



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:48 pm

Hello Tim and Claire - I'm here



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 10:49 pm

Hi Livi - welcome to the chatroom. We're waiting for the o'clock when people generally turn up.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:50 pm

Yes don't worry about it - just checking to see I can work everything!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:50 pm

Great site - btw - it must take a lot of work



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 10:51 pm

Hi Livi!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:51 pm

Hello!



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 10:51 pm

It keeps us busy! We have Gareth Russell editing the magazine, a number of "regular" magazine and website writers on the books, and of course our amazing guests like yourself. There's LOTS here...



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:51 pm

Do you do this full time Claire? when you're not writing I mean



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:52 pm

I can see there's a lot - it's fantastic



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 10:52 pm

That's such a funny question...



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:52 pm

who came up with the idea?



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:52 pm

where are you actually based?



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 10:53 pm

We'd previously run a members site for the Anne Boleyn Files, so we knew we could do it. BUT Claire's idea was to have a society where a whole lot of other historians would be involved, not just Claire. It's pretty amazing really, when you look back at all the magazines we've done.

Admin Tim



August 18, 2015 - 10:53 pm

Based in Spain.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:53 pm

Wow. such a good idea



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:54 pm

are you a historian too?



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 10:54 pm

A lot of work, but we're getting there. I don't think there is anything else like it out there. We just need as many members as the RIII society



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:55 pm

Yes - I've encountered them before...



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 10:55 pm

Me. Historian. No. I'm the technician and coffee maker for Claire. And I run MadeGlobal Publishing doing book layout and general bits and bobs. I'm learning more each day though!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:56 pm

Made Global is really good. I could do with my very own technician...



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 10:56 pm

Hello Livi glad to have you with us



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:57 pm

Hello - do I call you Boleyn?



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 10:57 pm

He's selling himself short there, he's a publisher although he does make good coffee!



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 10:57 pm

I rather think you are more than that Tim, as your historical knowledge is very good.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:57 pm

fantastic. I could do with a coffee maker as well



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 10:57 pm

Hi everyone.



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 10:57 pm

But then you do have an excellent teacher in Claire too



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:58 pm

just typed something but it didn't appear



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 10:58 pm

My Name is Lorna, Livi so either is fine with me



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:58 pm

ah - it's working again



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 10:58 pm

Thank you. It's funny. I know the stories but I'm terrible with the names and dates. For me I want to know the real people behind the history, not just dry dates.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:59 pm

yes - well I think that's what the novels are about



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 10:59 pm

Claire you have done it again, I'm convinced she has some magical power you know



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 10:59 pm

what magical power?



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 10:59 pm

I am almost finished with Rebellion. Loved these two books.



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 10:59 pm

Right, it may be quiet today but we seem to have a lovely selection of people on the chat tonight. Welcome Livi to the chatroom and then we can get started with any questions people might have.



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 10:59 pm

Livi what was the spark to writing historical novels with you



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 10:59 pm

I don't want to sound too "gushing" here, but I loved Succession. I loved the way you interspersed the story with primary source excerpts, a great idea, Livi.



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:00 pm

Which magical power, Bo, I have so many



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:00 pm

I have always been fascinated by history - but as Tim says it's the stories and the people not the facts necessarily.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:00 pm

thank you claire - i did ask them to send you Rebellion



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:00 pm

I'll be gushy. I really enjoyed the chronicles interspersed with the story.



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:00 pm

Hi guys. Yes the Richard III Society is pants compared to this. I get three magazines, one journal, and nothing else.



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:01 pm

Thank you, I'm dying to read it. Obviously Margaret Beaufort's story



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:01 pm

brilliant - the reaction to that was a bit mixed.



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:01 pm

aaaghh, pressed return too soon!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:01 pm

but they're in there because I love them



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:01 pm

Livi, Claire has a very unique quality in bringing out the best in everybody. Because of her magical power many of us have spent hours seeking out the the truth behind the myth



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:01 pm

I meant to say that Margaret Beaufort's story obviously inspired you but which male character in the Wars of the Roses appealed to you?



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:01 pm

It is Margaret Beaufort's story but also Margaret of Anjou



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:02 pm

fantastic, Boleyn. Claire there were so many



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:02 pm

I know the novels are centred on women, but obviously the men played a powerful role



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:02 pm

Name two if you can!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:02 pm

I liked Henry VI actually



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:02 pm

I do feel that Margaret Beaufort must have been a woman of some power



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:03 pm

and Richard of York - so yes I liked the two opposing sides!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:03 pm

Which I think was partly why I wanted to write it



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:03 pm

yes Boleyn - she moves from being a pawn to a player



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:03 pm

How do you think Henry VI died?



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:03 pm

also, can't help but like Edward IV



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:04 pm

I think he was murdered. They couldn't allow him to live



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:04 pm

What do you think was actually wrong with Henry VI? What caused his breakdowns?



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:05 pm

I think he had a form of schizophrenia that can sometimes lead to catatonic states



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:05 pm

but 16 months is such a long time to remain catatonic



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:05 pm

are you all mainly interested in the tudors?



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:06 pm

I agree, Livi he was definitely done away with. It was put out he die of Apoloxy or something like that. But there is a legend that there is an idelible blood strain on the stones of the alr where he was found



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:06 pm

Interesting, thank you!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:06 pm

addressing Sharon, olgah, boleyn etc



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:06 pm

I can't help but be involved in the Tudor period. BUT I love other time periods like Egyptology too.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:06 pm

yes - boleyn his corpse 'bled freely on the pavements'



lauried515

August 18, 2015 - 11:06 pm

No, not necessarily. I'm actually very interested in the Wars of the Roses era as well!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:06 pm

such a telling detail



DamsellIII

August 18, 2015 - 11:06 pm

Hi Livi,



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:07 pm

hil Damsel



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:07 pm

what a great name



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:07 pm

lauried - what do you like about the W of R



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:07 pm

I would say that it's the Tudors who tie us all together, but we do have many conversations about all aspects of history



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:07 pm

I am reading mainly about the WOTR at the moment but I like all periods of history. The Tudors were my first love though



lauried515

August 18, 2015 - 11:08 pm

It gives more context and a better understanding behind what shaped the Tudors, getting to know their ancestors first..



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:08 pm

yes - one of the things about history is that you can't understand any period without understanding what went on before



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:08 pm

I am interested in all of the history. The Tudors has been an obsession, but I find this period that you are writing about fascinating.



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:08 pm

For me, Tudors and the European Reformation. Plus I love social history as a whole.



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:08 pm

Livi we also have the odd case of Deja vu pop up too, which can at times be quite spooky



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:08 pm

when you say the Tudors sharon and olgah - which ones do you mean?



Damselll

August 18, 2015 - 11:09 pm

I really enjoyed you listening to your talk on Margaret Beaufort. Do you believe she was involved in the disappearance of the princes in the tower?



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:09 pm

dejah vu would be a great name for this chat room



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:09 pm

well, Damsel - I wouldn't be surprised



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:09 pm

All of them. My first love was Elizabeth. Then I had to know about her parents, etc,



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:10 pm

I think anyone who survived the brutal medieval court would have to be ruthless



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:10 pm

Livi, you obviously write amazing books for adults, and also for children. How do you manage to swap between the two, and which do you prefer?



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:10 pm

Elizabeth is an iconic figure



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:10 pm

The early Tudors Livi. I actually haven't read that much about the reigns of Henry's children yet. I tend to take my time over things



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:10 pm

I find Henry VII gets overlooked



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:10 pm

and actually he was key



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:11 pm

Tim - I wrote children's books, often historical when my sons were growing up & now they are adult I'm back to adult fiction!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:11 pm

have to see if I have any grandchildren!



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:11 pm

He certainly does, and I do try to rectify that in the magazine! Although I have mainly focused on his reputation so far. Henry was a good, successful king.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:11 pm

I love young adult fiction - such an inspiring range of it



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:11 pm

I worked my way backwards. I find Henry VII very interesting.



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:11 pm

Yes I agree Livi she was. I am reminded of Genevieve Bujold's words in Anne of a 1000 days. "Elizabeth will build a greater England than you could ever build" She was put simply Incredible



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:12 pm

Yes, and Edward VI's reign too and the characters of Seymour and Dudley. They don't get much attention generally.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:12 pm

Yes Olgah - I heard a Radio 4 debate about great kings of history & one person talked about H VII



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:12 pm

I'm amazed one person talked about him!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:12 pm

Yes - I think Elizabeth inherited a lot from Margaret Beaufort and Henry VIII



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:13 pm

VII



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:13 pm

Thomas Penn's bio was good but it would be good to have a more in-depth one.



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:13 pm

It's odd that Mary's reign gets more attention than Edward VI's reign Claire.



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:13 pm

@ClaireYes, definitely Seymour and Dudley.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:13 pm

Good management - shrewdness and diplomacy



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:13 pm

I also say she had her father's fire, but her mother's spark and wit.



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:13 pm

And seemingly less razzmatazz with Henry VII



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:13 pm

yes - I think that's true, but this earlier inheritance gets ignored



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:14 pm

exactly Tim - now why is that



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:14 pm

I think the reason for that is Olga, is because of her killing spree



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:14 pm

Yes, a lot less, Tim



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:14 pm

Yeah I am still suspicious of Thomas Penn's bio. The Chrimes bio is excellent but we really need an updated one.



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:14 pm

I wonder if some of it comes down to education. When we did Henry VII at school it was all about his finances, he wasn't as exciting as Henry VIII!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:14 pm

Arguably he did the most important job in history - changing England from medieval feudalism to early modern capitalism



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:15 pm

Exactly - it's all to do with the image that gets passed on to us



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:15 pm

Mary did not have a spree Bo, she was not a serial killer.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:15 pm

I agree about Chrimes versus Penn



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:15 pm

one of the things I find most interesting about H VII is the Arthurian angle



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:16 pm

I keep thinking Penn focuses a bit too much on the "Dark Prince" business, what do you think Livi? I really can't get through it.



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:16 pm

And let us not forget, he loved his wife. A rarity back then, and something Henry looked for his entire married life.



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:16 pm

Yes, I agree re the Arthurian thing. Poor Elizabeth of York having to travel to Winchester to give birth!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:16 pm

He comes down to us as a Scrooge-like accountant and bureaucrat



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:16 pm

I agree Livi I often wondered why Henry 7th was not exactly obsessed, but held great store about the Arthurian side of things



rolandh

August 18, 2015 - 11:16 pm

Henry VII certainly gets less attention, but the tv miniseries 'The Shadow of the Tower' did a great job in putting a 'human side' to him.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:17 pm

but the love story between him and E of Y is incredibly moving



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:17 pm

My spelling has gone squirrels



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:17 pm

Did you have a hard time capturing him in your book Livi?



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:17 pm

Arthur obliged them very nicely by being a boy



lauried515

August 18, 2015 - 11:17 pm

Yes and we also forget, that he came to England after being in exile for 15 years, and all of a sudden expected to be a great king to a country he wasn't familiar with!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:17 pm

yes Sharon



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:17 pm

I don't think it was a love match at the start, but I do feel that overtime EOY and H7 did grow to love one another



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:17 pm

He seems difficult to pin down as a youth.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:18 pm

I have this image of him as a child as being quite a sensitive dreamer with ill health



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:18 pm

but somehow he has to turn into someone determined enough to invade England



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:18 pm

But now lots of people are going to think of H VII as a rapist...



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:18 pm

not much info about his youth



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:18 pm

Yes, and I wonder when that change occurred.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:18 pm

but what we do know is extraordinary



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:18 pm

brought up by the man responsible for his father's death etc



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:19 pm

I've always thought the French court was really influential actually.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:19 pm

sorry why is he a rapist?



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:19 pm

Obviously in France. Not before that, right.



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:19 pm

Am I right in thinking that H7 based part of his claim on the English throne, Via the great Cadwallader



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:19 pm

Livi SWMNBN implied it in her bbook the White Princess



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:19 pm

@Livi, I believe Philippa Gregory has him raping Elizabeth of York. It comes up a lot on social media.



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:19 pm

Oh they are threatening to make one of PG's books into a series, and in that book he rapes Elixabeth of York before they are married.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:20 pm

Boleyn - they altered the genealogies to make him have a stronger claim to thWelsh royal ancestry



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:20 pm

Look three angry women



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:20 pm

OK I don't think that's right



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:20 pm

It sounds like a trick to make him more 'exciting'



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:20 pm

No it's a Ricardian thing. There's been plenty of authors who make him out to be a terrible husband so Richard III can look more handsome



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:21 pm

It is a trick alright!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:21 pm

Ah right



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:21 pm

i am afraid SWMNBN does get rather slated at times on our forum



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:21 pm

And some of them can make the big bucks.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:21 pm

Boleyn I'm being thick here - but what is that?



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:22 pm

She who must not be named = Gregory.



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:22 pm

It's a shame that people can't just admire both Richard III and Henry VII without having to pick sides.



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:22 pm

Yes and Henry was cowardly at Bosworth, and mean to Richard III, and has an Oedipal complex, and blah blah



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:22 pm

Ha! I love it!



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:22 pm

Both fascinating men.



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:22 pm

Though her stories are a good read, as long as you don't know the real history.



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:22 pm

I call Pip Gregory She Who Must Not Be Named of the forum



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:22 pm

Yes Claire - it's almost impossible to write about it without being asked to pick sides



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:22 pm

Tudor enthusiasts are far more reasonable human beings.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:23 pm

Tim I think she does know her stuff



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:23 pm

Yes! It can be the same when writing about Henry's wives too.



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:23 pm

That is one thing I can't seem to do. Pick sides.



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:23 pm

I agree. History is in the eye of the beholder.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:23 pm

I think she's in a long line of romance novelists wbut has sexed hers up



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:24 pm

I can tell you I have 3 little white chipmunks who have a field day shredding SWMNBN books at times



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:24 pm

I think that's part of the beauty of history - the perspective you get enables you to be sympathetic all round



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:24 pm

Let's move on from Phillipa Gregory.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:24 pm

lovely image Boleyn



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:24 pm

or do you really have chipmunks?



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:24 pm

She does!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:25 pm

OK



rolandh

August 18, 2015 - 11:25 pm

livimichael - what are your next writing projects?



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:25 pm

Livi, what are your future plans re writing? When's book 3 due? Are you going to stick to historical fiction for a while?



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:25 pm

Of all of H8's wives I think perhaps Anne of Cleves would be the easiest to write, because all his other wives were somehow involved with each other in some form



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:25 pm

So what do any of you find interesting about Margaret Beaufort then



Boleyn

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Yeah I do, they very sweet. I call them Obelix, Rascal and Mickey



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:26 pm

Claire I have just finished Book 3 and am editing it - but I'm not guaranteed a publishing deal



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:26 pm

Penguin didn't really want a trilogy



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:26 pm

Her control freak nature is very endearing. I loved her ordinances for giving birth and furnishing the royal nursery.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:26 pm

but it was hard to write it any other way

Admin Tim



August 18, 2015 - 11:26 pm

Penguin are mad.



rolandh

August 18, 2015 - 11:26 pm

Interesting that she was bold enough to intrigue against R III



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:26 pm

The W of the R just do seem to fall into 3 parts



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:26 pm

In your book, Henry seems to love the Herberts. It is poor Margaret who suffers knowing her son is with the man who killed his father. I never thought about that before. Poor Margaret.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:27 pm

Yes Roland - that took some courage I think



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:27 pm

But I also think that M.B was an extremely focused go getter too



lauried515

August 18, 2015 - 11:27 pm

Livi, what do you think of Jasper Tudor, and his role in each of the wars, and with Henry VII, etc.?



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:27 pm

She knew what she wanted and did what ever it took to get it



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:27 pm

Sharon I think he would certainly have formed an attachment - having been brought up by them as one of the family



livimichael

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laurie I'm glad you asked that



livimichael

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I have just 2 very critical reviews both by people who think I'm not sympathetic to Jasper



livimichael

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totally untrue



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:28 pm

I think he dedicated his life to his nephew



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:28 pm

Oh I agree. It was just a very moving part of the book. I felt so bad for her.

livimichael



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gave up everything for something that wasn't essentially his cause



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:29 pm

Talking of Jasper Tudor, Livi have you heard the bizarre rumour that many believe that he was the father of Queen Margaret's child



livimichael

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I think he comes over as unsympathetic because of Margaret's attitude to him



rolandh

August 18, 2015 - 11:29 pm

livimichael - do you have an opinion on Elizabeth Woodville? She gets a lot of bad press (being greedy, distrustful, etc.)



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:29 pm

but he plays a different role in the other books



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:29 pm

Yes Roland



livimichael

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I'm kind of sympathetic



livimichael

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I think she was taken out of her place and had a hard time with a promiscuous husband and an elitist court & his family hated her



livimichael

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I think she loved her family



livimichael

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but was quite grasping on their behalf



livimichael

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and just think, in that extraordinary year of 1483 she lost her husband and all her sons



livimichael

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It always astonishes me what people went through and survived



lauried515

August 18, 2015 - 11:31 pm

Yes she certainly endured alot, for someone who never expected to be queen, especially a York queen!



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:31 pm

What I will never understand about Richard's titus regus etc, is why skeffington only came forward after Edward had died, and that Richard too his claims about EW and E\$ marriage being illigal at face value



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:31 pm

@Boleyn Who isn't the father of Queen Margaret's child?



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:32 pm

exactly - how many of us would survive that world?



rolandh

August 18, 2015 - 11:32 pm

Strange that she (Elizabeth Woodville) would surrender her daughters into R III's care



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:32 pm

do you mean stillington?



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:32 pm

@sharon, It wasn't me



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:32 pm

Yes Roland - I think she didn't have much choice



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:32 pm

Yeah I agree Sharon.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:33 pm

Emund Tudor Sharon?



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:33 pm

That's not really correct Livi. Edward IV arranged the marriages of Elizabeth's sisters and that was over a period of two or three years. Only one of her brother's had a marriage arranged by Edward IV. One was already married and the other two did not marry. Her father and eldest brother already had a prominent position at Edward IV's court before she married Edward.



Boleyn

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Yes Livi.



sharonc

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LOL Tim



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:33 pm

Sorry Olgah - do uyou mean she did have experience of the court



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:34 pm

that is certainly true



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:34 pm

Well it certainly was Dinosaur, even if he has been around for 57 million years



livimichael

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but I think it's different being moved suddenly into the position of queen



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:34 pm

He wasn't potty trained until I came along LOL



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:35 pm

I meant it wasn't dinosaur



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:35 pm

What about Margaret of Anjou? She was another tough character.



olgah

August 18, 2015 - 11:35 pm

I mean Elizabeth Woodville was not 'grasping' on behalf of her family.



rolandh

August 18, 2015 - 11:35 pm

Interesting that Margaret B. was so young to be a wife and mother. She was only about 13. Isn't the medieval/Tudor 'norm' at least till 15 or 16?



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:35 pm

Oh I see



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:36 pm

She got a lot of positions for them



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:36 pm

I don't think EW was grasping Olga, I think she just saw an advantage and took it. With her kin in around the royal courts she was assured some sort of safety



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:36 pm

Roland yes - young marriages were normal but it was less normal to have a child before the age of 14 because of the risk to the mother



lauried515

August 18, 2015 - 11:37 pm

it just shows how tough Margaret of B was even at that young age



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:37 pm

lauried I don't know - Edmund must have had sex with her when she was 12



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:37 pm

It was said she nearly died at the birth



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:38 pm

It does make me wonder why Edmund took Margaret at such a young age.



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:38 pm

And she didn't go on to have any more children with her other husbands. Poor woman.



lauried515

August 18, 2015 - 11:38 pm

Yeah that's very disturbing



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:38 pm

they didn't have the same concept of paedophilia as we do obviously



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:38 pm

I think it probably toughened her up



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:38 pm

Livi, I certainly feel that it was a close call



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:38 pm

yes claire - there is a suggestion that she couldn't



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:39 pm

Another rumour I heard about M.B and childbirth was that she was tossed in a blanket at one point to try and speed things up



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:39 pm

good grief



livimichael

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I don't see how that would help



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:40 pm

Neither do I



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:40 pm

It's amazing how nearly the Tudors didn't exist at all



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:40 pm

Fun though (not!)

sharonc



August 18, 2015 - 11:40 pm

I understand her marriage to Stafford was quite happy. It makes me think she had a problem stemming from the earlier pregnancy.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:40 pm

yes sharon I think that's true



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:40 pm

In fact if it did happen it would probably have made the poor girl feel a damn site worse



rolandh

August 18, 2015 - 11:40 pm

And poor Margaret lived to see her son die before her.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:40 pm

I also think her two later marriages were not necessarily sexual



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:41 pm

yes Roland She didn't survive him long - just long enough to be regent



livimichael

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and her death always reads like suicide to me



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:41 pm

A few months



livimichael

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she ate a large amount at Henry VIII's coronation ceremony after years of ascetism and had crippling stomach pains



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:42 pm

I'm not sure but I think MB took a vow of celibacy. shortly after her marriage to stafford



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:42 pm

"The Trotula" advised something like tossing a woman on a sheet if she was struggling giving birth to a baby who was already dead.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:42 pm

9 weeks



Damselll

August 18, 2015 - 11:42 pm

how did Margaret Beaufort die?



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:42 pm

Not Stafford boleyn, Stanley



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:42 pm

Boleyn - she became a 'femme seul' during her marriage to Stanley



livimichael

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a free woman who owned her own fortune



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:43 pm

Thank you Claire, so maybe they thought that due to how long she had been in labour the child was probably dead then



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:43 pm

@DamsellIII, she became ill after she ate cygnet at Henry VIII's coronation banquet.



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:43 pm

Thank you Livi



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:43 pm

Damsel - ate an entire cygnet!



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:43 pm

What is a cygnet



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:43 pm

very interesting to me that



livimichael

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her father committed suicide as well



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:44 pm

I think she knew her role was over



livimichael

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but we shouldn't forget she was regent



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:44 pm

Cygnet = baby swan... doesn't need to be very big though.



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:44 pm

It makes me wonder if the same sort of problems that M.B had giving birth was also the same as poor J.Seymour



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:44 pm

baby swan but they are enormous



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:44 pm

Yes, I agree Livi. Her time was done.



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:44 pm

Thanks



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:44 pm

Henry Parker, Lord Morley, wrote "she took her infirmity with eating of a cygnet".



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:44 pm

Boleyn there are several things that can go wrong



livimichael

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I wonder if her womb prolapsed



livimichael

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She remained tiny and didn't grow



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:45 pm

That is something else I've never got, why did H7 name M.B as regent



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:45 pm

Who better?



livimichael

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boleyn she was known for ruling with him



livimichael

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the Spanish amabssador said he consulted her in all things



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:45 pm

H8 was old enough to make his own decisions



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:46 pm

When he came to the throne he did not have much other family to support him



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:46 pm

yes that's true - it was just until his coronation



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:46 pm

H8 was said to have been close to M.B



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:46 pm

yes I read somewhere that he was her favourite grandchild



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:47 pm

But he was 18 by then and married



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:47 pm

Yes that's true he was pretty much on his own when he took the throne in 1509



rolandh

August 18, 2015 - 11:47 pm

MB must have been a very imposing and formidable figure to her grandchildren



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:47 pm

probably not going to take the advice of his grandmother!



lauried515

August 18, 2015 - 11:47 pm

but i do agree that she was very key in his upbringing



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:48 pm

Yes Roland - though I think she loved them



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:48 pm

There is every indication that she really loved her son and had been deprived of him



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:48 pm

I think MB had a strict code of practise and expected it to be followed to the letter by everyone in court



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:48 pm

so now at least she had her grandchildren



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:48 pm

yes Boleyn - I think if I'd known her I wouldn't necessarily have got on with her



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:49 pm

Do you think M.B and EOY got n



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:49 pm

because I think I would be expected to be on her side in all things - or 'again' her



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:49 pm

Ten minutes to go - get your questions in for Livi.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:49 pm

and you wouldn't want her as an enemy

livimichael



August 18, 2015 - 11:49 pm

I can't spell either



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:49 pm

Yes, her grandchildren must have filled her heart. Nobody could take them away from her.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:49 pm

Boleyn I don't think so



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:49 pm

How long does it take you to research and write a book?



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:49 pm

I think Margaret wanted to be close to her son



livimichael

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and to rul



livimichael

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E of Y had to know her plane



livimichael

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place even



livimichael

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she could have known her plane



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:50 pm

So do you think M.B viewed EOY as a spanner in the works



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:50 pm



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:50 pm

I could carry on like this all night!



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:51 pm

I wish you could



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:51 pm

I think she wanted her to keep to her place - bear children be a dutiful wife



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:51 pm

The only answer to it Livi is that you will have to pop in more often



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:51 pm

there was all the scandal attached to her with Richard III



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:51 pm

I don't think MB trusted her



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:51 pm

I would love to pop in again



lauried515

August 18, 2015 - 11:51 pm

she wouldn't have trusted any woman totally with her son



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:52 pm

That would be lovely Livi.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:52 pm

no lauried - I think that's right



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:52 pm

Claire - any time



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:52 pm

Yeah but I don't believe there was any impropriety between them, she was perhaps seen as a decorative ornament to his court



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:52 pm

Is anyone here from US?



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:52 pm

I am from New York State



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:52 pm

Or could we do this at a different time?



lauried515

August 18, 2015 - 11:52 pm

yes



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:53 pm

ah Sharon - what time is it there



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:53 pm

^:53



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:53 pm

I don't think they necessarily had an affair



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:53 pm

Livi feel free to pop into our forum anytime, and make a comment to any posting that tickles you fancy



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:53 pm

sorry 6:53



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:53 pm

sorry sharon - did you say 7.53?



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:54 pm

No 7:53



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:54 pm

ah - so you're up really early and I'm up late for me



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:54 pm

We are a mixed bunch of scallywags, but we all have tremendous respect for each other



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:54 pm

well I would like to Boleyn - what's up next?



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:54 pm

You're always welcome to come on our live chats Livi. It seems like a good time to announce tonight's winner - Laurie you are the winner Succession and Rebellion. Congratulations Laurie!



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:54 pm

11.54 in good old blighty



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:54 pm

sorry my typing is horrible. It is 6:54



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:54 pm

I think it's afternoon and evening in the US depending on time zones, morning in Australia.



lauried515

August 18, 2015 - 11:54 pm

Awesome, thanks Tim!!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:54 pm

How did Laurie win?



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:55 pm

It is evening



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:55 pm

did you put names in a hat?



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:55 pm

Well done laurie happy reading



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:55 pm

Sharon Succession is coming out in US in September



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:55 pm

Congrats Laurie, they're brilliant books.



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:55 pm

Laurie won - it's done randomly from those who are on the chat.



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:55 pm

Congratulations Laurie



lauried515

August 18, 2015 - 11:55 pm

Thanks! Can't wait for the book!!



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:56 pm

We use Random.org, for those who want to know.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:56 pm

Well I hope you enjoy them x



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:56 pm

I have read it on kindle. I am at the end of Rebellion. Loving these books, Livi.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:56 pm

well thank you!



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:56 pm

Last few questions and then we can let Livi escape.



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:56 pm

Quick final question from me - what was your favourite primary source?



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:56 pm

I've had the most amazing time writing them



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:56 pm

You are welcome.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:57 pm

more than 8 years now



lauried515

August 18, 2015 - 11:57 pm

Thanks so much, Livi, very interesting!



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:57 pm

I must warn you though Livi I have a fair few choice names for some of our heroes and villians,and a very warped sence of humour too



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:57 pm

Very interesting talk tonight. I hope you come back soon.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:57 pm

favourite primary source was Gregory's chronicle



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:57 pm

closely followed by john benet's and the crowland



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:57 pm

Thank you!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:58 pm

Gregory's is so lively and personal - love it



sharonc

August 18, 2015 - 11:58 pm

And I love that you put them in the book.



Boleyn

August 18, 2015 - 11:58 pm

Thank you so much Livi, take care and Keep safe.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:58 pm

Claire what is on next? Will you let me know?



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:58 pm

you too Boleyn



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:58 pm

and all of you



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:58 pm

I'm so glad Penguin let you do that, it worked really well. I loved reading those bits.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:58 pm

Does it close down now?



Admin Tim

August 18, 2015 - 11:59 pm

Livi, you're a member and so will get our announcements through email, like all the other members. Hope you'll pop in again in the future when you can grill our next expert!



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:59 pm

thank you Claire - I kept having battles with them about it though



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:59 pm

they wanted me to cut out more than I did



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:59 pm

Tim I will do that!



Claire

August 18, 2015 - 11:59 pm

Thank you so much for joining us, Livi. Yes, we all say good night now. Susan Higginbotham's live chat is on 28th so do come along to that.



livimichael

August 18, 2015 - 11:59 pm

it's been a great experience



livimichael

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livimichael

August 19, 2015 - 12:00 am

ooh yes I will - she runs a great blog



sharonc

August 19, 2015 - 12:00 am

Good night all!



livimichael

August 19, 2015 - 12:00 am

Goodbye all! x



lauried515

August 19, 2015 - 12:00 am

Thank you all!



Claire

August 19, 2015 - 12:00 am

I'll keep you updated on chats etc. and you're welcome to do another sometime, it would be lovely.



Boleyn

August 19, 2015 - 12:00 am

Well folks I'd better go up the little wooden hill, we off on holiday tommorow, well today for 12 days so an early start.. See you all soon Xxx



Admin Tim

August 19, 2015 - 12:00 am

Thank you Livi (and all the guests!). You are excused if you wish, or of course you can keep chatting on here if you want. We've got an early flight in the morning so only 6 hours sleeeeeeeep. Thanks for coming!



sharonc

August 19, 2015 - 12:00 am

Have fun, Boleyn.



Claire

August 19, 2015 - 12:01 am

Have a lovely holiday, Bo, we're off for a couple of days too. Good night everyone xx



DamselIII

August 19, 2015 - 12:01 am

good bye everyone. Thanks



Claire

August 19, 2015 - 12:01 am

5 hours Tim!



Admin Tim

August 19, 2015 - 12:01 am

I'll sleep in the car. Don't worry.



livimichael

August 19, 2015 - 12:02 am

Tim how do I find my powerpoint on your site



Claire

August 19, 2015 - 12:02 am

Erm, you're driving!



Claire

August 19, 2015 - 12:03 am

Livi, it's at <https://www.tudorsociety.com/livi-michael-expert-chat/>



Claire

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livimichael

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thank you!



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livimichael

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thank you!



Claire

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Claire

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Good night! x