

Admin Tim

February 12, 2015 - 10:59 pm

Welcome everyone to tonight's live chat with Elizabeth Norton. The chat is now open so please feel free to ask your questions now.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 10:59 pm

Hi Sharon. Hi Claire. One of my favourite topics too (you might have guessed!)



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 10:59 pm

Fantastic!



Admin Tim

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Thank you Elizabeth for being here this evening, and thank you so much for your wonderful talk!



Sharon Conrad

February 12, 2015 - 11:00 pm

Hi Elizabeth. So nice to have you with us.



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:00 pm

Elizabeth I have often wondered what happened to Anne's A.B necklaces, and more to the point where did Anne get them



Claire Ridgway

February 12, 2015 - 11:00 pm

I'm curious, Elizabeth, who is your favourite member of the Boleyn family?



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:01 pm

I'm glad you enjoyed it Tim. I really enjoyed doing it. I find where Anne came from so fascinating - she rose so far.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:02 pm

Lorna, that's a tough one. We know Elizabeth inherited some of them. She's wearing one in the Family of HVIII painting. They were most likely melted down after Elizabeth's death.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:02 pm

Claire, I think it's got to be Elizabeth Boleyn. She's so little written about, but was present at so many crucial points in Anne's rise. I like that Anne thought of her when she was in the Tower - speaks volumes for the mother/daughter relationship.



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:02 pm

Anne is my herione because she basically kicked Henry's fat backside and didn't let him walk all over her.



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:03 pm

I do believe they may well have been broken up and recast, but perhaps not until Oliver Cromwells time

Elizabeth Norton



February 12, 2015 - 11:03 pm

Lorna, very true. She would be an amazing woman today, let alone for the sixteenth century.



Claire Ridgway

February 12, 2015 - 11:04 pm

Thank you! I agree with you about Elizabeth.



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:04 pm

Hi Elizabeth!



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:04 pm

Going further back, I think Anne Hoo Boleyn is fascinating (the first Anne Boleyn!). She ran the family following her husband's death and stood up for her inheritance rights. There's a whole series of court documents in the National Archives where she fought her uncle for her father's estate.



Jenny Egan

February 12, 2015 - 11:04 pm

Hi Elizabeth, love all your books (my favourite is on Jane Seymour, don't boo me everyone!) I would love to know your opinion on whether Mary Boleyn's children were fathered by Henry.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:05 pm

Hi Olga!



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:06 pm

This will sound strange, but in a way Anne showed the world, and more so woman, that they could be whatever they wanted and didn't need to be dependent on a man to look after them.. That side really showed itself more through Elizabeth.



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:07 pm

We've been discussing the 'saintly' image of Jane on the forum this week Elizabeth. She seems to always be portrayed as meek and colourless, or as glorying in Anne Boleyn's fall. What are your thoughts on Jane?



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:07 pm

Hi Jenny, thanks - it's always great to get good feedback! From the birth dates, I think Catherine Carey is possible, but I'm doubtful about Henry Carey. Partly, I would be surprised if HVIII could father such a healthy son to be honest - his other sons died as infants or in their teens.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:08 pm

Lorna, you're right. I always think of Anne as a politician, in a similar way to Cromwell etc. She was a great role model for Elizabeth I.



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:09 pm

In many ways the most luckiest Boleyn was perhaps Mary (Anne's sister) Basically because she kept her head down and her mouth shut.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:10 pm

Hi Olga. I'm pretty sure that there was much more to Jane than meek and colourless. She handled Henry brilliantly during their courtship and I don't think we can put that down purely to coaching. It's a shame that we don't have Chapuys' letters from Jane's time as queen as I suspect they would present a very different view of her. There are hints, such as speaking out for Mary...



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:10 pm

And yet Elizabeth knew so little of her mother. I wonder if Elizabeth and Anne would have got on.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:10 pm

... and the rebels in the Pilgrimage of Grace that she was more political than given credit for. If she had lived, she would have been Edward VI's regent and I think we would have a very different impression of 'meek' Jane Seymour!



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:11 pm

Lorna, Mary was definitely the luckiest sixteenth century Boleyn. She was, after all, the only survivor of her siblings. I think she was lucky to avoid falling with Anne - her marriage to William Stafford may have saved her life.



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:12 pm

I do feel that Jane certainly would act as a peacemaker between Edward and Thomas, and neither of them would have been allowed to try and dominate (loosely worded) little Eddy



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:12 pm

Definitely, and she also had her usual duties as a consort to perform. There's not much in the way of documents of Jane being petitioned for favours etc?



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:13 pm

Lorna, it's hard to tell whether Anne and Elizabeth would have got on. I think Anne would have been devoted to her only child, although, if she had been regent for Elizabeth (as queen from 1547), I think she may have found it hard to let go when Elizabeth reached adulthood.



Admin Tim

February 12, 2015 - 11:13 pm

After Anne's fall, Thomas quickly returned to a position in power. How do you think did he managed to overcome the stigma?



Jenny Egan

February 12, 2015 - 11:14 pm

I think the resemblance between Elizabeth and Catherine Carey are remarkable, but that could be down to their Boleyn gene. I've seen both Mary and Anne Boleyn portrayed as being sexual predators, helpless victims, spiteful schemers and before-their-time feminists. What are your thoughts on their personalities and how they are portrayed in modern media?



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:14 pm

If I have remembered rightly Tim, Thomas B played a walk on part in Edward's Christening. he was waving a candle or something.

Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:14 pm

Lorna, I'm researching the Seymour brothers at the moment, so this is a bit of a pet topic of mine! Thomas was pretty unstable towards the end but, if he may have found it easier to follow his sister the queen than his brother as Protector.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:15 pm

Olga, not really. There are a few records to her involvement in helping nunneries and other religious houses, such as Catesby Abbey.



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:16 pm

Does that mean a book is on the way Elizabeth?



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:16 pm

Tim, I think Thomas survived by effectively abandoning his children politically. He accepted the new regime (as can be seen by his presence at Edward's christening). To be honest, it's not as callous as it seems since, realistically, there was nothing he could do to save Anne and George.



Dawn Hatswell

February 12, 2015 - 11:16 pm

Hi everyone, I often wonder where Mary was buried, we know where the other family members are, is there no idea at all where she may be



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:17 pm

I do think Thomas was extremely power hungry and seemed to view his brother as a rival. I do feel however that Thomas wanted things handed to him on a silver platter, rather than be given the postion he was after (sake of Arguement here) Lord Chancellor, by sheer hard work and aptitude



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:18 pm

Hi Jenny. It's true, it's hard to draw any conclusions on the likeness between Elizabeth and Catherine and Elizabeth's favourable treatment of her Carey cousins (or siblings???). I think Anne was a fascinating character. She was very driven. I don't think she was always nice - at times her treatment of Princess Mary was brutal. But, you can see why she acted as she did...



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:18 pm

Tim do you think he really overcame the stigma though?



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:20 pm

...Mary was a huge rival to Elizabeth. Also, Anne did some great things. She helped usher in the Reformation, she was charitable etc. She was far from a sexual predator. Afterall, her name has only been linked romantically with three men and Thomas Wyatt himself says that nothing happened.



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:20 pm

Although Thomas B more or less airbrushed his children from his memory, did he have any sort of contact with Elizabeth?



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:20 pm

That's right Olga, watch this space!



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:21 pm

Hi Dawn, Mary is probably buried in Rochford I would think. It's a shame that there are many more lost graves than surviving ones. Did you know that Elizabeth Boleyn's grave is now in a museum of gardening?



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:23 pm

Lorna. I think Thomas was very ambitious. He was a clever man - it's plain to see where Anne and George got much of their character and abilities from. Even before his daughters' court careers he had risen in society, largely based on his own merits. His father was only a very minor courtier and largely held office in the counties (Norfolk and Kent).



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:24 pm

Lorna, Thomas would have seen Elizabeth at Edward's christening (when she played a role in the ceremony, being carried by Edward Seymour). There's no direct record of contact, although it was supposed to be agreed with Henry that she would be Thomas' heir. Elizabeth certainly had contact with Boleyn relatives in later life, including Thomas' brother who leaves her a book in his will



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:25 pm

Just checking through the questions to see if there's anything I've missed!



Dawn Hatswell

February 12, 2015 - 11:25 pm

Yes I did Elizabeth, and one day...I studied horticulture for 4 years, so fav things together, history, a Boleyn and Horticulture all under one roof...perfect



Elizabeth Norton

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Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:27 pm

I know Thomas was extremely talanted especially when it came to diplomatic matters, but I find it hard to swallow that he could just walk away from his children in their hour of need. I can sort of understand it because if he didn't he would lose everything he had worked so hard to acheive, and of course would end up taking his head home in a tower of London Jamboree Bag.



Claire Ridgway

February 12, 2015 - 11:27 pm

The Garden Museum is a lovely place to visit.



Admin Tim

February 12, 2015 - 11:27 pm

We went to Lambeth to the church there to take some photos. it's a nice walk from Westminster Abbey along the Thames and you can look back and see the Houses of Parliament. All very "London" and very interesting.



Dawn Hatswell

February 12, 2015 - 11:27 pm

Oh yes, but I live N.E Scotland now so...a little more than a day needed perhaps, lol.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:28 pm

Jenny, I don't think I answered you on Mary Boleyn's character. The recent interest in her is huge which is great, since it has meant that more research is carried out into her. I think it is a shame that she is often portrayed in opposition to Anne. Until she married William Stafford, there's nothing to suggest that the sisters were rivals and Mary often appears with Anne.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:28 pm

Olga, that's right. He also left money to support one of his Shelton nieces, which is guite touching.



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:29 pm

That's lovely, I must try and find out more about him. Do you think Elizabeth wanted to keep her remaining relatives close to her?



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:30 pm

Olga, James said in his will 'I give and bequeath to my most gracious sovereign lady the Queen's most excellent majesty my basin and ewer all gilt and my written book of the revelations of St Bridget'. He also asked her to read the book and 'ponder' it.



Jenny Egan

February 12, 2015 - 11:30 pm

So in terms of 'accurate' sisterly portrayals, think more The Tudors and less The Other Boleyn Girl/Wolf Hall?



Claire Ridgway

February 12, 2015 - 11:30 pm

I do find it heart-warming that Elizabeth was surrounded by quite a few Boleyn relatives in her household, people she could talk to about her mother.



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:31 pm

I think you're being a bit hard on Thomas considering he had a wife and the rest of his family to try and protect Lorna. Beggaring them would have done little good. Henry was going to execute Anne and George regardless.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:31 pm

Lorna, that's the trouble. I think it would have been a brave father to speak out for Anne and George in

May 1536. He would almost certainly have died too if he had protested too much.



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:32 pm

I do feel that Anne and Mary had a close relationship, but Mary's marriage with Stafford, did perhaps cause a bit of upset between the sisters. I think Anne thought Mary could have done a little better than Stafford



Admin Tim

February 12, 2015 - 11:32 pm

What do you think of the depictions of the Boleyn's in Wolf Hall (and I'll confess that I am NOT enjoying it)?



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:32 pm

I love that Elizabeth!



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:32 pm

Olga. I definitely think Elizabeth wanted to keep her relatives close by. She had so few after all. I think it's really sad that, at her death, the closest female relative they could find (and who was willing to act as her chief mourner) was the Marquis of Northampton's widow (so, Elizabeth's step mother's sister-in-law)



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:33 pm

Tim, the only good thing we can safely say about Wolf Hall is that it has provoked a lot of debate.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:33 pm

Jenny, definitely. I don't see them as rivals until Mary's second marriage.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:34 pm

Claire, it's great that Elizabeth kept her Boleyn relatives around her. They were also less dangerous to her politically than her Tudor family!



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:34 pm

Very heated debate as well Tim



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:35 pm

Tim, I'll be honest, so far I've only watched episode 1... Anne is pretty unsympathetic in Wolf Hall, isn't she!



Jenny Egan

February 12, 2015 - 11:35 pm

Have you come across any research about Elizabeth or Edward talking about their mothers? I think I have only seen one quote directed from Edward in which he states that he believes/acknowledges he killed his mother which was quite heart wrenching to read.



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:36 pm

I didn't know that Elizabeth, I haven't read much on Elizabeth. That is really sad.

Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:36 pm

The longest living relative of Elizabeth's was Lettice Knollys of course, she lived till she was 91, right up until she died she was an active woman.



Dawn Hatswell

February 12, 2015 - 11:36 pm

Or perhaps Anne may have been a little jealous of her sister too, her husband loved her, she was pregnant, happy, its quiet reasonable to think that, does anyone else?



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:36 pm

What do we know about Anne of Cleves relationship with Elizabeth I?



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:37 pm

Jenny, Edward opened his journal by saying 'in the year of our lord 1537 a prince was born to King Henry the Eighth by Jane Seymour, then queen, who within a few days after the birth of her son died and was buried at Windsor Castle'. It's brief, but she was clearly important enough to him to mention her by name and what happened to her.



Emily

February 12, 2015 - 11:38 pm

Hi Elizabeth, are there any sources that talk about Thomas Boleyn's relationship with Mary after the fall of Anne and George?



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:38 pm

It's the prolific use of the F word that really annoys me the most about Wolf hall among other things. We did have Olga's favourite B word in this weeks episode and well as the F word.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:38 pm

Jenny, I think Elizabeth's ring speaks volumes for her thoughts on her mother, with the facing portraits of her and Anne. It was difficult for her to speak publicly about Anne, since it also brought up the issue of her legal illegitimacy and also the scandal of the charges of which Anne was convicted.



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:39 pm

LOL it is a good word Lorna.



Sharon Conrad

February 12, 2015 - 11:39 pm

A very good word.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:40 pm

Lorna, Lettice Knollys was amazing. Did you know she married again after Leicester's death? She married Sir Christopher Blount, who was a cousin of Bessie Blount's.



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:40 pm

Another question Elizabeth, do you think historians misinterpret Edward's journal? They often use passages to 'prove' he was cold but I don't think we can really interpret his formal entries like that. He wasn't writing an emotional teenage journal

Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:40 pm

Dawn, I think Anne probably was jealous of Mary towards the end, although the Stafford marriage was also scandalous. The queen's sister could do much better socially and it also reflected badly on the Boleyns as a family that Mary would marry someone so lowly.



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:40 pm

I just find it totally incredulous, that Hilariously Mental was able to win the Booker Prize twice.. I have said this a few times now on the forum, but in my opinion, no really good author, more so a fictional author, should stoop to using profanity to make a story line try and work



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:42 pm

Hi Emily, Thomas' relationship with Mary is complicated. She was his heir but there is no evidence that he did anything to promote her claims to his estates.



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:42 pm

I wondered about that one as it goes Elizabeth. I did know that and if I'm right her daughter Penelope, married a cousin of Christophers as well



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:43 pm

Bo that is the best moniker for Mantel yet



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:43 pm

Olga. Edward's journal is definitely misinterpreted. I think he was trying to create a historical record (he called it his chronicle). It's not something he was trying to put his feelings into



Sharon Conrad

February 12, 2015 - 11:43 pm

Poor Anne's marriage was falling apart, and in walks Mary carrying a child and married to a man she loves and one who loves her back.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:44 pm

Lorna, there's a third book due out, maybe she'll win it again



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:44 pm

Lorna, that's right. The Blounts were a vast family. Christopher's parents are buried in Kidderminster church. There's a depiction of him on their tomb as a weeper.



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:44 pm

in a swear word is used if it is in context with what scene then it can be forgiven, but to use the F word in nearly every other sentence is just not cricket or tennis either



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:45 pm

Sharon. I think Mary's pregnancy must have been awful for Anne given that she had almost certainly just lost her own baby.



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:46 pm

Claire get writing, we need to have a winner with a working brain. Not someone who is clearly not firing on all thrusters



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:46 pm

It's amazing how they all use the entry about Somerset to try and make out Edward was some sort of sociopath!



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:47 pm

Olga, I've just spotted your question on Anne of Cleves. There aren't many sources although Renard believed that Anne of Cleves was involved in Wyatt's rebellion and that this was on behalf of Elizabeth. They were sometimes described together in Mary's reign, for example it was noticed at court early in the reign that neither was yet attending mass. They also shared a carriage at M's coronati



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:47 pm

Yes I know Kidderminster well Elizabeth



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:48 pm

Olga. I know. There's nothing in the journal that conveys emotion (I particularly like the part where he wants his French bride to arrived suitably jewelled and stuffed). It's just not that type of journal!



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:49 pm

Lorna, it's very much Blount country! Did you know there were rumours that Henry would marry Bessie Blount when he began trying to end his marriage to Catherine? To some observers it seemed incredulous that he would marry anyone other than the mother of his son.



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:51 pm

I didn't know about the rumours of marriage Elizabeth, but I have read, that he wanted to make Fitzroy his heir to replace Mary.. but Wolsey I assume talked him out of it



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:51 pm

Has anyone been up to Salle in Norfolk to have a look at the original home of the Boleyns? I think it's fascinating how far they rose in only a few generations. There's a memorial brass in the church to one of Anne's ancestors.



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:52 pm

I've always found that claim about Anne a bit confusing Elizabeth, I'll have to read more about it. But there was evidence she fell out with Mary?



Admin Tim

February 12, 2015 - 11:53 pm

I would like to announce that this evening's winner of "The Boleyn Women" by Elizabeth Norton is Emily! Congratulations!



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:53 pm

Lorna, the pope (apparently without Henry actually asking for it) made it known that he would dispense a marriage between Mary and Henry Fitzroy if the king stayed married to Catherine. The Second Act of

Succession (after Anne's fall) was also very much geared towards making Fitzroy heir if Henry didn't have a legitimate son. It gave him the power to appoint his own successor.



Claire Ridgway

February 12, 2015 - 11:54 pm

Congratulations Emily!



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:55 pm

Olga. Do you mean the claim she was involved in Wyatt's rebellion? I think it's highly unlikely myself, but it was obviously considered plausible in 1554 (although nothing came of it). She seems to have stayed away from court more after that, so there may have been something of a falling out. She died at M's manor of Chelsea though and left jewellery to her in her will, so no major falling out.



Emilv

February 12, 2015 - 11:55 pm

Yay! Thank you!



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:55 pm

I think that was a combination of Mary's happy Marriage, and her pregnancy Olga, to why Anne and Mary fell out. Mary had basically what Anne hadn't. I do feel that by the latter end of 1535, Anne was bitterly unhappy. although she was pregnant she knew that this was her last chance



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:55 pm

Happy reading Emily..



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:55 pm

Congratulations Emily, I hope you enjoy it!



Admin Tim

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Just five minutes to go. Get your last questions in now (and well done Elizabeth for keeping up with it all!)



Sharon Conrad

February 12, 2015 - 11:55 pm

Congrats Emily!



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:56 pm

Sorry, I was talking about Anne of Cleves in my last response to Olga (just to be clear!)



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:56 pm

Tim, I'm trying (I hope I haven't missed any!)



Claire Ridgway

February 12, 2015 - 11:57 pm

Your fingers must be flying across the keyboard Elizabeth!



Lorna Wanstall

February 12, 2015 - 11:57 pm

Elizabeth will need some paracetmol after all our questions tonight



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:57 pm

Lorna, finding herself pregnant towards the end of 1535 must have been such a relief for Anne and the miscarriage was devastating. She didn't necessarily see it as her last chance though, her fall was so sudden and unexpected.



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:57 pm

Claire, I'm speed typing



Elizabeth Norton

February 12, 2015 - 11:58 pm

Lorna, I might do!



Admin Tim

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Elizabeth, we're about to draw things to a close. Are there any thoughts about the Boleyn's that you would like to leave us with - trivia or anything which has struck you as interesting?



Olga Hughes

February 12, 2015 - 11:59 pm

Yes that's what I meant, thanks Elizabeth. I can't remember which book I read it in but they made out that AOC and Mary had a huge falling out over it.



Elizabeth Norton

February 13, 2015 - 12:00 am

Emily, let me know who your favourite Boleyn woman is when you've read the book. I found the Sheltons (who I treat as honorary Boleyns) fascinating.



Lorna Wanstall

February 13, 2015 - 12:00 am

Claire I have enjoyed our talk tonight with Elizabeth, and I hope that we may have another visit from her very soon. rest assured there will always be a warm and freindly welcome here.



Elizabeth Norton

February 13, 2015 - 12:00 am

Olga, no big falling out as far as I can see, although I think it soured relations.



Elizabeth Norton

February 13, 2015 - 12:02 am

Tim, I've really enjoyed this evening. Thanks to you and Claire for inviting me. The Boleyns are so fascinating. I think it is amazing how far they rose. In 1400 they were peasants, involved in disputes over where they put timber from trees they felled and hauled before the manor court from taking water from the wrong streams. Just over a century later a Boleyn was crowned queen. Amazing!



Claire Ridgway

February 13, 2015 - 12:02 am

Thank you so much for joining us tonight, Elizabeth, and for answering all of our questions. I've really enjoyed it. Thank you also for your talk. We all really appreciate it.



Elizabeth Norton

February 13, 2015 - 12:02 am

Lorna, I would love to come back, I've enjoyed it and everyone has been very friendly!



Jenny Egan

February 13, 2015 - 12:03 am

Thank you for your time and knowledge Elizabeth



Admin Tim

February 13, 2015 - 12:03 am

Thanks Elizabeth - you are officially excused and can go to sleep now. The rest of us are welcome to carry on chatting or surfing the Tudor Society website...



Claire Ridgway

February 13, 2015 - 12:03 am

You're very welcome to come back, perhaps something on the Blounts or the Seymours??



Lorna Wanstall

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Many thanks Elizabeth. Take care and Keep safe



Sharon Conrad

February 13, 2015 - 12:03 am

Thank you so much for a lovely chat, Elizabeth. Come back soon.



Claire Ridgway

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Good night Elizabeth and good night everyone xx



Emily

February 13, 2015 - 12:03 am

Thanks Elizabeth! I am looking forward to the book!



Olga Hughes

February 13, 2015 - 12:04 am

Thanks Elizabeth!



Elizabeth Norton

February 13, 2015 - 12:04 am

Thanks very much Claire and Tim. This is a great site. It's midnight here, so I might sign off! (something on the Blounts or Seymours would suit me very well)



Elizabeth Norton

February 13, 2015 - 12:04 am

Good Night everyone!



Lorna Wanstall

February 13, 2015 - 12:04 am

Goodnight Everyone. Take care and keep safe all of you.



Emily

February 13, 2015 - 12:04 am

Great chat everyone!



Donna McLean

February 13, 2015 - 12:05 am

Really enjoyable chat. Learned a lot. Thanks

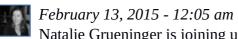


Sharon Conrad

February 13, 2015 - 12:05 am

Good night all!

Claire Ridgway



Natalie Grueninger is joining us next month and then Derek Wilson in April.



Claire Ridgway
February 13, 2015 - 12:06 am

Nighty night, 1am here, yawn!