



**ADMIN Tim**

September 5, 2016 - 10:59 pm

Well, thank you all for coming to the chatroom this evening, and a special welcome and thanks to Lauren for giving up her precious time to be with us. The expert chat video was excellent and I really enjoyed it. So, without further ado - I pronounce this evening's discussion open. Please share your questions...



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 10:59 pm

I read somewhere once long ago that K.P did attend Henry's funeral but was sat behind a screen, is this true?



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:01 pm

Welcome Brandi



**Brandi Brown**

September 5, 2016 - 11:02 pm

Hi! Glad to be on the chat.



**ADMIN Tim**

September 5, 2016 - 11:02 pm

Which is your favourite part of Westminster? There are so many tombs of all shapes and sizes in there?



**ADMIN Tim**

September 5, 2016 - 11:02 pm

(Hi Brandi)



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:02 pm

Not at all it's a pleasure to be here! Thanks so much for the warm welcome Tim! Thanks for starting us off Lorna, I'm not entirely sure if I would be the best person to answer that, I haven't strayed a lot into Henry's funeral. The main focus of my research is the death of Queens, but it's certainly something I would love to look into



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:03 pm

Thank you.



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:03 pm

Oh Tim, it has to be the tomb effigies of Henry VII and Elizabeth of York. They captivated me from the moment I saw them when I was 10 years old!



**Claire Ridgway**

September 5, 2016 - 11:04 pm

What made you want to research the deaths and funerals of queens?



**ADMIN Tim**

September 5, 2016 - 11:05 pm

<http://media.gettyimages.com/photos/giltbronze-tomb-effigies-of-king-henry-vii-and-elizabeth-of-york-in-picture-id526751294>



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:05 pm

Only ever seen pictures of it, but it is beautiful. I do feel that Henry V11 despite is presumed cold and misery ways was devoted to Elizabeth of York



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:06 pm

Well Claire, that's a really good question! I suppose I fell in love with the Tudors when we studied them in school. When I went to Uni in Belfast my lecturer did a fascinating lecture on rituals surrounding death, so for my undergraduate dissertation I thought I would combine the two



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:07 pm

Hello all. I.m late but thrilled to be with you from US, Alexandria Va



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:07 pm

Welcome Katherine.



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:07 pm

Hi Katherine, thank you so much for joining us!



**Laurie**

September 5, 2016 - 11:08 pm

So what have you been most surprised to learn about funerals and death rituals of the Queens who you have studied?



**Claire Ridgway**

September 5, 2016 - 11:08 pm

Thank you Lauren!



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:08 pm

lauren. I have a question... How did they go about making the effigies!? Was the a court artisan who did so before or after their passing?



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:09 pm

Hi Beth.



**Beth von Staats**

September 5, 2016 - 11:09 pm

Good Evening everyone... my apologies for my tardiness



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:09 pm

Hi Wendy



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:10 pm

Well Laurie, I find the rituals surrounding the funeral and burial of Queens very interesting. In a document produced to lay down the the standard form of a royal funeral, it states that a queen's was to be the exact same as a king's. I guess given the patriarchal society I was surprised they would be awarded the same status.



**Laurie**

September 5, 2016 - 11:11 pm

Yes that is certainly very interesting, I was not aware of that..



**Brandi Brown**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:11 pm*

Which queen was your favorite to research?



**Beth von Staats**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:11 pm*

Some of the effigies really give us an intriguing look at what these people actually looked like... death masks especially.



**Lorna Wanstall**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:11 pm*

Are there any death Masks of any of the Queens still around. We know Mary Queen of Scots or rather what is believed to be her death mask.



**Lauren Browne**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:12 pm*

From my research, it entirely depends on how soon they died. Henry VII's plans for his conjugal tomb in the Lady chapel were begun before his death, however Henry VIII quick took over them and made them his own after his father had died



**Philip Roberts**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:12 pm*

Hi Lauren. I was at Sudeley Castle yesterday where Katherine Parr was laid to rest. Would she have had much of a burial service fit for a queen?



**Wendy Dunn**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:13 pm*

Haven't done a chat room for a long, long time, but good morning from Australia. Clearly burial practices of the Tudors fascinates me!



**Lauren Browne**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:13 pm*

Brandi, my favourite queen is actually Elizabeth of York. Some say she isn't as exciting as the others, but I find her very enigmatic. I'm also writing my MA thesis on the representation of Eleanor of Aquitaine's death, which is very early for me, but so interesting!



**Katherine Carlisle**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:13 pm*

In taking over his father's plans did H8 change anything his father had requested?



**Lorna Wanstall**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:13 pm*

Hi Phil.



**Beth von Staats**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:14 pm*

Elizabeth of York is also a favorite of mine. Her funeral must have been quite the event.



**Lauren Browne**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:14 pm*

The effigy of Elizabeth of York was discovered in Westminster, and it's an amazing hint at what she may have looked like!



**Philip Roberts**

September 5, 2016 - 11:14 pm



Hi Lorna. I've made it here



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:15 pm

Hi Phil, from my research the only queen-consorts that were provided with a full state funeral were Elizabeth of York and Jane Seymour



**Beth von Staats**

September 5, 2016 - 11:15 pm

You can see the effigy here. She must have been a beautiful woman. <http://westminster-abbey.org/our-history/royals/henry-vii-and-elizabeth-of-york>



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:16 pm

Yes, Katherine! Henry VII had wanted a much less grand tomb than the one we see in the Lady Chapel at Westminster!



**Claire Ridgway**

September 5, 2016 - 11:16 pm

It's such a shame that Jane Seymour's effigy was destroyed, it would have been good to compare it to her portrait.



**Philip Roberts**

September 5, 2016 - 11:16 pm

Thank you Lauren. Sounds a shame as she was such a true Queen to H8



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:17 pm

I think so Beth, although it certainly was a trope to describe queens a beautiful



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:17 pm

But it's a shame poor Katherine's tomb was so badly treated. Her coffin was found buried upside down in a potato field I believe



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:17 pm

how ironic he got what his son would have wanted and his son got something more simple.



**Christine Colburn**

September 5, 2016 - 11:17 pm

Did Henry VII give his wife such an elaborate funeral to further legitimize the Tudor claim to the throne?



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:18 pm


Henry had designed a beautiful tomb for himself, but never got to lie within it. Lord Nelson is the proud owner of Henry's masterpiece



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:18 pm


The representation of queens in tomb effigies can't always be reliable though, the sculptor almost certainly didn't meet them before death and it was usual for all of those depicted in effigy to be shown at the age of 33 (the age Christ died)

 **Katherine Carlisle**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:19 pm

How did some effigies survive Oliver Cromwell and other not? Was he discerning or was it random?

 **Lorna Wanstall**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:19 pm


Hi Olga and Tina

 **Beth von Staats**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:20 pm


What were the funerals of Elizabeth of York and Jane Seymour like? I know that is a very broad question, but some highlights would be interesting to learn about.

 **Olga Hughes**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:20 pm

Good morning everyone, and hi Lauren, thanks for holding a chat!

 **Lauren Browne**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:20 pm


It is certainly possible Christine. Elizabeth of York's claim to the throne was stronger than his, so he down-played this throughout her life. After her death he was able to use this to his advantage, without the feat of being threatened. His Lady Chapel is full of their heraldic symbols, ensuring their fledgling dynasty would be remembered long after they died.

 **Katherine Carlisle**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:21 pm

So the one I saw in St. Pauls with Lord Nelson was intended for H8. Wonder what Edward didn't use it.

 **Beth von Staats**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:21 pm

Meow, Olga.

 **Tina Subar**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:21 pm

Hello.....

 **Brandi Brown**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:21 pm

Were the Kings also depicted at the age of 33 on their effigies? I didn't realize all the queens were. That's really interesting.

 **Claire Ridgway**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:21 pm

Good evening/morning to all those who've just joined. Please feel free to ask questions, comment on answers, or just lurk!

 **Olga Hughes**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:22 pm

Beth

 **Lorna Wanstall**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:23 pm

I don't think Edward, was much for all the fancy show that his father was



**Claire Ridgway**

September 5, 2016 - 11:23 pm

How was a chief mourner chosen for a queen's funeral?



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:23 pm

It's a good question Beth! They would have followed the same pattern. They would have been brought in a large procession to Westminster, the streets would have been almost flood-lit with candles. One virgin for each year of the queen's life would be dressed in Tudor colours. All the who's who would be there and the actual ceremony would last for several days.



**Christine Colburn**

September 5, 2016 - 11:24 pm

Did the Reformation change the representations of queens in funeral and burial?



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:24 pm

It's a usual standard Brandi, from their first appearances in the late 12th and early 13th centuries.



**Beth von Staats**

September 5, 2016 - 11:24 pm

No, he certainly wasn't... Edward was far more influenced by his godfather than his father.



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:25 pm

Good Heavens I Should have turned my brain on before I asked that one Lorna. My first chat room Duh! Experience.



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:25 pm

That's an excellent question Claire. It would usually be those responsible for the overall funeral, who would then select someone related to the queen



**Beth von Staats**

September 5, 2016 - 11:25 pm

I can't even imagine how beautiful the candlelight was or how many candles they went through.



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:25 pm

Thousands I should imagine



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:26 pm

I agree about the candles and had a question about the journey



**Beth von Staats**

September 5, 2016 - 11:26 pm

The Lady Mary Tudor was Jane's chief mourner, correct? Who was Elizabeth of York's?



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:27 pm

Possibly one of her sisters I should think Beth



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:27 pm


Yes Christine, before the Reformation there was a huge emphasis placed on remembering the dead, especially in prayer. This aspect would not have been present post-Reformation

 **Philip Roberts**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:28 pm

Looking at the sketching of Elizabeth I's funeral procession still chokes me up. Was there another medieval/Tudor Queen who had such sadness at their funeral?

 **Lorna Wanstall**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:28 pm

I believe Lady Jane Grey was Katherine Parr's chief Mourner

 **Lauren Browne**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:28 pm

Yes, that's right Beth. Although she was so grief stricken she was unable to perform some of her duties. Yes Lorna, it was her sister Lady Katherine

 **Philip Roberts**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:29 pm


She was Lorna

 **Lorna Wanstall**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:30 pm

Elizabeth had been on the throne a long time Phil and many people had lived and died during her reign knowing on her as queen

 **Olga Hughes**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:30 pm


There was rather a long gap between stable marriages after Elizabeth of York and Henry VII Phil.

 **Lauren Browne**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:30 pm


We are so incredibly lucky to have that sketch Philip! It's hard to say because Elizabeth's was so unusually well documented.

 **Philip Roberts**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:30 pm


Thanks Lauren

 **Beth von Staats**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:31 pm

I have always been curious about the relationship between the Lady Mary Tudor and Queen Jane Seymour -- and also the connection between Elizabeth Seymour Cromwell and the Queen... very interesting family dynamics there.

 **Christine Colburn**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:31 pm

I was lucky enough to touch Elizabeth's funeral sketch many years ago, I helped take down an exhibit which featured it.

 **Lauren Browne**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:32 pm

Oh absolutely Beth, it certainly warrants a research paper!

 **Laurie**  
September 5, 2016 - 11:33 pm

What are your thoughts on Elizabeth Woodville's almost non-existent funeral? It is so sad that she was not properly honored in death after the dramatic life that she had...



**Katherine Carlisle**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:33 pm*

you mentioned that they gave alms during the mass for Elizabeth of York and I think Jane as well. Were these given to the less fortunate in their name or to the church?



**Lauren Browne**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:33 pm*

I feel that the study of queenship has seen such a rise in the past few decades and it certainly doesn't seem to be stopping any time soon. Even though "queenship" still isn't recognised as a word of Microsoft Word!



**Katherine Carlisle**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:33 pm*

Were regular citizens allowed to attend the services or just nobility.



**Lorna Wanstall**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:34 pm*

I do feel that Jane felt very maternal towards Mary, and she Jane did try to get Henry to re-install her back into the succession, but we all know what happened there and that didn't come about until 1544



**Lauren Browne**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:34 pm*

Good question Laurie! It's so sad to read about it compared to her daughter's! The fact that she took the veil may have been a part of it. Although reigning queen-consorts were always much better provided for than dowager-queens



**Beth von Staats**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:35 pm*

Yes, Sarah Gristwood has a new book focused on 16th-century queenship releasing in a few weeks.



**Laurie**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:35 pm*

Thank you Lauren, this makes sense. Still very sad for her though...



**Lauren Browne**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:35 pm*

It would have been in the name of the queens to the less fortunate Katherine. Regular citizens would have been allowed to watch and even partake in the procession, but would not have gained access to the funeral itself



**Philip Roberts**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:36 pm*

Can't wait for that book Beth



**Lauren Browne**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:36 pm*

Me either!!



**Lorna Wanstall**

*September 5, 2016 - 11:36 pm*

Welcome Yvette and Camille



**Yvette**



September 5, 2016 - 11:36 pm

Thanks!



**Beth von Staats**

September 5, 2016 - 11:36 pm

I am of the opinion Lorna that Cromwell and Chapuys literally saved Mary Tudor's life, which is rather ironic given the eventual course of events. Was Mary's funeral elaborate Lauren? Or was it downplayed by Elizabeth?



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:37 pm

Oh absolutely Laurie, there's hardly a comparison



**Camille Green**

September 5, 2016 - 11:37 pm

Thank you! Sorry to be late!



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:38 pm

Is



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:38 pm

I agree Beth, poor Mary was browbeaten into submitting to her fathers will, but I feel that because of it Mary suffered with guilt about it for the rest of her life.



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:39 pm

Oops. I meant to say is the chapel lady chapel named for Margaret Beaufort. Forgive my ipad spelling.



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:42 pm

It certainly wasn't as big as her sister's Beth, but she did receive a larger funeral than some of the others. Haha no worries Katherine, The Lady Chapel was actually rebuilt Henry VII. There was one on the site (built by Henry III) before Henry VII demolished it in 1502. Lady Chapels were built in the 13th century to honour the Virgin Mary.



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:43 pm

Clearly i am a novice here and protestant!



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:44 pm

Hard to think that Mary and Elizabeth lie together in the same tomb, considering that they were so different



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:44 pm

Henry VII wanted it to be a shrine to Henry VI, around whom a cult was forming. He also wanted it to be a royal mausoleum for his new dynasty and to be a more elaborate monument to the Virgin Mary. Not at all Katherine, it's a good question!



**Beth von Staats**

September 5, 2016 - 11:44 pm

I doubt Elizabeth envisioned that at all, and poor Mary.... no effigy for her.



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:45 pm

Elizabeth magnificent tomb is now occupied by Mary QoS



**Philip Roberts**

September 5, 2016 - 11:45 pm

Katherine Parr's body was 'found' at Sudeley Church in the 18c and they say her body and looks hadn't decomposed. Was that because she was embalmed in some way?



**Christine Colburn**

September 5, 2016 - 11:46 pm

James I put Mary and Elizabeth together, I'm sure neither of them imagined that for their eternal resting places!



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:46 pm

Didn't James 1 make that tomb?



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:46 pm

This is a really good read if you are interested in the Lady Chapel!

[https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=PMZ-](https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=PMZ-eEhNDyMC&printsec=frontcover&dq=westminster+abbey+lady+chapel&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjH57ulp_nOAhUMDcAKHf9TAAAsQ6AEIHDA#v=onepage&q&f=false)

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**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:46 pm

Thanks! Also were



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:47 pm

the children allowed to attend? Would H8 have



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:47 pm

They would have embalmed them in rose water and spices, probably to hide the smell!



**Philip Roberts**

September 5, 2016 - 11:48 pm

Ok thanks Lauren



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:49 pm

yes that's true, the coffin had been opened a few times, but when it had been opened the first time, the body was as if she had just died.



**Beth von Staats**

September 5, 2016 - 11:50 pm

Serious? I had no idea.



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:50 pm

Katherine Henry wouldn't have attended as it served as a reminder towards his own mortality. It just wasn't the done thing



**Philip Roberts**

September 5, 2016 - 11:50 pm

That is true Beth



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:51 pm

I always feel a great sadness about K.P



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:51 pm

I see. I knew that to be true for the monarch, but didnt make to connection for future monarchs.



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:52 pm

Absolutely right Philip. There's a really interesting illuminated manuscript in the National Library of Wales that may show Henry VIII and his sisters mourning their mother, but not at the funeral



**Beth von Staats**

September 5, 2016 - 11:52 pm

I learn something new every day.



**Beth von Staats**

September 5, 2016 - 11:53 pm

I would imagine Elizabeth of York was quite beloved. She was a very popular Queen and rightfully so.



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:53 pm

Having finally go rid of a stinking old fossil for a husband, she marries the man she loves, falls pregnant only to be bitterly betrayed. She has her child which is perhaps the only happy bit of her life now, and dies shortly afterwards.



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:54 pm

I think so too Beth



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:54 pm

I agree about K.P. All of these women.... Child bearing must have been both joyful and terrifying at the same time. Elizabeth may have had more



**ADMIN Tim**

September 5, 2016 - 11:54 pm

Congratulations to Katherine Carlisle, tonight's winner of the brand new soft cover version of Claire Ridgway's "Illustrated Kings and Queens of England" book. Can you email your address to me, [info@tudorsociety.com](mailto:info@tudorsociety.com) please (not here in the chatroom)



**ADMIN Tim**

September 5, 2016 - 11:55 pm

Five minutes to go on tonight's chat - it's been a great fun one!



**Beth von Staats**

September 5, 2016 - 11:55 pm

Yeah, congrats Katherine!



**Christine Colburn**

September 5, 2016 - 11:55 pm

Congratulations, Katherine!



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:55 pm

sense in her no marriage strategy than just having a king consort.



**Lauren Browne**

September 5, 2016 - 11:55 pm

Congrats Katherine!!



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:55 pm

Yay me! Thanks Tim and Claire!



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:55 pm

Well done Katherine Happy reading Xx



**Beth von Staats**

September 5, 2016 - 11:56 pm

Thank you so much Lauren for sharing your knowledge and expertise with us... VERY interesting indeed.



**Claire Ridgway**

September 5, 2016 - 11:56 pm

Congratulations Katherine!



**Claire Ridgway**

September 5, 2016 - 11:57 pm

Lauren. are you working on a PhD now?



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:57 pm

thanks everyone... Perhaps i will learn a few more things before our next chat. Lauren your talk and this chat were excellent!



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:57 pm

I do feel H7 was devoted to Elizabeth of york



**Katherine Carlisle**

September 5, 2016 - 11:57 pm

so happy!



**Lorna Wanstall**

September 5, 2016 - 11:58 pm

I don't believe H7 had any mistresses at all during his marriage. Very unusual given the times.