



ADMIN Tim

June 17, 2016 - 11:00 pm

Well, welcome to everyone, and an especially big welcome to Conor Byrne, tonight's expert. Before we dive into questions about the Grey family, I'd like to congratulate Conor on his latest manuscript "Queenship in England" - it's amazing!



Conor Byrne

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Thanks so much Tim!



Adrienne Dillard

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Congrats Conor!



Bill1978

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Congrats Conor



Conor Byrne

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thank you



Claire Ridgway

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Congratulations Conor!



Sharon Conrad

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Congrats Conor.



Lorna Wanstall

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Nice one Conor



ADMIN Tim

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Can I ask you ... who is your favourite queen from the ones you have written about?



Conor Byrne

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Thank you



Sharon Conrad

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Congrats Conor!



Dawn Hatswell

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Clever lad, you Conor!!



Claire Ridgway

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Conor is also going to be one of our regular contributors for Tudor Life magazine too. Thank you Conor!



Conor Byrne

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i would say either Elizabeth Wydeville or Isabella of France. And thank you!



Lorna Wanstall

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Any particular reason why Conor?



Sharon Conrad

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Two of my favorites.



Conor Byrne

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I find Elizabeth such an interesting woman: pragmatic, hardworking, astute but much misunderstood. And Isabella was a warrior! She deposed her husband.



Bill1978

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I am quite a fan of Elizabeth Woodville as well, well the little bits I know of her. Sadly mainly through PG's fictional work



Dawn Hatswell

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Very strong women, power behind the throne so to speak



Conor Byrne

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I would recommend David Baldwin's biography. It's excellent



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So, would you call Jane Grey a queen? Why do people continue to call her Lady? (It's a pet hate of mine...)



Adrienne Dillard

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Susan Higginbotham's book on the Woodvilles is a good resource too. I really like Elizabeth as well, I think she's a very interesting woman.



Lorna Wanstall

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EW must have had something about her which snared the king so completely (I use the term snared in the loosest term)



Claire Ridgway

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Didn't she use magic?



Sharon Conrad

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HAH!



Conor Byrne

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Tim, I'm not sure. I know some people argue that Jane WAS the rightful Queen as she was selected by Edward VI, but I don't agree. Mary was chosen by Henry VIII to succeed her brother and his will remained in force. It was legally binding. I see Jane more as a usurper, willing or not.



Lorna Wanstall

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Strabgely Tim a lot of people fell the same way including me.. After all Edward 5th was named king, just because he wasn't crowned doesn't make it any different



Dawn Hatswell

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Don't we all use magic lol



Dawn Hatswell

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Wasn't



Conor Byrne

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I think Jane can be viewed as Queen, even if for only nine or thirteen days (depending on viewpoint). However, I believe that Mary Tudor was the rightful monarch and it seems



Conor Byrne

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most of England agreed.



Lorna Wanstall

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if that had been any different H8 son would have been Edward 5 and not 6th.



Dawn Hatswell

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Was Edwards word not legally binding,



Bill1978

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I'm in the camp that it should be Queen Jane, but I guess sitting on the thrown for 13 days makes some people query 'what's the point'. But I do understand why some see her as a usurper because of Henry's will



Conor Byrne

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Well it was never signed into law. By contrast Henry VIII had the Act of Succession passed in 1544 in which he selected his heirs. This was never repealed by Edward and thus remained binding



Bill1978

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I enjoyed Eric Ives interpretation of the event in his book about Lady Jane and his arguments to why Jne was the rightful heir and Mary the usurper



Claire Ridgway

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Hmmm... I actually see Mary as the usurper! Lots of different viewpoints on that period. I admire both women though, they fought for the crown.



Lorna Wanstall

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Dawn Dudley was going to overturn Henry's will by act of parliament, if the king had lived perhaps a month or so more he may well have succeeded.



Sharon Conrad

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I see Mary as the usurper too.



Adrienne Dillard

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I honestly hadn't really thought about it. I guess I'm undecided!



Claire Ridgway

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The "devise" was issued as "Letters Patent" though ("Letters Patent for the Limitation of the Crown").



Bill1978

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re: Henry's Act of Succession - did Elizabeth I have to overturn it to allow James to take the crown of England, cause isn't Henry's Act the one that says descendents of his older sister cannot inherit the English crown?



Conor Byrne

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Irrespective, I think Jane did not at all deserve her ultimate fate. Mary was inclined to mercy and I do think she intended to keep her word. But unfortunately circumstances compelled her to order her cousin's death. Interestingly there is evidence that Guildford Dudley, who was also executed, was even younger than his wife



Dawn Hatswell

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Why's that



Dawn Hatswell

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RemMary the upsurper



ADMIN Tim

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I agree that her fate was very sad. It was all that happened around her that put her in danger.



Lorna Wanstall

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I never thought of it like that, but yes I suppose it could be said that she was a usurper.. but you have to admire her determination, she wanted the throne and by thunder she claimed it too



Conor Byrne

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Good point Bill. No Elizabeth never repealed it and I don't think she ever intended to. She just seems to have ignored it. But de Lisle speculates that Elizabeth disliked her English cousins intensely and did not want



Conor Byrne

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their side of the family



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to succeed her



Claire Ridgway

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Re Mary being a usurper, I think that Edward's "devise" was legal and like other monarchs he chose his successor and was old enough and educated enough to make an informed decision. Mary overthrew Jane so can be seen as a usurper.



Conor Byrne

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Jane ultimately was unsuccessful in keeping her throne because of the success of Mary's rebellion and the fact that Jane received so little support from the people, which to me indicates how beloved Mary was.



Dawn Hatswell

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Yes, I agree, the king has the final word,



Dawn Hatswell

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Edward I mean



Lorna Wanstall

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I have always viewed QJ execution as an act of petty spite. After all the girl had made it known she wanted nothing to do with the crown etc..



Bill1978

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See that's the part of the whole Henry's Will argument that makes me confused. People are happy for Elizabeth to defy Henry's Will, but his son wasn't. I do believe that most of the opposition at the time to Jane being on the throne was the fact she was married to Guildford and people began to worry about the influence of his dad. I do wonder if Jane was unmarried or married to someone else, if maybe people would have gone along with Edward's choice



ADMIN Tim

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Has anyone here been to Bradgate Park to see the ruins of the Grey house there? It's a lovely place set in parkland, and I can imagine them all rushing off on the hunt and things like that. Well worth a visit on a nice summer's day. But it always seems such a long way away from London and the seat of power. They were certainly interesting times ...



Lorna Wanstall

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QJ was no threat to Mary whatsoever



Sharon Conrad

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I agree Bill.



Conor Byrne

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But I think we can dispose of the myth that Jane was bullied into accepting the crown by her parents and Dudley. Leanda de Lisle argues that she was intelligent and astute and may have believed it was her destiny to be Queen



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Jane was a threat because people could, and did, rally around her name.



Conor Byrne

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The catholic religion was still very popular. I think that helped Mary.



Dawn Hatswell

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Was it love though for Mary...or just the because it was the nature way of things, their love was soon soured



Conor Byrne

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Especially in areas outside London.



Lorna Wanstall

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I tend to agree Conor.



Conor Byrne

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I think Mary's choice of husband was a big mistake, for the people did not want her to marry Philip and her own counsellors resented it. But that's another story



Dawn Hatswell

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I have been to Bradgate Tim, many moons ago...distant memory now



Lorna Wanstall

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Is there any evidence that Jane was beaten by her parents



Conor Byrne

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No



Conor Byrne

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Much of what we know about Jane is actually fiction. I am interested to see what Nicola Tallis says in her new biography of Jane, to be published this year.



Lorna Wanstall

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Hi Yvette



Dawn Hatswell

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But it is certain she was a very educated young woman though?



ADMIN Tim

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Hi Yvette, and welcome.



Yvette

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Good Evening



Conor Byrne

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Yes Dawn. Very educated especially for the times.



Claire Ridgway

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Eric Ives points out in his book on Jane that "if it was unacceptable for a king to pluck a successor out of the blue, it was utterly unthinkable that illegitimate children should inherit", so Mary had the stain of illegitimacy hanging over her and Edward felt very strongly about that.



Bill1978

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Bradgate is on my to do list if I ever get back to England



Lorna Wanstall

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What was the relationship like between Jane and Guildford?



Conor Byrne

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Very good point Claire. Edward did not wish either of his sisters to succeed. However the fact that the counsellors and nobility generally accepted both Mary and Elizabeth makes me wonder if they tacitly accepted the validity of the marriages to both Aragon and Boleyn?



Dawn Hatswell

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And her sisters?



Claire Ridgway

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Perhaps so.



Conor Byrne

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Again, what we know of the relationship between Jane and Guildford is fiction and not based in reality. There is evidence that Guildford was actually younger than Jane (G born around 153

so this negates suggestions that he was a slightly older and bullying man. Equally we do not know if they loved one another as in the film Lady Jane. But Jane signed her name Jane Dudley which makes me think that she accepted Guildford as her husband and was proud to be his wife, identifying with his family.



Conor Byrne

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they should be Guildford born around 1538.



Conor Byrne

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making him sixteen at execution. * that should



Lorna Wanstall

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Why did Mary making a big song and dance of proving her right to the throne when she usuped jane? I've never understood that. H* ad named them as his children and named them as Inhertrix in 1544 in his will



Conor Byrne

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Lorna, Mary remained illegitimate and she was determined to have the validity of her parents' marriage confirmed the minute she became Queen. This is in direct contrast to Elizabeth who did no such thing.



Lorna Wanstall

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I'm inclined to think that their relationship was blossoming relationship and perhaps in time they would have loved each other



Conor Byrne

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We do not know the nature of the relationship between the Grey sisters. We do not know if Jane was close to her sisters or not. Certainly her terrible end must have had an adverse impact on them.



Bill1978

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The fact that Jane signed her name Dudley, shows me that she 'accepted' the marriage. And was proud of the relationship



Laurie

June 17, 2016 - 11:28 pm

And Conor, do we know for sure that it was Guildford's brothers who engraved Jane's name on the wall in the Beauchamp tower?



Dawn Hatswell

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Think most marriages were like that then Lorna...



Conor Byrne

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I'm not sure about that Laurie.



Lorna Wanstall

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Yes, but I think Elizabeth was content to just let sleeping dogs lie. H8 had named her queen after Mary and that was good enough



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It is suggested that they did, but nobody knows for sure. Those carvings are absolutely amazing though.



Bill1978

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Why have I always assumed it was Guildford who carved Jane into the Beauchamp wall



Conor Byrne

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Mary was also a teenager when those events took place. Elizabeth probably barely remembered her mother and did not want to bring up bad memories of what had happened.



Claire Ridgway

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Mary had had to live with submitting to her father and accepting her illegitimacy, and I think that was something that really affected her. She needed to overturn it when she came to the throne, she needed

to put things right.



Lorna Wanstall

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There is that



Dawn Hatswell

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Yes I reckon Liz was more of live for now not the past. You can't cure the past!!



Conor Byrne

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an interesting question is who was the most tragic of the Grey sisters? We might say Jane but I feel very sorry for Katherine. Her fate was terrible.



Bill1978

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Conor - why was Elizabeth so against the Grey sisters being her heirs? Was it purely because they didn't follow protocol in getting the monarch's permission to marry.



Lorna Wanstall

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Yes and I feel that was perhaps another reason to why she was so determined to marry Philip of Spain, it was her way of reconnecting with her Spanish roots and to her mother



Adrienne Dillard

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Do we even know when that carving was done? Could it have been from before they were in the Tower?



Claire Ridgway

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It would make sense for the JANE carving to have been done by the Dudleys as they also did/had done the exquisite Dudley carving. I don't think anyone else imprisoned there would have had reason to write JANE.



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Conor, not everyone here has watched your talk yet (tut, tut!) - can you briefly outline the tale of Katherine please?



Conor Byrne

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Leanda de Lisle thinks, Bill, that Elizabeth personally disliked the Greys and was jealous of Katherine. I don't know if this is true and she certainly does not seem to have regarded Mary Stuart well either. I would imagine she resented the actions of the Greys in 1553-4, when Jane was chosen by Edward to be Queen in place of her and her sister Mary, and I would also say that she was outraged when both Katherine and Mary Grey secretly married without asking her, which was an insult.



Lorna Wanstall

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I know Mary Grey married Thomas Keyes was he the Thomas Keyes that was the keeper of the tower



Adrienne Dillard

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Point taken Tim



Dawn Hatswell

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Is it right one of the Grey sisters had a physical handicap



Lorna Wanstall

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Bill I believe it was only Catherine that Elizabeth got the hump with.



Conor Byrne

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Yes Tim. Katherine was the second sister and said to be very beautiful. She was heiress to Elizabeth. However Katherine secretly married Edward Seymour, earl of Hertford, theirs was a love marriage and Katherine does not appear to have ever schemed for the throne. Probably her sister's end put her off completely. However Katherine was forced to reveal her pregnancy and marriage to Elizabeth and the Queen ordered the imprisonment of both Katherine and Edward. Katherine bore two sons in the Tower and both were declared bastards. The couple were eventually released but separated



Sharon Conrad

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I watched it. I don't know what I think of Katherine's mess, but I felt very sorry for Mary.



Lorna Wanstall

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Yes I will have to watch the video, slap o wrist for not doing so efore now.



Conor Byrne

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and kept under house arrest. Katherine seems to have become depressed and fell into despair. She starved herself to death and died at 27.



Claire Ridgway

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Mary Grey does seem to have had a sad life, being separated from her husband, as Katherine was too. Elizabeth could be very cruel.



Adrienne Dillard

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Reading about Mary's marriage was the highlight of my research for Cor Rotto. So clever sneaking out while everyone was preoccupied with Henry Knollys' wedding!



Lorna Wanstall

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Bill I believe it was only Catherine got the hump with..



Conor Byrne

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She could indeed but I think she was fearful. And Mary should've learned from the example of her sister.



Adrienne Dillard

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I think I have a bit of an affinity for Mary Grey because of that. So sad how her life ended up.



Conor Byrne

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Katherine's sons were actually legitimated in the reign of James I and it seems the majority of people

believed that they were always legitimate.



Lorna Wanstall

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If I have remembered it rightly Mary married Thomas Keyes and I think he was the keeper of the tower



Sharon Conrad

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Yes, Adrienne that is how I feel about Mary. Don't know why I don't feel that way about Katherine as sad as that turned out.



Bill1978

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I had no idea James I legitimised the Katherine's sons



Conor Byrne

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Mary's marriage was astonishing because her husband was so much lower than her in birth, from a social standing. So it might have been thought that she had committed a lesser offence than Katherine: but Elizabeth did not see it that way.



Sharon Conrad

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No I didn't know that either.



Sharon Conrad

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Maybe that's it Conor.



Lorna Wanstall

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So Mary was punished as well



Laurie

June 17, 2016 - 11:42 pm

Interesting, yes Elizabeth was just very paranoid of threats throughout her reign, such as Mary Queen of Scots too of course



Conor Byrne

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This is what irritates me about PG. She claims that Mary Boleyn was incredible for secretly marrying. But lots of other women did it: both Greys did!



Bill1978

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I often think that Elizabeth was jealous of the Grey sisters because in a way they got to choose who they married without scrutiny. For most of her reign, Elizabeth was always being pressured to marry



Conor Byrne

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Elizabeth was by nature distrustful. I think she learned to keep her feelings a secret and did not trust a soul. I'm not surprised the way she acted against the Greys and her other cousins including Margaret Douglas.



Lorna Wanstall

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Yes indeed Mary Queen of Scots did it with Bothwell



Lorna Wanstall

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and I suppose it could be argued that Edward 4th and EW did



Bill1978

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Oooh maybe Elizabeth I also had a secret marriage that we have never known about LOL Since it sounds like it was all the rage back then



Dawn Hatswell

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Well wasn't E4 meant to have had a secret marriage before EW too



Lorna Wanstall

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Yes Elizabeth certainly threw a major wobbly when she learned that Margarets Son Henry had married Mary QOS



Conor Byrne

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Many rumours about Elizabeth!



Claire Ridgway

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I'm obviously looking at this with a 21st century perspective and I can't know how Elizabeth felt, but I do think it must have been really hard for her seeing women like the Greys and her ladies-in-waiting marry the men they loved when she couldn't be with the man she loved.



Sharon Conrad

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What are we up to 7 children now for Elizabeth. Bah!



Bill1978

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I agree Claire



Lorna Wanstall

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Yes dawn and that was the reason to why Richard 3 managed to usurp the throne from the two princes



Dawn Hatswell

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Its the rumours that fire the fiction writers isn't it



Conor Byrne

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I do wonder about Elizabeth. I think you're right Claire but I also get the sense that she was shrewd, ruthless, she knew how to suppress her feelings. She knew the risks of marriage, she only had to look at both her sister and Mary Queen of Scots.



Lorna Wanstall

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Can't for the life of remember who it was who told richaard about E4's prvious marriage though



Sharon Conrad

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It was a bishop. Stillington? Not sure which one.



Claire Ridgway

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I think she was shrewd and ruthless in many ways, but I don't think she managed to suppress her feelings about Robert Dudley that well, and she completely flew off the handle with a few of her ladies. She had a hot temper like both of her parents, I think.



Conor Byrne

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I think you're right Sharon



Dawn Hatswell

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Weren't it the King Maker before the 'fell out'?



Lorna Wanstall

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Elizabeth learnt very early on in her life no to trust any man woman or child. Can't really blame her though



Laurie

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Yes, from a very young age, she was told she was a "bastard." That would affect anyone!



Sharon Conrad

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It as after Warwick was gone, Dawn.



Conor Byrne

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Does anyone think that the Greys were Elizabeth's rightful heirs and should have been nominated as her successors?



Bill1978

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I do, mainly cause of Henry's Will that got Elizabeth to the throne.



ADMIN Tim

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Rather than let the Scots in?



ADMIN Tim

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It's an interesting question ...



Lorna Wanstall

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If I have remembered this rightly on the day after her mother's execution, one of Elizabeth ladies approached and said something like Lady Elizabeth what would like to eat, and Elizabeth replied how hap that is I am lady Elizabeth when yesterday I was princess



Laurie

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But the Scots were descended from the elder sibling



Conor Byrne

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According to Henry's will, Katherine and her sons should've inherited the throne after Elizabeth's death.



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That would have kept the Tudor dynasty going longer, I suppose.



Lorna Wanstall

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I think it went a little further than that Tim Henry all but disinherited his siter Margaret because of her behaviour matrimonly wise



Claire Ridgway

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I think they were the rightful heirs.



Bill1978

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Henry Will's barred the descendents of his elder sister from inheriting the throne



Conor Byrne

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Imagine if Edward, son of Katherine, had become king. Interestingly, Katherine Grey's descendant married Arbella Stuart, a relative of Mary Queen of Scots.



Lorna Wanstall

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there was probably a whole lot of jealousy there as wellcause margaret got her divorce and henry didn't



Sharon Conrad

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Elizabeth never would name an heir. It's hard to say, but I don't think she would have named Katherine's sons. She considered them illegitimate.



Dawn Hatswell

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If they 'wanted to keep England as a separate country the Greys would have been the first choice...who knows, all were cousins as such,



Adrienne Dillard

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I think they were the rightful heirs too...Mostly because I'm not super fond of the Stuarts! But I definitely think that is an interesting question because Margaret was the elder sister.



ADMIN Tim

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Just five minutes to go until the official end of this livechat. Get your final questions and thoughts in now...



Lorna Wanstall

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james inprisoned arbela though conor, in his way he was as parnoid as the tudors



Conor Byrne

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Elizabeth was fortunate that the succession was resolved peacefully. She took big risks.



Adrienne Dillard

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What is one thing that you have been surprised to learn about the Grey sisters?



Sharon Conrad

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She certainly did.



Conor Byrne

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Mary Grey appears to have been a formidable Protestant, like her sister. This was something I hadn't known before.



Lorna Wanstall

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It just seems so tragic they all had such horrible lives



Conor Byrne

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They did indeed but unfortunately most people who had royal blood did! Including the Poles.



Sharon Conrad

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Royalty isn't everything it's cracked up to be.



Laurie

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Do you feel that Frances Grey made the right move by remarrying in order to stay in good favor, despite what happened to her daughters?



Dawn Hatswell

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Its amazing how quick James moved the centre of power down south...returned only once I think for a wee visit...I always think that rather disrespectful to his place of birth!!



Lorna Wanstall

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Yeah that's true, Henry's callous murder of Margaret Pole isfill in your own words



Conor Byrne

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Laurie I think she probably did it to gain a measure of security.



ADMIN Tim

June 18, 2016 - 12:00 am

Tonight's winner (though I see he's not in the chatroom at this moment) is Stephen Sigler. He's the lucky winner of Conor's book "Katherine Howard: A New History".



ADMIN Tim

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Is it just me, or has this hour flown past? Amazing discussion, thank you to all who came tonight.



Conor Byrne

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Thank you!



Laurie

June 18, 2016 - 12:00 am

Thank you Tim for organizing, and thank you to Conor!!



Yvette

June 18, 2016 - 12:01 am

Good Night and thank you!



Claire Ridgway

June 18, 2016 - 12:01 am

It has flown by! Some great questions and answers. Thank you so much to Conor for his talk and for chatting tonight.



Conor Byrne

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Thanks for all the questions.



Lorna Wanstall

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I think I can understand why though dawn, James's life before he came down south was extremely turbulent.



Sharon Conrad

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That was one fast hour. Thank you Conor. Congratulations Stephen. Good night all.



Bill1978

June 18, 2016 - 12:01 am

Congrats Stephen and thank you Tim for the organisation and Thanks to Conor for his great insights



Adrienne Dillard

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Thank you all!



Conor Byrne

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and thanks for organising, Tim



Lorna Wanstall

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there had been a fair few assassination attempts on him, not to mention nearly every regent getting murdered at some point or other



Dawn Hatswell

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Cheers Conor, the best of luck for the future



Lorna Wanstall

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Well done Stephen Happy Reading.. XX



Lorna Wanstall

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James Stewart his first regent holds the accolade of being the first man in Scotland to have been murdered by firarm



Dawn Hatswell

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Night gh everyone



ADMIN Tim

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Well, we're off to bed now. Feel free to keep chatting all, and remember that you can post questions and thoughts on the forum or here in the chatroom. Thank you Conor. Good night from Headquarters.