

**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 10:47 pm

Hello everyone! Hope I'm in the right place.



**Sharon Conrad**

March 11, 2015 - 10:48 pm

Hi everyone!



**Admin Tim**

March 11, 2015 - 10:49 pm

Hi Natalie, you're in the perfect place



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 10:49 pm

Hello Sharon!



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 10:49 pm

I'm so glad, Tim!



**Sharon Conrad**

March 11, 2015 - 10:49 pm

Natalie, welcome. Looking forward to tonight's chat.



**Olga Hughes**

March 11, 2015 - 10:50 pm

Hi everyone! Hi Nat



**Claire Ridgway**

March 11, 2015 - 10:50 pm

Hello everyone! I hope you're all ok, I'm really looking forward to this.



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 10:50 pm

Thank you, Sharon, so am I. Hello Olga!



**Olga Hughes**

March 11, 2015 - 10:51 pm

Hi James, glad you enjoyed the articles! I think they infuriated most people...Let us know how you like the show. We have a thread for each view of it



**Admin Tim**

March 11, 2015 - 10:51 pm

Before we start, could I ask you all to write the one thing you are enjoying the most about the Tudor Society? It will help us to focus more?



**Claire Ridgway**

March 11, 2015 - 10:53 pm

Good idea Tim!



**Olga Hughes**

March 11, 2015 - 10:53 pm

I'd be very hard pressed to choose Tim! I love the articles, videos, magazines, quizzes....



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 10:54 pm

There's lots to enjoy! A favourite of mine are the videos. Great job on the Alhambra one!



**Hunter S. Jones**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:54 pm*

Only one thing? How about three things or more?? Chats, magazine, information, meeting like minded individuals...



**James Mewborn**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:54 pm*

I enjoy a number of aspects of the TS, especially the quizzes, these chat room presentations the Claire chats videos, and, of course, the wonderful monthly magazines.



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:54 pm*

BTW, this is my first live chat. How exciting!



**Olga Hughes**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:54 pm*

We're all looking forward to it Nat!



**Sharon Conrad**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:54 pm*

The video chats with Claire. The quizzes. The forum. The primary sources. The monthly magazine. Have I left anything out?



**Sharon Conrad**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:55 pm*

oh, the live chats. How could I forget that?



**Admin Tim**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:55 pm*

Thanks all. Was looking for focus, but if you're loving it all that is really excellent. Thanks all



**Admin Tim**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:56 pm*

Five minutes to go. Thank you for being on a little early - it helps as we can have these little chats.



**Sharon Conrad**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:57 pm*

Claire, the Alhambra video was wonderful!



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:57 pm*

Welcome Natalie, glad to have you with us this evening.



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:57 pm*

Welcome Natalie, glad to have you with us this evening.



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:58 pm*

Hello Lorna, thank you!



**Claire Ridgway**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:58 pm*

Thank you! It was fun filming it, people kept looking at me as if I was famous! It's a beautiful place.



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 10:58 pm*

I agree Sharon it, was a wonderful Video, the palace was much larger than I actually thought it was



**Olga Hughes**

March 11, 2015 - 10:59 pm

I think we all love the videos actually Tim. Claire is much more interesting than my history professor



**Admin Tim**

March 11, 2015 - 10:59 pm

Well, thank you all for coming, and thanks especially to Natalie for spending some time with us all AND for her amazing expert talk. We're open so please feel free to ask your questions to Natalie.



**Sharon Conrad**

March 11, 2015 - 10:59 pm

You are famous, Claire.



**Claire Ridgway**

March 11, 2015 - 10:59 pm

You're all so lovely!



**Claire Ridgway**

March 11, 2015 - 11:00 pm

Ok, over to you guys and Natalie...



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:01 pm

Thanks for having me Claire and Tim!



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:01 pm

Natalie, why were progresses so important



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:01 pm

I sort have have them down as a meet and greet sort of thing



**Claire Ridgway**

March 11, 2015 - 11:01 pm

I'm going to be cheeky and sneak in a question first - Natalie, what's your favourite Tudor place that you've visited during your research?



**Donna McLean**

March 11, 2015 - 11:03 pm

Hi Natalie, Did the monarchs engage with the people from the towns and villages they passed through



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:03 pm

Lorna, great question! They were a way for the monarch to show their magnificence to the people, also a way of rewarding loyalty and showing favour.



**Olga Hughes**

March 11, 2015 - 11:04 pm

Natalie how many possessions would someone have to pack for progress? Was it more like moving house or packing for a holiday?



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:04 pm

Claire, so many wonderful places... I love HCP and the Tower but other favourites include Acton Court

and Ludlow Castle.



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:05 pm*

Certainly poor Mary Queen of Scots was kept busy progress wise, 9 progresses in 6 years, the 2nd and 3rd, being the the most busy



**Claire Ridgway**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:05 pm*

Thank you, Natalie!



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:05 pm*

Donna, there was always a welcoming ceremony and so that was a chance for the people to see their king and queen, and for monarchs to interact with their people.



**Sandra Vasoli**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:06 pm*

Hi everyone and Natalie, thanks for your wonderful talk!



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:06 pm*

Olga, it was kind of like moving house! Because progresses to the court farther afield, they were usually not lodges in the royal palaces that had a skeleton staff and furniture, so everything had to travel with them!



**Sharon Conrad**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:06 pm*

It must have been difficult to make sure everyone along the route knew the court was on the way. Were they warned ahead of time, or only days ahead?



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:07 pm*

Hello Sandra! Thanks for joining us.



**Donna McLean**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:07 pm*

Were royal progresses common before the Tudor period?



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:07 pm*

I have heard, that when Elizabeth, went on her meet and greet progresses, that some of the nobles she visited would often end up bankrupt or near to bankrupt. Is this true?



**Admin Tim**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:07 pm*

You mentioned all the pre-planning for the progress. Who made the REAL decisions about where to go and where to stay?



**James Mewborn**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:08 pm*

Natalie, it seems that the expense to the hosts who had to entertain the king and queen and their entourage would have been enormous, even for the well-to-do. How could people manage?



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:08 pm*

Absolutely Sharon, it was a monumental task! And yes, members of the court rode ahead to prepare the villages and make sure that they were baking and brewing!



**Sandra Vasoli**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:08 pm*

Natalie, can you tell us a little more about the records of the travels....gosh trying to remember the name of that ledger, begins with a G. Who were those records for, and are they now kept in the Archives at Kew??



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:08 pm*

Great to have you back Sandra. I



**Sandra Vasoli**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:08 pm*

Thanks Lorna!



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:09 pm*

Lorna, that's very true! Courtiers and noblemen often had to take out loans to travel with a progress and also to host a visit from the king and queen. Very expensive business!



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:09 pm*

The food that must have been laid on must have been astronomical



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:10 pm*

Tim, yes the progresses were planned ahead of time, however, there were many factors that led to the itinerary being changed. Disease was a biggy!



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:10 pm*

What entertainments would have been laid on. Music and Dancing I would expect, but given that they did that at court anyway, wouldn't they have wanted something different



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:11 pm*

James, it was a huge expense! Often loans were taken out by a courtier or nobleman just to house the court for one night. Rewards were often good too, though



**Sandra Vasoli**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:11 pm*

Re the food...every time I cook I think of those poor cooks in the humungous Tudor kitchens trying to serve hundreds of people in grand style... whew!



**Sharon Conrad**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:12 pm*

How many people on average traveled with the court? and where did they all stay?



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:12 pm*

There was many a drunken turnspit I should imagine Sandra



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:12 pm*

Sandra, do you mean the giests? They were widely distributed to ensure that the court knew where they were intending to go and who they were staying with. Not many survive for the early part of Henry VIII's reign, and yes housed in the National Archives.



**Sandra Vasoli**

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yes geists!! I would love to see them. Did you and Sarah have a look?



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:13 pm

I do believe that although it must have been total choas in the kitchens, it was probably a well ordered choas



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:13 pm

Sharon, numbers changed depending on the year and the political circumstances of the day but on average the court on progress numbered around 700 ish.



**Olga Hughes**

March 11, 2015 - 11:13 pm

As a chef, I would be happy to have kitchens so large they had buildings assigned to various duties



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:13 pm

Of course on major progresses, like Henry's progress north in 1541, there were thousands of people travelling with the court.



**Olga Hughes**

March 11, 2015 - 11:14 pm

What was the main method of travel Nat, horseback?



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:14 pm

No, I have not seen an original giest, would love to though!



**Sandra Vasoli**

March 11, 2015 - 11:15 pm

That is unreal - 700 people. Traveling and being housed. Do we have any records of local (wealthy) farmhouses that the courtiers stayed in while traveling?



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:15 pm

That was a very clever ploy on Henry's part I believe, as it was just for a meet and greet the people tour, as he was supposedly going to meet his nephew too he basically wanted to show off too.



**Admin Tim**

March 11, 2015 - 11:15 pm

I've often wondered who I would have been in those days. I think I'd have been a friend of Mark Smeaton, jammin' with the "house band".



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:15 pm

Sharon, as for where they all stayed, this depended on the location but could include local inns or even just tents pitched in the grounds of the house where the king and queen and their immediate retinue where staying.



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:16 pm

Yes I can just see banging a tambarine Tim LOL



**Olga Hughes**

March 11, 2015 - 11:17 pm

I wouldn't have been allowed to cook Tim, I'd be a pot-washer



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:17 pm

Sandra, yes, it is amazing! And I haven't looked into the Elizabethan progresses in great detail but from what I have read these were grander and more lavish than Henry's progresses.



**Colleen MacDonald**

March 11, 2015 - 11:17 pm

as someone at court, would you just assume you were going on progress with the king, or was there an invitation list, like the "A" list for a party?



**Admin Tim**

March 11, 2015 - 11:18 pm

The Tudor era was before all of the land reform and the "fencing in" of England. Did they travel point to point or by well established roads? Did the King have to trudge along with all the equipment or did he just please himself and ride on ahead?



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:18 pm

Great question Colleen, I think if you were a member of the king or queen's immediate retinue you didn't have much choice but I believe the Giest also listed who would accompany the king.



**Sandra Vasoli**

March 11, 2015 - 11:18 pm

I ask because I have stayed in the home of a friend who lives very near what was Beaulieu in Chelmsford, a beautiful very old house with Tudor hearths and paneling on the walls ( but a farmhouse nonetheless) and I feel sure it must have been a place where some of the court stayed when Henry was in that part of Essex.



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:18 pm

I think the progresses were worked out in advance Colleen



**Sandra Vasoli**

March 11, 2015 - 11:19 pm

Haaaaa Tim you would have been a traveling minstrel



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:19 pm

Sandra, sounds beautiful! It's very possible that that house did house members of the 'outer' court. I'd love to see a pic of it



**Sharon Conrad**

March 11, 2015 - 11:19 pm

Tim,



**Admin Tim**

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Part of a novelty act...



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:20 pm



Yes, progresses were definitely worked out in advance **Admin Tim**

March 11, 2015 - 11:20 pm

Sandra - we'd like to see the picture too!



**Hunter S. Jones**

March 11, 2015 - 11:20 pm

This is a fantastic chat! Thank you Claire, Tim & Natalie! Love the info you have tonight.



**Sandra Vasoli**

March 11, 2015 - 11:20 pm

I will see if I can dig one up Nat, it was very cool. Yeah REALLY cool - no central heating, in Essex in the winter!!!



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:21 pm

Tim, staff rode ahead of the court and set everything up so that when the king and queen arrived, all their belongings were already put away, the fire stoked and the bed made! Sounds lovely, doesn't it?



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:21 pm

Was there a set distance to how many miles could be travelled on these progresses



**Claire Ridgway**

March 11, 2015 - 11:21 pm

Elizabeth I's progresses and the properties with links to her would make a great book, Natalie!



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:21 pm

So glad you're enjoying it, Hunter! One of my favourite topics.



**Admin Tim**

March 11, 2015 - 11:21 pm

No GPS in those days.



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:22 pm

It sure would, Claire! I've thought of it many times.



**Admin Tim**

March 11, 2015 - 11:22 pm

I like Claire's suggestion



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:23 pm

A favourite quote about Elizabethan progresses: 'Nothing save war was more disruptive to the orderly well-being of court life than a royal progress.'



**Lorna Wanstall**

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the reason I ask that is because Mary QOS first progress when she returned to Scotland in 1561, although short, was still a distance of 271 miles from the 11 to 29 september..



**Olga Hughes**

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Me too!



**Claire Ridgway**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:24 pm*

There you go, Natalie, we've organised your next project for you!



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:24 pm*

Lorna, that miles travelled varied greatly depending on the year you look at but in general I found that the court travelled between 9-15 miles per day.



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:25 pm*

Ha, ha! Thanks Claire! Will you publish it for me too.



**Claire Ridgway**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:25 pm*

Of course



**Admin Tim**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:26 pm*

Is there a parallel between what US presidents do building up to election time and the Tudor progress? Was the media at the time interested in what happened at each stop?



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:26 pm*

Lorna, Maths is not my strong point but roughly that's 15 miles per day I think...



**Sharon Conrad**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:26 pm*

I would think it would get to people after a while. Constantly being on the road.



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:26 pm*

Scotland wouldn't have been as easy to traverse as England was either.



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:27 pm*

That would sound about right, it would be pushing it slightly to ride any further than that, but there is no reason to suggest that they didn't



**Colleen MacDonald**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:29 pm*

how many hours would it take to go that far in a day?



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:29 pm*

Tim, I think there is, yes! The Tudor progresses were in a big part all propaganda. The king had to reinforce his authority and show himself to the people. He couldn't just jump on Twitter or FB like many leaders do these days.



**Sandra Vasoli**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:29 pm*

Well, for the King and Queen it wouldn't have been as taxing as for the 'minor players', but they had to move anyway during the summer to clean and disinfect (loose term) the houses, right?

**Lorna Wanstall**



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Mary's stopping point's could range from a few days, or overnight, or even just a few hours. They could travel further with a few hours break, if they had set up post horses



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:30 pm

I meant range, son in law made me jump



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:30 pm

So yes, it was all about connecting with your subjects and ensuring that they still saw how powerful and magnificent you were.



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:31 pm

In Henry's case he was all about showing them what a great blob of lard he had become LOL



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:31 pm

Lorna, very much the same with the Tudor progresses. Some stops were fleeting overnights, while others were 4 or 5 days long. Very much depended on the size of the house, how comfortable the court was and perhaps more importantly, how good the hunting was!



**Admin Tim**

March 11, 2015 - 11:32 pm

Horses walk at about the same speed as people: 3-4 miles an hour. At a trot it is like someone running: 10 miles an hour. So the king could do 15 miles in an hour and a half, but the equipment would have taken 5 hours to travel the same distance.



**Olga Hughes**

March 11, 2015 - 11:32 pm

So what was the procession like when they traveled through a village Nat?



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:32 pm

Yes hunting seems to have been among one of the most popular things. James 5th enjoyed wolf hunting



**Admin Tim**

March 11, 2015 - 11:32 pm

\* according to a brief search on the internet.



**Sandra Vasoli**

March 11, 2015 - 11:34 pm

Tim, it's easy to tell you are a detail oriented, tech kinda guy. Good calculations!



**Sharon Conrad**

March 11, 2015 - 11:34 pm

Did they stop and talk to the villagers or just nod and wave?



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:34 pm

Thanks Tim! How many miles they could travel in a day varied a lot and depended greatly on the weather and the riders. With all that baggage it would have taken much longer than a rider on his own.



**Admin Tim**

March 11, 2015 - 11:34 pm

Ha.



**Katheryn Gallant**

March 11, 2015 - 11:35 pm

Did the mayor of the village or other village notables greet the king in the name of the village?



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:35 pm

I should imagine the people would be lining the roads, and cheering as the court went by, just in the same way as it was in the city. The gentry folk would perhaps toss them a groat or two as well.



**Lorna Wanstall**

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or a bawbee, or plack.



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:36 pm

Sharon, definitely tried to acknowledge the people that came out to see them. Not sure that I've ever read an account of Henry stopping and dismounting to talk to villagers, but it may very well have happened. I will look into this!



**Sandra Vasoli**

March 11, 2015 - 11:37 pm

I think I read, maybe in the Privy Purse Expenses, that Henry received cheeses and sweets from the local people while he traveled.



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:37 pm

Hello Katheryn, yes, the mayor and local dignitaries always met the royal party outside of town.



**Katheryn Gallant**

March 11, 2015 - 11:37 pm

I mean, did the village notables give the king some present as a token of goodwill?



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:38 pm

Yes Katheryn, gifts were always exchanged.



**Claire Ridgway**

March 11, 2015 - 11:38 pm

I've read that Elizabeth stopped and chatted to the people on her progresses, but I've never read of Henry doing it. atted to the people on her progresses, but I've never read of Henry doing it.



**Natalie Grueninger**

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That wouldn't surprise me, Sandra. They received lots of interesting gifts, like '20 fat oxen and 100 fat mutton' in York in 1541.



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:39 pm

He may have done Natalie, as remember the people believe that the king's touch could cure scrofela, or illness, so he may well have got down off his horse and blessed those who were ill



**Sharon Conrad**

March 11, 2015 - 11:40 pm

Yes, that is what I was referring to Claire. I knew Elizabeth did stop.



**Hunter S. Jones**

March 11, 2015 - 11:40 pm

Henry was such a hypochondriac. It's difficult to imagine him touching sick people



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:41 pm*

Yes I have read that as well Claire, I believe that she stopped and spoke to a young Will Shakespeare.



**Sharon Conrad**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:42 pm*

He probably kept his gloves on, Hunter. lol



**Admin Tim**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:44 pm*

Just over 15 minutes to go on the "official" time. Keep your questions coming.



**Hunter S. Jones**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:44 pm*

LOL!



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:44 pm*

It must have been a wonderful sight to see



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:44 pm*

Ha, ha! Yes, Henry was particularly worried about disease, for this reason he had royal officers ride out ahead of him to the next staging posts to ensure that there was no major outbreaks of disease in the area.



**Hunter S. Jones**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:45 pm*

Natalie, what discovery surprised you most during your research?



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:46 pm*

I believe that did happen once Natalie, the outriders, found that there was sickness in one of the villiages, and so they quickly found an alternative route for the procession to go



**Sandra Vasoli**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:47 pm*

So, Natalie, who do you think did most of the planning of the proposed route? And whose job was it to put together the Giest? Master of the Horse? head Chamberlain head Steward? Or Henry and his Privy Council?



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:48 pm*

Did Henry, give a list of food that he wanted at his various stopping places or was it just a pick and mix type thing



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:48 pm*

Hunter, a few things that struck me were just how much the court moved, even in winter, and what a massive undertaking it was to move such a large group of people and baggage. Not to mention housing all those people in the villages and feeding them. It would be difficult now to replicate it.



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:49 pm*

Lorna, yes, it happened a number of times.



**Colleen MacDonald**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:49 pm*

I wonder if the villagers dreaded it, or looked upon it as a good money making scheme for selling food, rooms at the inn etc. Possibly like some of the "tourist destinations" we have now - sometimes a pain but perhaps good for the economy?



**Hunter S. Jones**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:50 pm*

Sounds like a Stones tour in the 1970s, Natalie.

Thank you. Can't wait to read your work!



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:51 pm*

Lorna, I haven't seen any specific lists of food apart from a quote that said the people were warned to bake and brew. They would also have purchased meat locally, and we all know how much the Tudors loved their meat!



**Sharon Conrad**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:51 pm*

Did the courtiers take their children with them?



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:52 pm*

It's a little bit of brainbasher for you natalie, and actually I find it very interesting. I have mentioned this to Claire as well as it goes. We all know the accepted food fare that would have been on offer, but I'm playing with a storylinr idea, for using Haggies



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:52 pm*

Sandra, I imagine that the King and Privy Council would have decided the route based on the current political situation but then it was left to the various households to organise.



**Admin Tim**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:53 pm*

Just 10 minutes to go - keep going Natalie!



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:53 pm*

actually that should be spelt Haggeis (or to give it proper name Haggis)



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:53 pm*

Great question Sharon! I have not read of courtiers taking their children with them on progress. I think the expense was just too great. Royal children, of course, on occasions accompanied the progress.



**Sandra Vasoli**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:54 pm*

haaaa, I can see them eating Haggis...



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 11, 2015 - 11:54 pm*

I love Haggis at the Tudor court!

**Lorna Wanstall**



March 11, 2015 - 11:55 pm

I think it was perhaps expected that the royal children would be part of the progress, as it was a good chance for them to see the future, king or Queen too



**Admin Tim**

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Sounds like a who-did-it kind of book.



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:56 pm

Well Haggis is a very interesting dish, although I don't know if it would have been served at the royal table



**Admin Tim**

March 11, 2015 - 11:56 pm

We've picked tonight's winner out of the hat and it is .... Hunter

. We'll be sending you a copy of Natalie's book shortly. Well done Hunter.



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:56 pm

Lorna, an example of the guests changing as a result of disease... In 1535, Henry and Anne were lodged at Thornbury Castle and supposed to travel through Bristol but an outbreak of disease there forced them to change plans and stay at Thornbury for longer than expected. Delegates from Bristol visited them at Thornbury instead.



**Colleen MacDonald**

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but didn't royal children often live elsewhere with their households, may not have been included on progress? I think it is a more modern notion that the children would be with the parents?



**Olga Hughes**

March 11, 2015 - 11:57 pm

Where did Henry go on his first official progress Nat?



**Sandra Vasoli**

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Don't we all wonder why Henry didn't wish to travel further? I always wonder if he desired to go to Italy. Did he travel as far as Wales and Scotland? Ireland? Doesn't seem so as far as I know. Nat ??



**Claire Ridgway**

March 11, 2015 - 11:57 pm

Congratulations Hunter!



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:58 pm

As Mary Stops at several Convents (the few that are left in Scotland) during her progresses, as the nuns/monks, would have eaten very simple meals, Haggis could well have been eaten by them, so why not Mary as well.



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:58 pm

You're absolutely correct Colleen, they did have their own households from very young. I have, though, definitely read that Mary Tudor joined her parents on progress but haven't got the year at hand, sorry!



**Hunter S. Jones**

March 11, 2015 - 11:58 pm

Did I win? If yes, thank you so much!



**Claire Ridgway**

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**Olga Hughes**

March 11, 2015 - 11:58 pm

Congratulations Hunter, enjoy the book!



**Sharon Conrad**

March 11, 2015 - 11:58 pm

That first progress must have been so exciting. A new young king with his queen.



**Claire Ridgway**

March 11, 2015 - 11:58 pm

Yes, you won a copy of Natalie's book Hunter.



**Sandra Vasoli**

March 11, 2015 - 11:59 pm

Lorna we have a dish here in Pennsylvania, near Philly, called Scrapple. It is very similar to Haggis. And it's called SCRAPple for a reason.



**Hunter S. Jones**

March 11, 2015 - 11:59 pm

Thank you!



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:59 pm

Yes Claire, Henry's progress to Yorkshire was as north as he ever travelled.



**Lorna Wanstall**

March 11, 2015 - 11:59 pm

Well done Hunter, Happy reading.



**Admin Tim**

March 11, 2015 - 11:59 pm

Some interesting Tudor Society numbers ... in just over 6 months we are now ranked 200,000 in US websites, and have 20,000 people visit the website every month. THANK YOU for coming to the live chat tonight and thank you so much for being such great members.



**Natalie Grueninger**

March 11, 2015 - 11:59 pm

Congratulations Hunter!!



**Olga Hughes**

March 12, 2015 - 12:00 am

Congrats to Claire and Tim!



**Colleen MacDonald**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:00 am*

thanks for the chat!



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:00 am*

It's a good place to be Tim.



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:00 am*

Olga, I'm going to look into Henry's first progress. I have his itinerary from about 1514, will look into the earlier years.



**Claire Ridgway**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:00 am*

Thank you to Natalie for her talk and for joining us tonight/this evening/this morning. Thank you!



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:01 am*

Thank you everyone! I really enjoyed our chat.



**Katheryn Gallant**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:01 am*

Congratulations on getting so many visits, Tim and Claire!



**Olga Hughes**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:01 am*

Thanks Natalie!



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:01 am*

Thank you so Much Natalie I hope you come and visit again soon



**Admin Tim**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:01 am*

We're at the hour now, so Natalie, if you want to you're free to go and enjoy the rest of your day. Thanks so much for your time and expertise. Everyone is welcome to carry on chatting if they want!



**Sandra Vasoli**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:01 am*

Thanks Natalie and Tim and Claire! It was great!



**Sharon Conrad**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:01 am*

Congrats to Tim and Claire. So proud. Thank you Natalie for the very interesting chat.



**Hunter S. Jones**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:01 am*

A great chat. It's wonderful spending time with you all. Have a fun week & thank you again!



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:02 am*

Thanks Tim! I better get on with my writing or I'll never finish my next book. Ha, ha!



**Admin Tim**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:02 am*

Hooroo (Goodbye!)





**Sharon Conrad**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:02 am*

Good Night everyone!



**Lorna Wanstall**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:03 am*

Goodnigt all and take care.



**Admin Tim**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:03 am*

(Had to google Australian goodbye!)



**Claire Ridgway**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:03 am*

Good night/bye everyone!



**Natalie Grueninger**

*March 12, 2015 - 12:03 am*

Ha, ha! Buenas noches.