

# Princes in the Tower Live Chat Transcript – 11 November 2016

**Katherine Carlisle**

November 11, 2016 - 11:01 pm

Hello all from Virginia.



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:01 pm

What was that you were saying about it being a quiet night Claire?



**Ceri Creffield**

November 11, 2016 - 11:01 pm

Hi everyone



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:01 pm

Hi Katherine, hello Ceri



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:02 pm

In anycase you should know by now there is no such thing as a quiet night in our chatroom

**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:02 pm

Welcome everyone and thank you for joining us. A big thank you to Olga for "moderating" this chat, she knows far more about the subject than I do!



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:02 pm

Hello Katherine and Ceri



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:02 pm

True, Lorna!



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:03 pm

Would anyone like to start by asking a question or sharing their opinion?



**Ceri Creffield**

November 11, 2016 - 11:03 pm

Looking forward to this.



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 11, 2016 - 11:03 pm

So...Who killed the princes?



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 11, 2016 - 11:04 pm

Enquiring minds want to know!



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:04 pm

There's no evidence they were killed Adrienne.



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:04 pm

What did, Katherine Woodville think about the disappearance of her boys



**Laurie**

November 11, 2016 - 11:04 pm

Especially not both of them



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 11, 2016 - 11:04 pm

Semantics...



**Tina Subar**

November 11, 2016 - 11:04 pm

Hello all



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 11, 2016 - 11:05 pm

But seriously, just wondering what everyone thinks



**Sharon Conrad**

November 11, 2016 - 11:05 pm

Hi everyone.



**Ceri Creffield**

November 11, 2016 - 11:05 pm

If not killed, then what might have happened to them?



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:05 pm

Hello and welcome!



**Colleen MacDonald**

November 11, 2016 - 11:05 pm

I will put my cards on the table by saying that I don't think Richard is the evil king that he is painted, but he did have some erratic moments, so I'm sure he's not a saint either. Just wondering why he would have killed them since he had them declared illegitimate anyway, so they were already "out of his way"



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:05 pm

Hello tina and Sharon



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:06 pm

Not semantics. There was a belief that they had survived their imprisonment back in Henry VII's reign.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:06 pm

Hi Tina, hi Sharon



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 11, 2016 - 11:06 pm

What everyone thinks happened to them...I guess I should be more specific, LOL. Be it killed or kidnapped or possibly accidental?



**Tina Subar**

November 11, 2016 - 11:06 pm

Writing from San Francisco, CA



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:06 pm

Why did they disappear during Richard's reign?



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:07 pm

So Olga, what do you think happened to the boys?



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:07 pm

But when the supposed bones of the Princes were examined in the 40's I believe, the doctor or who ever he was, stated that the bones of the Skull bore the classic marks of suffocation..



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:07 pm

Colleen, the reasoning that Edward and Richard were not a threat to Richard III is constantly used, but they were not out of his way. The very idea of them plagued the crown well into Henry VII's reign. Alive, they would always be a threat.



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 11, 2016 - 11:07 pm

I was kidding about the semantics Olga, haha. Get out your feather duster!



**Katherine Carlisle**

November 11, 2016 - 11:08 pm

Wasn't it fascinating that Henry 7 and Elizabeth of York had attended the trial of Richard's supposed henchman?



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:08 pm

But there's no evidence that the remains were the princes, Lorna.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:08 pm

I do not think they died in the tower, they were definitely not buried in the tower, and I think that they left the tower. After that, it becomes much more difficult Claire.



**Colleen MacDonald**

November 11, 2016 - 11:08 pm

I agree, just stating that someone isn't the rightful heir isn't good enough, could still be a rallying point. I thought that the bones examined in the 40's were never proven to be the princes?



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:09 pm

Olga, why do you think they disappeared during Richard's reign?



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:09 pm

(Sorry I am trying to keep up Adrienne)



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:10 pm

Sorry Sarah they disappeared during Richard's reign after they were imprisoned in the tower. I think they disappeared in an attempt to remove them from the Tower and get them out of danger. They would always be a threat. Whether Richard had a hand in their disappearance is unclear. There are signs he had no idea what happened to them.



**Colleen MacDonald**

November 11, 2016 - 11:10 pm

What about the argument that it was Buckingham, any thoughts on him?



**Ceri Creffield**

November 11, 2016 - 11:10 pm

Interesting that you think they both left the Tower.



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:10 pm

I do not believe the bones found in the tower in C2 reign, are those of the princes. Is it entirely possible that after R3 did the old titus regulus bit, he sent both princes to Middleham castle to live out their lives?



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:11 pm

Awesome thoughts Olga! Why do you think they appeared less and less? A ploy perhaps to have them disappear



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:11 pm

Katherine is that the Alison Weir theory that they attended Tyrell's trial???



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:11 pm

Colleen I think that because there is a precedent for it (Thomas Beckett) it is possible. But Buckingham was also acting oddly, it is said he was dressing his son as a girl.



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:12 pm

Why did neither of the Princes attempt to reclaim their throne do you think?



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:12 pm

There was an attempt to break them out Sarah, and it is said that is when security was tightened. If there were plans to move them out reducing their visibility over time is a good tactic.



**Katherine Carlisle**

November 11, 2016 - 11:13 pm

In the video Claire posted starkly said that in the records of the king and queens movements (forgot the primary source name) they were there each day. Those he concluded that it vindicated sir Thomas Moore



**Colleen MacDonald**

November 11, 2016 - 11:14 pm

Sarah when are you talking about? Do you mean when Richard had them in the tower? Or later, after Richard was dead and Henry in place?



**Katherine Carlisle**

November 11, 2016 - 11:14 pm

... more's history and his account



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:14 pm

Well, their sister was on the throne. They were young boys at the time they may have escaped and disappeared. You need resources to claim a throne.



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:14 pm

What to Stillington, hope to get from R3 when he made his declaration against E.W



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:15 pm

Was it a trial for Tyrell Katherine?



**Ceri Creffield**

November 11, 2016 - 11:15 pm

Thomas More's account has to be suspect, as he got it from Cardinal Morton who was anything but unbiased.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:16 pm

Money, probably Lorna. Favours.



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:16 pm

There were plenty of resources available and support - Margaret for example, their aunt. If one or both survived why do you think neither made an attempt to claim the throne? (Warbeck is an example that people did rally).



**Laurie**

November 11, 2016 - 11:16 pm

But it is impossible not to connect the timing of their "disappearance" with Richard's usurping the throne. A little more than coincidental for sure!!



**Katherine Carlisle**

November 11, 2016 - 11:16 pm

Yes Tyrell trial.



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:17 pm

Did stillington get any of those things from R3



**Colleen MacDonald**

November 11, 2016 - 11:17 pm

Both Richard and Henry would have wanted the boys out of the way, since their presence represented a claim on the throne. Either one of them could have engineered this. Odd that when the people accused them of murder, if the boys were alive why wouldn't they just show them to the public?



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:17 pm

Hello Ronald, nice to see you.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:17 pm

Yes Ceri, I know some people think Edward V died in the Tower but I am not sure there is anything to corroborate that.



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:18 pm

m I right in thinking, that at one stage, a Doctor was called out to attend to the older boy?



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:18 pm

Guys my screen froze, give me a minute to go back through the questions



**Roland Hui**

November 11, 2016 - 11:18 pm

Did anyone see that 'documentary' where Margaret Beaufort was fingered for the boys' disappearance? Imaginative, but hardly factual.



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:19 pm

aww that sucks Olga!



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:19 pm

Yes I saw that one too Roland XD



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:19 pm

Guys please stop typing for a moment so I can catch up



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:20 pm

Colleen I don't think they were seen as too much of a threat by Richard, after all he had had them declared as bastards, and the titus regulus denied them any rights to the throne.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:20 pm

Sarah. If the boys had gone into hiding why come out? To what end? Mayhem and murder? Look at what happened to Warbeck



**Laurie**

November 11, 2016 - 11:20 pm

Colleen the boys represented the York line, so having them around would always risk that they would rally citizens behind them to possibly overthrow the throne



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 11, 2016 - 11:21 pm

Have any of you heard the theory about Thomas More's childrens' tutor, John Clement, being one of the princes? There is a fictional novel out there that tells the story, but it's based on an actual theory. It definitely makes for an interesting take.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:21 pm

Of course Laurie, Richard is the easiest suspect. But when we are talking about actual evidence much does not add up



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:21 pm

To reclaim what was rightfully theirs as was so often the drive at the time, look at the Duke of York



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:21 pm

Who's the novel by, Adrienne, can you remember?



**Colleen MacDonald**

November 11, 2016 - 11:22 pm

But Lorna, as long as they were alive they could serve as a rallying point....look at later characters like "bonny prince Charlie", Scots rallied to him just because he had the blood ties to the throne.



**Sharon Conrad**

November 11, 2016 - 11:22 pm

Evidence is sorely lacking for anyone to be blamed, isn't it?



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:22 pm

The Tyrell trial was for treason. There is no evidence Elizabeth attended the trial, and Henry may have had an interest in it for other reasons Katherine. I don't give that theory much credence. No one else mentioned an alleged confession from Tyrell and if Henry VII had one he would have publicised it



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 11, 2016 - 11:22 pm

Claire - It was Portrait of an Unknown Woman by Vanora Bennett.



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:22 pm

Lots of people see Richard as a murderer, and to be honest I don't think he did..



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:23 pm

Good point Olga!



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:23 pm

Thanks Adrienne!



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:23 pm

Colleen that fact that Richard III never presented the boys' bodies as evidence they were dead is one of the strongest suggestions he either did not know what happened to them or knew they were dead



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:23 pm

Yes Sharon, there is little evidence for any murder. It's odd, but it's a fact



**Katherine Carlisle**

November 11, 2016 - 11:24 pm

Did the woman who supposedly married the princes father before Elizabeth woodville ever back up the claim in making the case for the illegitimacy of the wedding and their heirs?



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:24 pm

The counter argument to that is that their bodies would have been a very good rallying point to stand up against Richard. There were many at the time that opposed his imprisonment of the Princes.



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:24 pm

Did H7 do any sort of investigation to see what had happened to the boys



**Ceri Creffield**

November 11, 2016 - 11:24 pm

Is there any evidence Olga that they might have left the Tower alive?



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:25 pm

Eleanor was dead by the time the allegations were made Katherine. One historian has tried to corroborate it by land grants Edward IV gave her but they don't really prove there was a marriage



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:25 pm

Has anyone read that Cold Case book? I'm not sure what conclusion the author comes to, but it came up on Amazon for me when I was looking for something.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:25 pm

No evidence Ceri, but there were rumours.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:26 pm

Henry VII thought they were dead when he came to the throne Lorna. He did try to find out who Perkin Warbeck was, he spent a lot of resources on that.



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:26 pm

The woman who was allegedly married to Edward before EW became a professed Nun, but I think she was dead by the time Stillington came up with his fairytale



**Olga Hughes**



November 11, 2016 - 11:26 pm

Who's the author Claire?



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:27 pm

Hmmm... will check.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:27 pm

Sorry Roland I missed your question. I haven't seen it. What was the name of it?



**Katherine Carlisle**

November 11, 2016 - 11:27 pm

Thanks. I was trying to understand all the theories in the video.



**Laurie**

November 11, 2016 - 11:27 pm

Thanks Olga, yes there's definitely little evidence in general, but would you say that if not Richard himself, that someone in Richard's court was possibly responsible for their deaths?



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:27 pm

Olga, do we have any evidence on Elizabeth of York's feelings? (Either that she believed her brothers dead or alive or just general sadness?)



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:27 pm

It's a complex topic Katherine!



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 11, 2016 - 11:27 pm

I've always wondered if, perhaps there wasn't some kind of accident. The other boy witnessed it and was either murdered or spirited away to keep the secret? Perhaps by the time Richard heard about it, he found it more politic to just never say anything rather than admit it happened under his watch?



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:28 pm

I think that Perkin was perhaps a lot more convincing as Prince Richard.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:28 pm

No we don't Sarah, although she did give a gift to Edward V's nurse later on. The whole family kept silent on the issue. I truly believe we are never going to find out because no one wanted is to.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:28 pm

There's theories they may not have survived a sea crossing Adrienne.



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:28 pm

Olga, the book is "The Princes in the Tower : Cold Case Re-opened" by Mark Garber and on Amazon US it has 156 reviews.



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 11, 2016 - 11:28 pm

I would agree with that Lorna. I have a secret wish that he was indeed Richard ;- ) shh



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:29 pm



Perkin was convincing because people wanted him to be Lorna. Stories of lost princes go back to Moses, they are very attractive to people.



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:29 pm

Olga, when is your book on the Princes coming out! We must read!!



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:30 pm

I think that is the one that accuses Elizabeth of York Claire, my blood pressure would not survive it.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:30 pm

in about 27 years Sarah, when I am done researching



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:30 pm

I believe that the boys fell ill with some tersian fever and died. Their jailors found both boys dead and knowing they would be in BIG trouble, panicked and chucked their bodies in the moat. If they had disappeared the Jailors could be blamed for whatever befell the boys.. Hadeus corpus job



**Ceri Creffield**

November 11, 2016 - 11:31 pm

That's a bit of a wild card, Elizabeth of York!



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:31 pm

I mean Couldn't not could.. Damn Marmalade..



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:31 pm

Oh boy, Elizabeth of York!



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:31 pm

She and MB are on the cover.



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:32 pm

Awww hun I'll still be a fan!!



**Laurie**

November 11, 2016 - 11:32 pm

I think we all overlook the stress and pain that elizabeth woodville went through during this time--losing her brother and son to RIII, and then her boys... I couldn't even imagine...



**Colleen MacDonald**

November 11, 2016 - 11:32 pm

yes I remember reading a book where Elizabeth was playing the long game lol....set up Richard as a fall guy, kill the boys, and get the throne for herself through marrying Henry.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:32 pm

Now Ceri I will check out the video and the theory that Henry and EoY attended Tyrell's trial, and I'll pop something on the forum next week



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:32 pm

Good that you are patient Sarah



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:33 pm

I would say it's a bit steep Ceri.. In fact it's more like flipping Vertical. Elizabeth of York, no way..



**Colleen MacDonald**

November 11, 2016 - 11:33 pm

But seriously, I can't imagine the stress that Elizabeth had to deal with...her whole family destroyed, then having to marry the conqueror.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:33 pm

Laurie, I think that EW's grief played a large part in her retiring from court. She died only five years later and she was not very old.



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 11, 2016 - 11:33 pm

Claire, here is that link for the Clement theory: [http://www.vanorabennettauthor.com/?page\\_id=689](http://www.vanorabennettauthor.com/?page_id=689)



**Laurie**

November 11, 2016 - 11:34 pm

yes I certainly agree Olga.. very sad ending for her



**Katherine Carlisle**

November 11, 2016 - 11:35 pm

Are the bodies found in the Tower buried and acknowledged as the princes?



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:35 pm

Jack Leslau had an interesting theory on their survival, saying they were in the Thomas More family painting, is that similar Adrienne?



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:35 pm

How did EW aand H7 feel about each other



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:35 pm

It's unfortunate that people think she was a cold-blooded monster, thank you for bringing that up Laurie. Even More was quite nasty to her



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 11, 2016 - 11:35 pm

Yep Olga, that's the one that Bennett based her story on



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:36 pm

Olga what inspired you to start researching about the Princes in the Tower?



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:36 pm

Thanks for the link Adrienne!



**Colleen MacDonald**

November 11, 2016 - 11:37 pm

Katherine I don't think the bones in the tower were ever proven to be the princes.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:37 pm

Oh I don't know Lorna. I don't think there was any animosity but his cheap funeral for her is mind-boggling. But we should talk about that on the forum, its a bit off-topic



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:37 pm

Katherine, Innocents corner in Westminster Abbey is so named as the bones found in C2 time are buried.



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 11, 2016 - 11:38 pm

They weren't proven to be the princes, but they are buried in Westminster Abbey as the princes, I believe



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:38 pm

Sarah I was curious as to why they were so important. Lots of other princelings and royal family members (and yes children) have been murdered and forgotten.



**Laurie**

November 11, 2016 - 11:38 pm

but H7 mourned for awhile after her death..



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:39 pm

I don't think they are Katherine. I have an essay in the society magazine, the Richard III special, which discusses that at length



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:39 pm

We're talking about Elizabeth Wydeville Laurie, not his wife (she had a lavish funeral!)



**Gayle McMartin Hulme**

November 11, 2016 - 11:40 pm

Finally, its let me in. What did I miss



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:40 pm

Everything Gayle



**Sharon Conrad**

November 11, 2016 - 11:40 pm

My screen keeps freezing.



**Ceri Creffield**

November 11, 2016 - 11:40 pm

I would say it's the impossibility of knowing the truth that makes it so compelling.



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:41 pm

Here's the link to the March 2015 magazine that was a Richard III special  
- <https://www.tudorsociety.com/march-2015-tudor-life-magazine/>



**Katherine Carlisle**

November 11, 2016 - 11:41 pm

Is there a link to the essay Olga?



**Gayle McMartin Hulme**

November 11, 2016 - 11:41 pm

Did she know when she was giving Richard up in sanctuary that there was a risk



**Claire Ridgway**

November 11, 2016 - 11:41 pm

Hi Gayle!



**Olga Hughes**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:41 pm*

The bones in the urn, Katherine, were put there by Charles II. Helen Maurer wrote an interesting article for the Ricardian in the 90s demonstrating that Charles was using this as a political move, a sort of warning against usurpation



**Gayle McMartin Hulme**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:41 pm*

Oh flipping technology. I wana go back to blackboards and chalk



**Gayle McMartin Hulme**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:41 pm*

Hi Claire



**Roland Hui**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:41 pm*

How do folks here feel about exhuming the Westminster bones (we know the officials at the Abbey, and I suppose the Queen too, are against it)? Is it worth it for the sake of science and to possibly to uncover a historical mystery?



**Olga Hughes**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:42 pm*

Mine too Sharon, just refresh it



**Lorna Wanstall**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:42 pm*

I rather think that when the bones were taken out and examined in the 40? the doctor who examined the bones said what was written in More's testimony. I.e the princes had been suffocated..



**Colleen MacDonald**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:42 pm*

Hi Roland, I think the Queen has said no.



**Sharon Conrad**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:42 pm*

I am. Hi Gayle



**Gayle McMartin Hulme**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:42 pm*

Well that turned up to a be spectacular backfire for Charles II



**Olga Hughes**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:43 pm*

There is no way of testing them Roland. They would need a sample from Elizabeth Wydeville (Richard III's DNA cannot be used, you need mtDNA) and the Queen is not going to let them exhume three sets of remains. The historiographical evidence, and the depth of the burial, already proves it is not their remains.



**Olga Hughes**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:43 pm*

LOL Gayle



**Gayle McMartin Hulme**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:43 pm*

Ooops thought that said Charles I



**Olga Hughes**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:43 pm*

Not that I recall Lorna



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:44 pm

Ronald I'm all for it, but if it turns out to be the boys, that will only solve the identity, it will not tell us who killed them and why..



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:44 pm

And a reminder, Thomas More said the boys were buried 'metely deep under the stairs', but then they Richard felt guilty and dug them up and buried them in a secret place.



**Gayle McMartin Hulme**

November 11, 2016 - 11:44 pm

i can't imagine HM ever sanctioning examination of the bones. She very devout and I can't see her wanted examination done on them just to satisfy our noseyness



**Laurie**

November 11, 2016 - 11:45 pm

I believe that Philippa Langley already has a plan to do that..



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:45 pm

Guys if I have missed any questions, please ask again, my screen is freezing on and off



**Roland Hui**

November 11, 2016 - 11:45 pm

The bones autopsy done in the 1930's wasn't even able to determine the sex of the 2 individuals, only their ages, which more or less corresponded to the lost Princes.



**Gayle McMartin Hulme**

November 11, 2016 - 11:45 pm

So do you think the boys were smuggled out or their remains are elsewhere?



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:45 pm

I'm with Olga n this the bones found in the Stairway are NOT those of the princes.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:46 pm

Both Gayle. I can't give any solid theories but in my opinion they left the Tower.



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:47 pm

Medical science was quite basic back then Roland, these days we can even tell what a man had for his breackfast on the day he died.



**Sharon Conrad**

November 11, 2016 - 11:47 pm

Convenient that 2 young skeletons were found "metely deep under the stairs" though.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:47 pm

That's right Roland



**Katherine Carlisle**

November 11, 2016 - 11:47 pm

Has there ever been a formal statement from the Queen on any of this aside from no exhumation of the bones?



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:48 pm

Yes it is a coincidence Sharon! One study dates the bones to being buried no later than around 1100



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:48 pm

There has from Westminster Katherine, I'll give you a link



**Katherine Carlisle**

November 11, 2016 - 11:48 pm

thanks



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:49 pm

Which mean that the bones found were around the time from when the tower was being built



**Sarah Bryson**

November 11, 2016 - 11:49 pm

I'm so sorry Olga but I must dash! Thank you for all your wonderful answers xx



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:49 pm

Here we are <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2013/feb/05/princes-in-tower-staying-under>



**Sharon Conrad**

November 11, 2016 - 11:50 pm

Do you think EW knew what happened to her sons?



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:50 pm

Maybe even a left over relic from the mott and bailey castle that once stood on the site



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:50 pm

That's right Lorna. No one is going to dig to foundations with shovels overnight!



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:50 pm

Yes I think she did Sharon. My fanciful self thinks she may have spent some time with them when she was off the grid during Richard III's reign. But in any case I think she knew, and was possibly involved



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:51 pm

especially since the tower had a villiage within it's grounds so to speak



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:51 pm

People often forget how eager Richard III was to accommodate EW after his deposition



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:51 pm

Bye Sarah!



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:52 pm

Digging a big hole like that would take time, with many workmen and would certainly be commented upon.



**Ceri Creffield**

November 11, 2016 - 11:52 pm

I believe there was a custom in ancient times of burying a child in the foundations to ensure the building's stability.



**Laurie**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:52 pm*

Interesting theory Olga--so you think that EW and RIII actually aligned together on this?



**Gayle McMartin Hulme**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:53 pm*

she must have had an inkling, but what could she do?



**Olga Hughes**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:53 pm*

Really Ceri? That's interesting, I haven't read about that before



**Olga Hughes**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:54 pm*

There is a possibility, and only a possibility. But yes Laurie. He swore a public oath about protecting her daughters to placate her. Equally, if the boys died by some misadventure then he needed to swear it wouldn't happen to her daughters. But is hows them co-operating, which is very significant.



**Lorna Wanstall**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:54 pm*

Do you think Richard was right to take the actions he did.



**Sharon Conrad**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:54 pm*

I have read that also Ceri. Not especially a child, but a person was sacrificed to ensure stability.



**Ceri Creffield**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:54 pm*

Usually bridges but buildings too. Later on often animals were used. They say that is the origin of London Bridge is Falling down.



**Laurie**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:55 pm*

Thanks Olga, I kind of like that theory



**Olga Hughes**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:55 pm*

(me too Laurie)



**Adrienne Dillard**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:56 pm*

I like it too! I hadn't really thought of that Olga.



**Sharon Conrad**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:56 pm*

I like it too.



**Lorna Wanstall**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:56 pm*

Personally I understand Richard's reasons for taking the throne, but I do not agree with the methods he used.



**Olga Hughes**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:56 pm*

It's politics Lorna, morals don't come into it. But with hindsight we can see he made the wrong move



**Ceri Creffield**

*November 11, 2016 - 11:56 pm*

Not a theory I've heard before but I like it.



**Laurie**



November 11, 2016 - 11:57 pm

It just really makes you wonder if Edward V would have really reigned (without RIII), how/if the Tudors would have emerged!!



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:57 pm

Also keep in mind that while Richard made some vague accusations of witchcraft he never followed through. Sorcery and witchcraft was a serious business then, so if he truly believed that he would have tried to prosecute EW. he did not.



**Colleen MacDonald**

November 11, 2016 - 11:57 pm

agree Laurie, fascinating how history can spin on one or two events!



**Sharon Conrad**

November 11, 2016 - 11:57 pm

Maybe they wouldn't have come to the throne at all.



**Sharon Conrad**

November 11, 2016 - 11:58 pm

The Tudors I mean.



**Laurie**

November 11, 2016 - 11:58 pm

yes exactly!



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 11, 2016 - 11:59 pm

R3 called H7 or Henry Tudor as he was then, a Welsh Milk sop, and I think it may have been that Henry Tudor may have just been a welsh sheep farmer.



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:59 pm

I don't think they would have, no. Edward V may have had his own children, and Margaret Beaufort would have petitioned with him to bring Henry home, as she had with both Edward IV and Richard III



**Olga Hughes**

November 11, 2016 - 11:59 pm

Richard had quite the sense of humour



**Ceri Creffield**

November 12, 2016 - 12:00 am

I think he'd have been a bit better off than that Lorna!



**Claire Ridgway**

November 12, 2016 - 12:00 am

One last question from me - what's the best book to read on this?



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 12, 2016 - 12:00 am

I confess that the Welsh Milk sop slur did rather tickle me.



**Colleen MacDonald**

November 12, 2016 - 12:01 am

Fiction - Sunne in splendor.



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:01 am

They're all biased Claire. But I'd start with Josephine Wilkinson's Princes in the Tower, and AJ Pollard's is apparently very good.



**Sharon Conrad**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:01 am*

That does not surprise me Lorna.



**Claire Ridgway**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:01 am*

Thank you!



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:01 am*

Now which Jean Plaidy book covers this, I am curious?



**Lorna Wanstall**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:02 am*

Ceri yeah, but I don't think E5 would have allowed him to have too much power.



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:02 am*

By the way if anyone wants to stay on I am happy to hang around



**Sharon Conrad**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:02 am*

Oh goo. I just got that book last week.



**Claire Ridgway**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:02 am*

Thank you so much, Olga, for doing this tonight and thank you everyone for coming. It's been an interesting one and my mind is boggled now!



**Lorna Wanstall**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:02 am*

Sharon almost as good as SPB hey



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:02 am*

Which one Sharon?



**Colleen MacDonald**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:02 am*

thanks to all but I need to head off. Thanks so much for this, interesting! Thanks Olga



**Claire Ridgway**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:02 am*

I need some sleep but thank you!



**Laurie**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:03 am*

Thanks for coordinating it, Claire!



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:03 am*

Thank you Claire, we've had an awesome discussion



**Sharon Conrad**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:03 am*

Josephine Wilkerson's



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:03 am*

Night Claire, night Colleen!



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 12, 2016 - 12:03 am

Claire and there was you saying "It's going to be a quiet night"



**Claire Ridgway**

November 12, 2016 - 12:03 am

Thank YOU!



**Katherine Carlisle**

November 12, 2016 - 12:03 am

Thanks!



**Ceri Creffield**

November 12, 2016 - 12:03 am

Thanks Olga.



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 12, 2016 - 12:03 am

Good night!



**Sharon Conrad**

November 12, 2016 - 12:04 am

Good Night Claire and thank you.



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:04 am

Thanks to everyone for coming!



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:04 am

Night Adrienne



**Claire Ridgway**

November 12, 2016 - 12:04 am

Next Friday is on Jane Seymour! Hope to see you here with Janet Wertman.



**Lorna Wanstall**

November 12, 2016 - 12:04 am

Yes I best be crawling up the old wooden hill too. It's been a long and tiring day.. Good night everyone take care and keep safe Xxxx



**Adrienne Dillard**

November 12, 2016 - 12:04 am

Thank you Olga!



**Claire Ridgway**

November 12, 2016 - 12:05 am

Good night!



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:05 am

Night Claire!



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:05 am

Looks like there are some people just joining us



**Ceri Creffield**

November 12, 2016 - 12:05 am

Good Night all.



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:05 am

Night Lorna



**Sharon Conrad**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:06 am*

Still here for a bit.



**Laurie**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:06 am*

Hi Olga, just one last question: what do you think about the fact that H7 kept George of Clarence's son alive in the Tower for awhile? Any possible connection to him and the princes?



**Sharon Conrad**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:06 am*

Good night Lorna.



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:06 am*

Hi Carol. Some people are heading to bed but some of us are staying on, do you have any questions?



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:08 am*

Ah Warwick. Warwick was actually in Margaret Beaufort's custody for a while. He was only taken to the Tower after some unrest. I don't think there is any connection. He was a threat to Henry, but not a huge one, and I am sure Henry didn't want to kill him. Isabella and Ferdinand forced his hand eventually.



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:08 am*

Night Ceri



**Sharon Conrad**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:10 am*

They felt Warwick was a threat to the crown.



**Laurie**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:10 am*

Thanks for your comments, yes for sure he wasn't as much of a threat, but H7 was just so paranoid in general about everyone, its kind of surprising he kept him around as long as he did



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:11 am*

Well he was related to Warwick through his wife and he did not need to kill him. Not that being locked in the Tower his whole life was ideal either, I am sure it was a depressing existence



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:11 am*

You know Clarence was very unpopular and some of the peers benefited from his death. So I don't think that Warwick ever had much of a chance at the throne



**Laurie**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:11 am*

yes very true!



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:12 am*

He was Sharon, but not as one of Edward IV's sons would have been.



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:12 am*

Warwick's story has always made me really sad.



**Laurie**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:13 am*

And Olga, do you think there's any truth in the theory that H7 waited awhile to marry E of Y, just to make sure she wasn't pregnant with RIII's child?!!



**Sharon Conrad**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:13 am*

Yes, true. I was just going to say that.



**Sharon Conrad**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:13 am*

That was to Olga. Very sad.



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:15 am*

LOL no Laurie. They didn't wait that long anyway. The main obstacle was that EoY was legally illegitimate, so that had to be overturned by Parliament, plus EW had to be restored to her titles. Then they waited for the papal dispensations, plus a papal bull that declared all of Henry's offspring legitimate. He was being careful for other reasons, he didn't want his children going through what Edard IV's children did



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:16 am*

Hello Denis



**Laurie**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:16 am*

Ok yeah, very true about her legitimacy, and thus the legitimacy of their children. H7 was smart about that then!



**Denis Briggs**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:17 am*

Hi Olga



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:17 am*

I think the Pope's backing was more important than TR being overturned. Any act of parliament can be overturned



**Laurie**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:17 am*

I'm going to sign off everyone. Thanks so much Olga for great discussion!



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:18 am*

Most people have headed off now Denis but if you have any questions, go ahead. It is morning here, I don't have to go to bed



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:18 am*

Thanks for coming Laurie, and thanks for the great questions!



**Denis Briggs**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:18 am*

I came in a little late lol



**Laurie**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:19 am*

Thanks again! good night!



**Sharon Conrad**

November 12, 2016 - 12:19 am

I'm afraid I have to cut out too. This was fun. Thank you Olga. Good night.



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:19 am

Night Sharon!



**Sharon Conrad**

November 12, 2016 - 12:19 am



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:20 am

That's fine Denis, I am happy to stay and chat, or if you just want to red back through the discussion I can drop off.



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:20 am

Night Laurie!



**Denis Briggs**

November 12, 2016 - 12:20 am

Just looking now



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:22 am

Ok just shout out when you have a question



**Denis Briggs**

November 12, 2016 - 12:28 am

Philippa Gregory In The White Queen suggested that Margaret Beaufort was behind the killing of the princes I know that was fiction but what is your view ?



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:30 am

It's not a theory I buy into (although it is a popular one, boosted by the various fictional accounts of the coldly ambitious Margaret). She had, up until she was arrested for plotting against Richard III, been negotiating to bring Henry home from exile, with both Edward IV and Richard III. She had asked for his Richmond title to be restored but there was no other evidence of grand ambition until after it was though the boys were dead



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:31 am

It is probable that Margaret was approached, rather than her plotting to get Henry on the throne. He wasn't exactly a likely candidate. But he had friends in exile.



**Denis Briggs**

November 12, 2016 - 12:34 am

I myself dont think Richard was responsible he knew he would be the most likely suspect



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:37 am

Yes, and he couldn't (or possibly wouldn't) produce evidence they were dead. Had he killed them the easiest course would have been to produce the bodies, as had been done when Henry VI was murdered in Edward IV's reign



**Denis Briggs**

November 12, 2016 - 12:37 am

Hi real Tudor Lady



**Denis Briggs**

November 12, 2016 - 12:38 am

I agree



**Denis Briggs**

November 12, 2016 - 12:39 am

Do you think he made any attempt to find the real killers to clear his name ?



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:40 am

Well I don't think they were killed Denis. Had they been killed I definitely think he would have made an attempt to find them. It is significant he never publicly accused Buckingham of the deed, when he was conveniently dead



**Denis Briggs**

November 12, 2016 - 12:41 am

True



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:41 am

Now if I had murdered a king and had a convenient person to accuse I would have done so. It wasn't in Richard's interests to keep silent on the matter



**Denis Briggs**

November 12, 2016 - 12:41 am

So what do you think happened to them ?



**Denis Briggs**

November 12, 2016 - 12:43 am

I love Shakespeare but I never liked his portrayal of Richard as an out and out evil villain lol



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:43 am

I think that they left the tower and attempted to leave the country, although it is only an opinion. I am not certain they would have gone to their Aunt Margaret as is often supposed. It is very difficult when there is no evidence, and it seems that all evidence was purposely destroyed.



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:44 am

There is a precedent in their family of course, of going into exile. Both Richard and George as young children, and Edward and Richard as men



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:45 am

Yes but I do think Shakespeare's play has kept his memory alive and well, because of the brilliance of the play. John probably murdered his nephew and can never outshine his brother, and he even has a Shakespeare play! But people only remember him in Robin Hood.



**Denis Briggs**

November 12, 2016 - 12:46 am

lol yes



**Olga Hughes**

November 12, 2016 - 12:47 am

There's also the theory that Shakespeare's play was really about Robert Cecil



**Denis Briggs**

November 12, 2016 - 12:47 am



I understand Shakespeares political motives at the time but he even gave Shylock some sympathetic treatment lol



**Denis Briggs**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:48 am*

I had never heard that theory but it makes some sense



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:49 am*

Yes, that makes it all the more curious. When I first saw the play I assumed it was a satire, because Richard was so outrageous, and charming.



**Denis Briggs**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:50 am*

Of course it does depend on the individual actor how evil they make him too



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:50 am*

Well allegories were popular. Peter Ackroyd made an interesting case for Thomas More's Richard III being written as an exercise in rhetoric for his students



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:51 am*

Nowadays they are altering the play a bit to make him less disfigured. It is theatre and it can be interpreted in different ways. It's a shame they leave the 'Tragedy of' off the title these days



**Denis Briggs**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:52 am*

Yes I agree



**Denis Briggs**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:53 am*

anyway its 1 am here so bedtime for me thanks for an interesting discussion and goodnight Olga



**Olga Hughes**

*November 12, 2016 - 12:54 am*

Goodnight Denis, thanks for dropping in!