



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 9:59 pm

Hello everyone! A very warm welcome to Jessie and a big thank you for joining us tonight. We've received so many comments about Jessie's video and how good it was, so it will be interesting to see what questions everyone has.



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:00 pm

Welcome to our Tudor home Jessie



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:00 pm

Jessie has mentioned that her network might cut out for a few moments so we're not to worry if she disappears, she'll be back!



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:00 pm

Thanks Claire and hi everyone! Thanks so much for having me. I'm delighted and excited to be here!



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:00 pm

Like the Terminator, yes!



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:00 pm

OK, let's get started, feel free to ask away!



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:01 pm

LOL



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:02 pm

Jessie, as we all know there were 3 plots, against Elizabeth's life, from Mary Qos. do you think Mary was as involved in them as she was suspected



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:03 pm

Jessie, thank you so much for participating in today's chat. I am very excited to meet you! ****s TRAITOR'S is one of my favorite history books. I can't even tell you how many times I reference it.



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:03 pm

I believe that some of the evidence against Mary in the Babington plot may have been slightly eggarated



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:03 pm

I'm afraid I do, Lorna. In fact, she was probably involved in several more. In the 1580s, it almost seemed like a continuum of plots against Elizabeth and Mary's agent in Paris, Thomas Morgan, was up to his neck. Harder to prove her actual involvement, of course..



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:04 pm

Yes Mary seemed **** bent on trying to take the throne from Elizabeth



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:05 pm

Lorna - yes, Thomas Phelippes, Walsingham's code-breaker, added a postscript to his deciphered transcript of Mary's reply to Babington, but I think it's pretty clear that she approved of the plot. There's no smoking gun, but there rarely is!



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:05 pm

Hi Beth - Lovely to see you on here and thanks so much for those kind words. I'm so thrilled!



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:06 pm

If she had succeeded in either of the 3 plots she was involved, I think there would have been a civil war in England which would have course led t her trying to reclaim scotland,



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:07 pm

Lorna - yes, Mary did herself no favours there. She refused to compromise on her claim to the English throne and that was Elizabeth's great worry.



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:08 pm

Mary is one person who infuriates me and intrigues me at the same time. I can't help thinking tha if she had worked with her brother and with Elizabeth things would have turned out a lot differently for her



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:08 pm

Had Elizabeth I been assassinated, that was it for the Protestant settlement, the Tudor dynasty, the Elizabethan state. The English Catholics would have taken over, the Spanish might have got involved...



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:08 pm

I'd like to ask what it was that drew you to the Vaux family? I loved the way you used them in your book to tell the story of Catholics in Elizabeth's reign, it made it so personal and very readable.



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:09 pm

I never figured out why England was so intent on France when there were so many opportunities though the 15th and 16th century to just take Scotland, but such as it was, Mary Q of S is an interesting quandary no doubt. I know hindsight is in play here, but I am curious why the papal authority and Mary Q of S and even Spain could not see how their actions endanger Roman Catholics in England. Do you



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:09 pm

have any thoughts on that Jessie?



Admin Tim

May 21, 2015 - 10:09 pm

By the way, I've re-allowed hell and God (I think!)



Admin Tim

May 21, 2015 - 10:09 pm

Yay!



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:10 pm

Thank you Tim...lol



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:10 pm

Thanks Claire! I knew I wanted to write about recusants and I knew I wanted to follow a family - to show change over time - and I also knew that I had to include some of the 'hot holy ladies' who were so involved in the mission. I'd read about the Vauxes in Antonia Fraser's Gunpowder Plot and so I followed their lead. Anne and Eliza were particularly wonderful to research!



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:11 pm

The Veux sisters would make an outstanding historical fiction novel.



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:11 pm

Oh yes, I am sure they were!!! I was totally drawn in by their stories.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:12 pm

Beth - Everyone had this almost apocalyptic end-of-world mindset. I think Philip and the Papacy and co thought that they would best serve the English Catholics by reconverting the country, but in the meantime, those individuals caught up in the mission at home were collateral damage, I guess.



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:13 pm

The intent to do with France, was to basically recapture all the dominions the conqueror once had when he defeated Harold at Hastings in 1066. King John, who spent most of his time, playing tiddly winks with Isabella of Angouleme lost what was left of the conqueror's lands, and every king after John tried to reclaim them



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:13 pm

Thanks, Jessie! And what about Henry Howard (congrats on another brilliant book!), why him?



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:13 pm

This a personal opinion however.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:13 pm

You could call it 'The Harrowden Harridans' - Sir Thomas Tresham's phrase. You're right; it would make a fab novel. Do it Beth!



Admin Tim

May 21, 2015 - 10:14 pm

Jessie - your video was wonderful, but I was struck by how engaged the Indians were with the religious persecution from a place so far away and from a time so long ago. Why do you think Tudor issues connected so strongly?



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:15 pm

No, I am thinking of talking to Nancy Bilyeau about her doing it...lolol. But thank you for your kind thoughts.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:15 pm

Ah Surrey, my first love! I loved his poetry and his honesty and his absolutely appalling behaviour if I'm honest! He was such a spoilt brat, at times, and yet so mature and sensitive in some of his lyrics. Plus, I like to find people who cast a different light on a period, esp. when it's as well covered as Henry VIII's reign.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:17 pm

Tim - yes, wasn't that cool?! I loved that they were so engaged and also so young, some of them! I think Willie Dalrymple said that he was quite surprised by the turnout! I think he really pitched the subtitle: 'terror & faith' and they all about that, of course. They're timely and timeless issues.



Admin Tim

May 21, 2015 - 10:18 pm

So it was the persecution side, not that there is an un-tapped market for the Tudors over there?



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:18 pm

What I find really fascinating is that Akbar, who was directly contemporaneous with Elizabeth, was comparatively tolerant. He welcomed people from all faiths to come and debate at his court. He thanked the Pope for sending Jesuits over and the Pope replied condescendingly that he hoped they would show Akbar The Light!



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:18 pm

Tim, I love that question. When I read GOD'S TRAITORS it reminded me of Jews sneaking in their religious sabbaths, African slaves sneaking their beliefs etc.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:20 pm

Tim - yes, I think it was persecution and terror and contemporary parallels. I showed some pretty horrific pictures and they were quite into them! But who knows, the Hilary effect is probably working some magic in India too!



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Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:20 pm

Oh my... you have to love Western European superiority thinking, whether Protestant or Catholic... interesting



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:20 pm

And re: Hilary Mantel - I did a talk with her BB (before the Booker) and she is absolutely LOVELY! Just thought I'd put that out there.

Admin Tim



May 21, 2015 - 10:21 pm

It is always interesting that we only get taught our own history. In the UK we were taught about the Tudors (a little!). Here in Spain they learn about Isabel and Ferdinand, and now a new name to add to the list ... Akbar sounds interesting! We live in such an insular world still.



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:21 pm

Elizabeth was protestant in her beliefs, There is but one Jesus Christ, the rest is just trifles) How did she manage to keep the puritanical views out of court



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:22 pm

Tim - Akbar SO interesting, and Ivan and so many others. I'd do a comparative study if I was any good at languages!



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:22 pm

I would love to interview Hilary someday... she is way past that, however. Slammed with high profile interviews and such.



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:23 pm

I assume you are talking about Ivan the terrible Jessie



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:23 pm

A comparative study would be a great project for the person with the right skill set.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:23 pm

Good question Lorna - I think Elizabeth's religion has been described as 'mongrel'. There's even a theory that she belonged to the Family of Love! I've also been asked if she wasn't actually a closet Catholic. But you're right, she was Protestant and devoutly. There were plenty of Puritans at court and in council, but she slapped them down occasionally!



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:24 pm

yes she was a real firebrand was our lizzy



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:24 pm

Yes, Elizabeth's Godfather would not have been please. 'Mongrel' is a great term.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:24 pm

Lorna - yes, sorry, Ivan the Terrible - 'terrible' as in awe-inspiring as well as terrifying.



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 10:25 pm

@Lorna Wanstall:



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:25 pm

yes he has many many facets to his character



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:26 pm

Re: Elizabeth again. She was pretty good at tailoring her message to suit her audience. So she would play down the differences between Prots and Caths to, say, the French ambassador, but she would be pretty rude about the papists to Protestant rulers. She was pretty canny!



Admin Tim

May 21, 2015 - 10:26 pm

Can we add the Ming/Quig Chinese Imperial dynasties to the comparison too?



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:26 pm

Yes please, Tim!



Lorna Wanstall

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in fact the way he treated his wives, make our "enry's treatment towards his look like they were on a rolarcoaster ride in disneyland



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:28 pm

Whether Elizabeth was a Protestant is determined by what one defines as Protestant. If one goes with salvation by grace and communion, then yes, she was.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:28 pm

Lorna - ha, yes - Good old Hal: unlucky in love!



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 10:29 pm

@Jessie Childs: His wives were more unlucky!



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:29 pm

Good point, Beth - and let's not forget that Protestant was a new, foreign word (1529: Protestation of Speyer). It wasn't really until the 1580s or so that Protestants in England were happy with that word as a term of self-reference. They preferred to call themselves Catholic still, just not ROMAN Catholic.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:29 pm

Very true, Teri, very true!



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:29 pm

Quite agree Jessie, she basically played a game of cat and mouse with them all. I love one of the things she allegedly said to her council when they pressed her to marry "If i had been born crested and not cloven you would not dare speak to me thus"



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:30 pm

GREAT quote Lorna!



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:30 pm

Exactly, that confuses many people that think Cromwell made some type of last minute recantation in his execution speech. I deal with explaining that constantly.



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:31 pm

Well to be honest Beth, I don't think Cromwell really did do anything wrong



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 10:31 pm

@Beth von Staats: Schofield dealt with that brilliantly.



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:32 pm

He did exactly what he was told to do.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:32 pm

People (and of course I don't mean you enlightened souls!) often forget that Cromwell could have been burned at the stake for sacramentarianism. It was such a volatile time - people like Paget were wise to keep their cards close to their chests.



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:32 pm

Beth. I deal with that too and Teri, yes, Schofield explained it soooo well.



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:32 pm

Lorna, I think Beth was referring to Cromwell's use of the word "catholic" in his execution speech.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:33 pm

Diarmaid MacCulloch - the Great! - is writing Cromwell's biography at the moment. He is an EXCELLENT historian and I think he will get as close as we are ever likely to get to Cromwell. Look out for it.



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:33 pm

Yes, he most certainly did. Unfortunately, most people haven't read him....lolol. I think I will make a hand-out that I can just link to. And yes, that is what I was referring to. Jessie, this "middle way" business... was that Elizabeth's attempt to appease Catholics?



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:33 pm

As you all are too, of course



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:34 pm

Thank you claire.. But I still feel that Cromwell hadn't done anything wrong to have been sent to his death anyway



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:34 pm

Oh yes, his biography will be the definitive biography... and I will finally have my Cranmer and Cromwell bookends.



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 10:34 pm

@Jessie Childs: I completely agree. If anyone can do it Diarmaid MacCulloch can.

Beth von Staats



May 21, 2015 - 10:34 pm

Lorna, he was a religious martyr.... hint to future writing topic.



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 10:35 pm

@Lorna Wanstall: His cards were definitely marked.



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:35 pm

Yes, Diarmaid's book will be a treat.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:35 pm

Beth - I don't think the Catholics felt that appeased - ever! I think when you're mass is banned, your priests are outlawed, you can't ever carry a rosary if it's from Rome etc. etc. you can rightly call yourself persecuted. So I sometimes think the 'middle way' is a bit too neat. I think she was moderate by inclination and she didn't want to force consciences, but she did when she had to!



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:35 pm

Talking of books, what are you working on now, Jessie?



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:36 pm

I need to say this, though Jessie... Your book stacks up right beside a few of his on my book shelf.



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:36 pm

Agreed Teri, Cromwell was a marked man the minute he fell into our "entry's web



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:36 pm

Wow, cheers Beth. High praise indeed.



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 10:37 pm

@Jessie Childs: When is the next book coming?



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:37 pm

Yes, thank you Jessie... my thoughts exactly. I saw no point to it... and I am still curious what the 3 missing articles of faith were... some day I will figure that out...lolol



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 10:37 pm

@Beth von Staats: Mine too Beth



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:38 pm

Claire - I'm heading for the English Civil War now - which is such a fascinating subject, but was dry as dust at school. I want to open it up through one really ***** siege and some incredibly interesting, talented people who were caught up in it. But, I'll be back to the Tudors in no time. What was it Swayze said: nobody puts the Tudors in the corner..

Beth von Staats



May 21, 2015 - 10:38 pm

I assume the anti-christ language... but I do not know for sure...lol



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 10:38 pm

@Jessie Childs:



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:38 pm

Oooh I got stars - it was only the B-word!



Admin Tim

May 21, 2015 - 10:39 pm

I'll unlock the b l o o d y word now

And you can all use it!



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:39 pm

All Americans learned about the English Civil War was there was a king, then there wasn't, then there was again... so I will learn much if I read your new book



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:39 pm

The filter on this thing is really funny! It makes it look as if you're saying far worse things lol!



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 10:39 pm

@Admin Tim:



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:39 pm

Teri - not for a while. My deadline is 2020 - I have Loooong deadlines because I'm a perfectionist, I guess: I feel I have to cover everything and I got out looking for new stuff too. Plus, I have young children!



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:40 pm

Haha, thanks Tim!



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:40 pm

Well Jessie, I used to live very near the battlefield, in worcester, there is hill just outside the main city, which is called red hill, called so because after the slaughter of so many men the hill ran with blood



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:40 pm

That is smart... I have no idea how some historians push out multiple books in a year



Admin Tim

May 21, 2015 - 10:40 pm

Bloody well done



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:40 pm

Yes, there's just something about those Tudors...

Teri Fitzgerald



May 21, 2015 - 10:41 pm

@Jessie Childs: Something to look forward to then.



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:41 pm

Oliver Cromwell and his army stayed in Upton



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:41 pm

something very addictive about the Tudors Claire



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:42 pm

Lorna - how fascinating. There's nothing like having history on your doorstep. Reminds me of that great Trevelyan quote: 'Once on this earth, once on this familiar spot of ground, walked other men and women as actual as we are today, thinking their own thoughts, swayed by their own passions, but now all gone...etc. etc.



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:42 pm

Not that I'm addicted at all Lorna!



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:42 pm

They are addicting... it's an obsession of many people



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:42 pm

What a wonderful quote, Jessie, I love that.



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 10:42 pm

@Claire Ridgway: @Beth von Staats:



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:43 pm

wonderful quote



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:43 pm

If you were to write another biography of a Tudor person, Jessie, who would it be?



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:43 pm

Beth - that's heartening that some of you guys have heard of our English Civil War. I have a lot of US friends who seem to think there has only been one Civil War!



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:43 pm

I have history at my doorstep but unfortunately not the history I am researching...lol



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:44 pm

I may have misquoted in my hurry, but look it up - always sends a shiver down my spine...



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:44 pm

Yes, many Americans believe world history started with the first Thanksgiving



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:45 pm

Oooh tough question, Claire, really tough. I like all those Essexes - maybe 'Essex girls' (not really). Or maybe, actually more likely, someone obscure, brought out of the shadows...but I have NO CLUE. Everyone's pretty much been taken haven't they?!



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:45 pm

Beth in some small way I am the same, although some of the history I have on my own doorstep does come into play from time to time in my book



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:45 pm

I think I'm going to pitch the new book as Downton Abbey meets Game of Thrones!



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:45 pm

What are you all working on?



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:46 pm

....tumbleweed....



Admin Tim

May 21, 2015 - 10:46 pm

@Jessie ... publishing all these new books



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 10:46 pm

I'd love someone to write about William Compton.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:47 pm

Teri - Yes, Compton, would be great! And Will Somers too. Maybe: all the King's men...



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:47 pm

Stephen Gardiner.... Edmund Bonner... and Richard Rich... Rich would be fun actually



Beth von Staats

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Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:47 pm

Edmund Bonner, known as the devils dancing bear..



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 10:47 pm

@Beth von Staats: The dirt dozen?



Admin Tim

May 21, 2015 - 10:47 pm

Get all the King's horses in too, to keep animal lovers happy.

Jessie Childs



May 21, 2015 - 10:47 pm

LOL x 2



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:48 pm

lololol yes... lol "Cranmer's Enemies"



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:48 pm

I was working on Catherine Howard (The Fall of Catherine Howard: A Countdown) but had to put her to one side for a while. Still working on Anne Boleyn, of course, and just about to start researching the women poets of Henry VIII's court, the Devonshire Manuscript etc.



Teri Fitzgerald

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@Beth von Staats:



Lorna Wanstall

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but tim, what about poor humpty, can't put him together again can they? LOL



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:48 pm

Wow... very interesting



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:48 pm

Claire - Oh yes, of course, the Devonshire MS is absolutely FASCINATING!



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:49 pm

Claire... women poets... that would be amazing



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:49 pm

there were a few Beth



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:49 pm

@Jessie, yes, it is, I think I'm going to get lost in it!



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:49 pm

I'm going to try and do something on it for the book that Amy Licence and Kyra Kramer are compiling. Exciting!



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:50 pm

I believe, Mary Howard, Wife to Henry Fitzroy (old face ache's son) wrote a few poems



Jessie Childs

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I think - with Henrician poetry - there is an outlet there, there's a way of saying things - under cover of allegory - that couldn't be said in prose. That's why I loved Surrey too - he's so rude about Henry VIII and yet he gets away with it - almost! But it wasn't his poetry that sent him to the block.

Beth von Staats



May 21, 2015 - 10:50 pm

I think people are also fascinated by the lives of ordinary people... that is what was so striking about Jessie's book



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:51 pm

I am too Claire.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:51 pm

Henry Fitzroy - now he's endlessly fascinating. What kind of king would he have been had he survived to become Henry IX?



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:51 pm

Excellent observation Jessie



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:52 pm

Yes, that's a great "what if".



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:52 pm

I'm inclined to think that's Surrey's death was out of pure spite.. something Surrey had said to one of face ache's cronies which didn't go down well, so they had hiim killed



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:52 pm

By the way, I see that Claire has posted about ARMADA: 12 Days to Save England, which airs on BBC 2 this Sunday at 9pm (and then 2 more episodes the following weeks). I'm in it (will watch through my fingers!). It's docudrama - what do you all think about that genre? It slightly jars, but it brings other people in...



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:53 pm

Yes I do wonder if his death was just a little too convenient if that makes sense



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:53 pm

I think Surrey's death resulted from Henry's paranoia but happily corrected



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:53 pm

Lorna - I agree to some extent. He'd offended pretty much everybody by that stage. And of course it's also all caught up in the succession issue - the Howards lost that one.



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:54 pm

They most certainly did



Claire Ridgway

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I'll watch out for you! Yes, I think programmes like that are great at drawing people in.



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 10:54 pm

@Beth von Staats: Spot on!



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:54 pm

If well done, yes I agree.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:55 pm

Beth - Yup, Henry could be remarkably forgiving, but then 'suddenly the fun becomes fatal' - and he was particularly touchy about anything that touched the succession. Suzannah Lipscomb has a new book out soon on Henry VIII's Last Will and Testament. I read it in proof; it's absolutely fascinating. Highly recommended.



Admin Tim

May 21, 2015 - 10:55 pm

Just 5 minutes to go until our hour is up... if you have any last questions then please ask them now!



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:55 pm

Jessie, do you have a favorite historian... someone you consider a mentor?



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:55 pm

very true Jessie, the Howards were very ambitious. I have a few names for Thomas Duke of Norfolk, but there aren't enough letters available to vent my feelings about him



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:55 pm

lets jst say I don't like him



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:56 pm

Oh I will be looking out for that... it will help sort things for me around how that all got turned around after he died



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:56 pm

hmm not really a mentor, but I've got to know Antonia Fraser well over the past few years and she's been incredibly supportive. And I've always loved her books.



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:56 pm

oh I love Norfolk as a historical figure... epic arrogance of the highest order



Claire Ridgway

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I love Antonia Fraser's six wives book.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:58 pm

Otherwise, I hugely admire Diarmaid MacCulloch, Susan Brigden, Geoffrey Parker, Stephen Alford, John Guy, the late great Eric Ives, Starkey. I love Leanda de Lisle's work, Anna Whitelock, Sarah Gristwood. Gosh, too many to mention. I've probably left out some really really important people. We're lucky with the historians in our field.



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:58 pm

I am embarrassed to say I never read any of Antonia's books. I am too hyper-focused on religious history and need to broaden things so I get a better view of the big picture.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:58 pm

Her Gunpowder Plot is my favourite. And The Weaker Vessel about 17th century women.



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 10:59 pm

Oh yes, there are many outstanding people out there.



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 10:59 pm

Thank you so much Jessie for visiting us. I hope that you can pop in again soon.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:59 pm

Apologies if I've missed any questions. I'm so glad I did a touch-typing course after school!



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:59 pm

Before I go: a secret about that Jaipur talk:



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 10:59 pm

Just to announce that Lorna is the winner of tonight's book giveaway so I'll get a copy of "God's Traitors" in the post to you @Lorna.



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 10:59 pm

I had a bit of a 'wardrobe malfunction' just beforehand - my tights were falling down, so I went behind the screen to sort it out and one of the volunteers rushed back, incredibly apologetically, and told me that the light was on and everyone in the audience had just seen a silhouette of me hoiking up my tights. I felt they knew me pretty well after that!



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 11:00 pm

Great... you will love the book, Lorna!



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 11:00 pm

Thank you so much, Jessie, for joining us, we really appreciate it and it's been a lovely hour.



Lorna Wanstall

May 21, 2015 - 11:00 pm

Thank you so much.



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 11:00 pm

Oh my.... lololololol Jessie



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 11:00 pm

Thanks Jessie, bye everyone



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 11:00 pm

Thank you Jessie!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It was a delight to speak with you... and also everyone else!



Sharon Conrad

May 21, 2015 - 11:01 pm

My front door was a swinging one tonight. Sorry I didn't get to ask questions. Everyone filled in. I loved the lecture, Jesse. Please come back.



Teri Fitzgerald

May 21, 2015 - 11:01 pm

@Sharon Conrad: hi Sharon



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 11:01 pm

This hour went by fast!



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 11:01 pm

Good night everyone and thank you for coming. Thanks again @Jessie.



Sharon Conrad

May 21, 2015 - 11:01 pm

Hi, Teri



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 11:01 pm

Hurrah! Well done Lorna! And thank you, Claire and Tim, and Teri, Sharon, Beth and Lorna - It HAS been a lovely hour and we must do it again! My very warmest wishes to you all. Thanks for the fab questions! ***



Admin Tim

May 21, 2015 - 11:01 pm

Thank you all for coming to the chat. Feel free to carry on "after hours" if you want. Thanks Jessie.



Beth von Staats

May 21, 2015 - 11:01 pm

Good night!



Claire Ridgway

May 21, 2015 - 11:02 pm

We'd definitely love to have you back @Jessie, speak soon x



Jessie Childs

May 21, 2015 - 11:02 pm

ps - the asterisks were kisses, not cusses!