aquitaine set a high standards for queens, don't you think?



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:15 am

No, Lynne, I don't think you're wrong at all about Jane being the most boring, mostly because I think that's what's so great about Tudor history. We can all find people more interesting or boring than others, then sit here and have great discussions about them!



Lynne Mclachlan

October 16, 2014 - 12:16 am

i agree



Michelle Nasello

October 16, 2014 - 12:16 am

Does anybody know if Jane's ghost has been spotted anywhere? Sorry



Gareth Russell

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Eleanor certainly set the standards for being feisty. As did Matilda of Flanders, sending aid to her rebel son, Isabelle of Angouleme, Eleanor of Provence helping to defeat the Second Barons' War, Eleanor of Castile, Isabella of France, Anne of Bohemia, Joanna of Navarre, Catherine de Valois, Marguerite of Anjou, Elizabeth Woodville



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:17 am

To me, Jane was the exception, not the rule! Absolutely.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:18 am

Good evening, Dawn. That's the eternal question: isn't it? You know, I think a little bias never hurt

anyone as long as it's acknowledged. I'll explain why!



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:18 am

I hope I'm not offending anyone or stepping on their toes, but one of my gripes with G.W. Bernard's book "Anne Boleyn: Fatal Attractions" was his protestation that he had no bias whatsoever against his subject.



Claire Ridgway

October 16, 2014 - 12:18 am

@Michelle, in this month's magazine I talk about ghost sightings and mention Jane, she's been "seen" at Hampton Court Palace. Do check out the magazine as I go into detail in that article.



Lynne Mclachlan

October 16, 2014 - 12:19 am

do you think that Jane was a catholic at heart or a Protestant



Michelle Nasello

October 16, 2014 - 12:19 am

Thanks Claire, haven't read it all yet.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:19 am

To me, the entire book was clearly an extremely hostile vision of its subject. But because it was unaware of its own bias, it got carried away with it. If that makes sense? E.W. Ives wrote a very sympathetic interpretation of Lady Jane Grey, while Leanda de Lisle wrote a far more critical biography of her. And I LOVE them both, because they respond to the evidence and acknowledge how



Hunter S. Jones

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What type women, Tudor or otherwise, would choose her wedding dress while her husband's current wife is being killed? It's a bit sinister, isn't it?



Gareth Russell

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they did so.



Jamie Adair

October 16, 2014 - 12:19 am

Gareth, unfortunately, I have not seen your chat yet, so I hope this question is okay, but I've never been able to reconcile the saintly image of Jane Seymour -- I haven't read much material that is sharply critical of her -- with the woman who appears to have heartlessly stolen Anne Boleyn's husband -- with such terrible consequences for Anne.



Dawn Hatswell

October 16, 2014 - 12:20 am

An obvious question I know but...do you think this 'meek and humble' Queen Consort have kept the 'love' of her King if she failed to produce the heir, or perhaps had gone the way of her predecessors...



Teri Fitzgerald

October 16, 2014 - 12:20 am

Gareth I completely agree with you on G.W. Bernard claims re bias



Jamie Adair

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Also, how much of an agent was Jane in the courtship? Was it all Henry pursuing her? Was she pushed

by her parents? Did she feel remorse at Anne's fall?



Gareth Russell

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Anna Sebba's bio of the Duchess of Windsor, "That Woman", is another great example of a biography that's biased against its subject and still works as a brilliant piece, while Joanna Denny was so sympathetic to Anne Boleyn that it ceased to really hold water as a book.



Gareth Russell

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So, have the bias, but acknowledge it!



Sharon Conrad

October 16, 2014 - 12:21 am

I always love it when an author says they are not biased and then go about tearing their character to pieces. Not stepping on my toes.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:21 am

Hi @Jamie. It's tricky, isn't it?



Jamie Adair

October 16, 2014 - 12:22 am

Well, I don't have in-depth knowledge about her beyond the more famous works, but what happened was so cruel at the end. Is there anything on record about her feelings?



Gareth Russell

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I suppose the best answer I can give is that she wasn't. It strikes a slightly sociopathic note. That being said, she was in a very difficult position and it's hard to know what else she could have done. That's not an excuse, but perhaps an explanation. I'm not sure, though, sometimes, even how much I'm convinced by it!



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:23 am

@Dawn, I'm not sure. The execution of Anne Boleyn was so unprecedented. I can't say what I think on that one. But I don't think she would have remained as queen at all; Chapuys certainly thought she'd be divorced if she turned out to be barren. But I'm not sure about executed.



Jamie Adair

October 16, 2014 - 12:23 am

Wow! That makes feel better about asking the question. Thanks Gareth.



Gareth Russell

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It was Henry VIII though, so anything's possible!



Claire Ridgway

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I'd love to know her personal feelings in May 1536. As you say in your talk, as one of Anne's ladies she must have known that Anne was not guilty but perhaps Henry told her something to convince her of Anne's guilt. I'd love to know!



Gareth Russell

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@Jamie, those questions I can't answer. Of all the six, Jane is a closed book. Superglued closed, I'm

afraid. She had the best poker face of the bunch. Eric Ives gave a GLORIOUSLY rude interview to a magazine in Birmingham about her once where he described her as "milk and water little tart" and said he'd never believed in her holier-than-thou act for a single second



Hunter S. Jones

October 16, 2014 - 12:26 am

Is it true that Henry never saw Jane after Edward was born? That she died without him ever acknowledging her again? (Can you translate 'milk & water little tart' into American please!)



Gareth Russell

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I wouldn't perhaps go that far, but what I would say is that depths lurk in the shallows. Meaning I'm dubious about Jane's inner thoughts as well. I think she was trying to survive and once she became queen, I think she put Anne Boleyn out of her head entirely, But who knows what goes through anyone's mind's-eye when they're lying alone, awake in the middle of the night?



Michelle Nasello

October 16, 2014 - 12:26 am

Totally agree Claire. I would to know how she felt being married so soon after he had his second wife executed.



Lynne Mclachlan

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Hope Eric Ives is right , I love it when a woman of that period has attitude



Gareth Russell

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I couldn't agree more, Claire. If I could ask her anything, that's what it would be. Although I'm not convinced she'd tell the truth, until she was really cross-examined!



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:28 am

A milk and water little tart, Hunter, is a girl who looks wholesome but would shaft any girl around her to get the hottest/most coveted guy.



Dawn Hatswell

October 16, 2014 - 12:28 am

Sorry, I meant 'one' of her predecessors not executed per se..been a long day but I agree with Chapuys, wonder what the annulment would be based on...any ideas



Jamie Adair

October 16, 2014 - 12:28 am

Without anything on the record to collaborate she was a sociopath, it is a bit extreme to assume she didn't have feelings, guilt, or was a conniving minx. (Sociopaths are the minority.) But, anything is possible...



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:29 am

No, @Hunter, that's not true. Jane was initially well enough to attend some of the christening festivities, including a party with 400 guests, which the King attended with her, before she collapsed later as the infection spread.



Hunter S. Jones

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Thank you.



Gareth Russell

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Chapuys's theory was that they'd flush someone out of the woodwork @Dawn to claim they'd had *** with her before she married the King, then use her alleged lack of virginity to get rid of her.



Beth Gunter

October 16, 2014 - 12:29 am

I love that explanation, Gareth! Exactly what I thought!



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:30 am

Sorry, chat has blanked out the naughty s / ex word. Just in case you thought I was saying something MUCH worse!!



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:30 am

Thank you @Beth!



Dawn Hatswell

October 16, 2014 - 12:31 am

Hahaha, seeing Jane as not being a virgin when she married, that's a script Hollywood could go to town on...hot stuff, lol



Gareth Russell

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@Jamie, I completely agree about that and obviously a novelist has to use what evidence they have to build a believable psychology around that, but historians work with different levels of proof and when writing non-fiction we can present the variables and possibilities to our readers about the personalities of the past!



Claire Ridgway

October 16, 2014 - 12:32 am

I do find it interesting that Chapuys was so scathing about her.



Gareth Russell

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I know, Claire! With friends like him...! As they say.



Michelle Nasello

October 16, 2014 - 12:33 am

Did Jane try to get Henry and his daughters to make up? Did she try to get the family back together again?



Gareth Russell

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He was worse about her in detail than he was about Anne Boleyn.



Claire Ridgway

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Was it Jean Plaidy that had Jane pregnant prior to marrying Henry?



Beth Gunter

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I would think Jane would have been terrified throughout her pregnancy, worried what would happen if she delivered a girl. Not much fun!!



Gareth Russell

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Gareth Russell

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Teri Fitzgerald

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Gareth Russell

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Lynne Mclachlan

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Katheryn Gallant

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Sharon Conrad

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Beth Gunter

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Gareth Russell

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@Sharon, when she was warned about that it was the Pilgrimage of Grace, after Mary's submission. So it seems that was the first time she did try to get involved in politics. Which brings me neatly onto @Katheryn's question.



Sue Brindley

October 16, 2014 - 12:38 am

Claire I'm interested in that theory... as I came across an entry in the Letters and Papers from Dr. Ortiz saying 'the King of England has married a lady who was five or six months gone with child by him' on 26th June 1536? this can't be true surely?



Gareth Russell

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She was sympathetic to the rebellion, and as @Sharon said, she attempted to ask the King to listen to some of their religious demands. He responded by telling her to remember what had happened to her predecessor, who had also been involved in politics, and look what happened to her! ... What a charmer.



Dawn Hatswell

October 16, 2014 - 12:38 am

So she had a spiteful side to her then, or perhaps didn't want to upset hubby by showing favour to

Anne's daughter, and a similar scenario with Mary, not too much of a dullard then...watching her own back. Do you think her family would have 'advised' her in handling the King



Teri Fitzgerald

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Anyone who spoke up for Elizabeth may have found themselves a head shorter PDQ



Gareth Russell

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@Lynne, it's a view of Jane that's repeated in history books, so it's a common view. But when you look at what actually went on in detail, I think Jane was in far too vulnerable a position to help anyone. She certainly didn't with Elizabeth and only when it was safe to with Mar.



Michelle Nasello

October 16, 2014 - 12:39 am

As well, Henry didn't seem to give out many peerages to her family, did gave out many to Anne's family but not hers. Wonder why?



Gareth Russell

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*Mary



Beth Gunter

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@Teri how right you are! It always seems sad that she had to count on Lady Bryan (?) to beg for clothing. However, I am Elizabeth biased.



Gareth Russell

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@Dawn, I'd say it's almost impossible to imagine that they wouldn't have given her advice. We know that the King's friend, Sir Nicholas Carew, gave her advice and that Cromwell let her use his rooms. So I'd say, like any family, they gave her advice at a crucial moment in her life. @Michelle, he did make the eldest brother viscount Beauchamp.



Gareth Russell

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Later, he became earl of Hertford.



Dawn Hatswell

October 16, 2014 - 12:41 am

Sold out Michelle...



Sharon Conrad

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That's right. But when she tried to talk of Mary, didn't he tell her to look to the children she would give him? Something like that.



Michelle Nasello

October 16, 2014 - 12:42 am

Mostly Edward Seymore got some and he was Lord Protector.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:42 am

John Seymour, Jane's father, never rose as far as Anne Boleyn's father, Thomas, did, that's very true. However, Boleyn's two earldoms, Ormonde and Wiltshire, were ones he was vaguely entitled to. Thomas was considered by many people to be the rightful heir of his Irish grandfather Thomas Butler,

earl of Ormonde, but he and a cousin had been duking the inheritance out for years in the courts



Gareth Russell

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until Henry VIII found for his favour, no doubt with Anne's influence in 1529. The title of earl of Wiltshire, which he also got, had traditionally been one linked to the Ormonde earldom, so it wasn't as huge a leap up the rung of the aristocracy as a lot of Anne's critics supposed. However, it's also possible that John Seymour's alleged affair with his daughter-in-law, Katherine Fillol



Admin Tim

October 16, 2014 - 12:44 am

Just 15 minutes to go on the live chat with Gareth. Keep these great questions going



Gareth Russell

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meant that no-one in the Tudor or Seymour family wanted to draw too much attention to him once his daughter became queen. But that's conjecture, of course!



Hunter S. Jones

October 16, 2014 - 12:45 am

Great chat!



Gareth Russell

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Yes, please do, they're fantastic!



Claire Ridgway

October 16, 2014 - 12:45 am

Gareth, what do you think of the quote mentioned by Sue about Jane's alleged pregnancy. Dr Ortiz wrote on 26th June: "The present is merely to inform your Lordship that the king of England has married again, and taken to wife a lady who was already in the family-way by him five or six months ago.— Rome, 26 June 1536."



Lynne Mclachlan

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Gareth, do you think that Jane was close to her brother are were they just opportunist



Lynne Mclachlan

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meant brothers



Dawn Hatswell

October 16, 2014 - 12:47 am

I know its only a what if, as we do with these people, but I wonder what kind of Queen Dowager/Regent she would have been if henry had snuffed it first...or would Big brothers have been the power there.



Gareth Russell

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loved ones



Gareth Russell

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Lynne, I'm not sure. All of her siblings who rose at court with her - Edward, Thomas and Elizabeth - flourished even after she was dead. However, the future evidence from both brothers' careers would indicate that they were hardly family sentimentalists by any stretch of the imagination! I'd have to say that both emerge to me as career opportunists, even in how they dealt with their closest



Jamie Adair

October 16, 2014 - 12:48 am

Gareth, again apologies for not seeing your talk because you might have addressed this, but I have heard conflicting things over there years about whether Jane had a caesarian section. Did she have one, or was her death solely due to puerperal fever?



Gareth Russell

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It's such a what if, Dawn, you're right. But in Jane's case, I do think Edward Seymour would have been able to dominate her more easily than anyone would Katherine of Aragon or Anne Boleyn. Maybe, like her son, she'd have become a **** in the Seymour brothers' tug-of-war between one another once Henry VIII was dead.



Jean Setering

October 16, 2014 - 12:49 am

I@Admin Tim: @Admin Tim: I have always thought of Jane as rather sly. Not as innocent as portrayed. She knew what she was doing and how the game was played - with plenty of help from her family. What do you think?



Gareth Russell

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No, Jamie, I didn't address. But, no, absolutely no Caesarean. It would've killed her and we know that she was actually up and moving, even attending official events, a few days after her son's birth. It was a post-natal infection that killed her 12 days after the birth of Edward VI.



Lynne Mclachlan

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good question Jamie



Jamie Adair

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Lol. Thanks. I've heard that C-sections in that period were basically fatal, so that makes sense.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:50 am

I said "p / awn" in the Seymour brothers'... Dear goodness, what must you think I said!



Dawn Hatswell

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I wonder where the caesarean rumour stemmed from



Teri Fitzgerald

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@Gareth Russell:



Claire Ridgway

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Ha! Tim and I were trying to work out what it had blanked out!



Dawn Hatswell

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Not easily shocked Gareth, said a lot worse...



Gareth Russell

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Katheryn Gallant

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Michelle Nasello

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Gareth Russell

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Michelle Nasello

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As well it took a bit of time for her to become pregnant, wonder if she was scared if she didn't produce.



Admin Tim

October 16, 2014 - 12:55 am

Just 5 minutes to go. Keep it up Gareth!



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:55 am

Wonderful. She is such an enigma, isn't she?



Lynne Mclachlan

October 16, 2014 - 12:55 am

That sounds good Claire



Linda Saether

October 16, 2014 - 12:55 am

Is there anything that might give us an idea of Jane's thoughts on Anne's demise? I guess she was wise enough to keep quiet.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:56 am

I'm sure she was terrified!



Teri Fitzgerald

October 16, 2014 - 12:56 am

@Gareth Russell: What did you think of Norton's and Loades' bios of Jane. Did you find them useful?



Linda Saether

October 16, 2014 - 12:56 am

Sorry I got here late. I hope you do this again soon.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:56 am

There's unfortunately absolutely nothing, Linda. There was never so much as one comment on either of her predecessors.



Sue Brindley

October 16, 2014 - 12:57 am

Really interesting talk and discussion... thanks Gareth



Linda Saether

October 16, 2014 - 12:57 am

Curious about any childhood/youth interaction between Anne/Jane too. They were related. Visiting Granny together?



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:57 am

There's an interesting quip from her brother, however. Later, after Jane was dead, and there was talk of an English assault on the French garrison in the town of Boulogne, Thomas Seymour allegedly said, "That's enough talk of Boleyn". Which perhaps indicates firstly how Gallicized the pronunciation of the Boleyn surname was, but also the Seymours' interest in avoiding her in conversation!



Dawn Hatswell

October 16, 2014 - 12:57 am

Still waters run deep, is a description I would use for little Miss Jane Seymore. A very interesting Chat everyone . Thanks Gareth, Claire and Tim. Night everyone.



Linda Saether

October 16, 2014 - 12:57 am

Grandma Cheyney, wasn't it?



Teri Fitzgerald

October 16, 2014 - 12:58 am

@Dawn Hatswell:



Michelle Nasello

October 16, 2014 - 12:58 am

@Gareth Russell: thanks for such a great chat about a misunderstood wife of Henry's. Too bad she passed away, she might have changed things.



Beth Gunter

October 16, 2014 - 12:58 am

Thank you, Gareth, for such an interesting chat!



Claire Ridgway

October 16, 2014 - 12:58 am

Just to let you know that the winner of Gareth's book "An Illustrated Introduction to the Tudors ", which comes out at the end of the month, is Lynne Mclachlan. Congrats Lynne! We'll get one sent to you as soon as it's available.



Lynne Mclachlan

October 16, 2014 - 12:59 am

Yes, thank you Gareth



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:59 am

Congratulations, Lynne! I so hope you enjoy it.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 12:59 am

They weren't first cousins, no. Only very distantly related in the way many of the English nobility were.



Katheryn Gallant

October 16, 2014 - 12:59 am

Thank you Gareth for the chat!



Beth Gunter

October 16, 2014 - 12:59 am

Congrats, Lynne!



Claire Ridgway

October 16, 2014 - 12:59 am

Thank you so much, Gareth, for your talk and for tonight's chat. Thank you to everyone who has joined us here tonight too.



Dawn Hatswell

October 16, 2014 - 12:59 am

You lucky Gal..



Hunter S. Jones

October 16, 2014 - 12:59 am

Thanks for this evening. Nice to meet everyone. Thanks Claire, Tim & Gareth.



Gareth Russell

October 16, 2014 - 1:00 am

Thank you, everyone It really has been an absolute pleasure and privilege. Thank you again and have a lovely evening. Claire and Tim, thank you for organising this so well, as usual!



Admin Tim

October 16, 2014 - 1:00 am

@Lynne Mclachlan: Congratulations!



Linda Saether

October 16, 2014 - 1:01 am

Looking forward to your new book, Gareth! Thanks Claire, Tim and Gareth for being continuously wonderful and a great inspiration! I'll be checking in again soon.



Beth Gunter

October 16, 2014 - 1:01 am

Thanks, Claire and Tim! Good night, friends!



Teri Fitzgerald

October 16, 2014 - 1:01 am

Thanks Gareth, Claire & Tim



Lynne Mclachlan

October 16, 2014 - 1:01 am

thanks Dawn , thanks Gareth and very one for an



Admin Tim

October 16, 2014 - 1:01 am

Well done Gareth, thank you for your talk and for the time you've spent on the chatroom. It is really appreciated. By all means carry on talking amongst yourselves, but Gareth, you are excused.



Katheryn Gallant

October 16, 2014 - 1:01 am

Thank you Claire and Tim!



Claire Ridgway

October 16, 2014 - 1:01 am

Good night everyone and thank you, I hope to see you on the forum or at next month's chat.



Lynne Mclachlan

October 16, 2014 - 1:01 am

thanks Gareth and everyone for an enjoyable chat



Sharon Conrad

October 16, 2014 - 1:02 am

Thanks everyone. Great chat.

