

Claire Ridgway23:57

Hello everyone. While we wait for Gareth, I'll just introduce the chat. Welcome to tonight's live chat. Gareth Russell was July's expert speaker so he's here tonight to answer questions on the Howards or his books, research etc. You can lurk in the background and watch proceedings or get involved by typing in the text box and hitting "send". If you find the chat freezing at all, simply refresh the page.

Dawn Hatswell23:57

Where do those who live in Spain holiday, lol

TJ23:58

Congrats! that's awesome

Claire Ridgway23:58

Thank you everyone, it's exciting and a little surreal!

Dawn Hatswell23:58

You sober Claire...hehe

ADMIN Tim 23:58

We're holidaying in Russia this year - not too many Tudor places to visit there, though 🤔

Dawn Hatswell23:59

Well I wonder why Tim!!

Teri Fitzgerald23:59

Dawn, 🤔

Sharon Conrad23:59

Ha Dawn!

Lorna Wanstall23:59

But Ivan the terrible once dallied with the idea of marrying Elizabeth 1st

Claire Ridgway23:59

I'm researching Elizabeth I and Russia at the moment, good old Ivan the Terrible. I was inspired to research it.

Lorna Wanstall00:00

Ivan was weird, with a capital WE

Sharon Conrad00:00

Of course Ivan. Fun!

Adrienne Dillard00:00

Was he really terrible?? I don'

Lorna Wanstall00:00

Hi Adrienne and Laurie

Adrienne Dillard00:00

I don't know any Russian history!

Laurie00:00

Hi Lorna and everyone!

Claire Ridgway00:00

It is amazing how far people travelled in those days.

Adrienne Dillard00:01

Hi Lorna!

Gareth Russell00:01

Good evening everybody, and a very happy wedding anniversary to Catherine. She should enjoy the anniversary, since the marriage perhaps did not quite pay dividend! I am currently nursing violent toothache in Belfast, so the typed nature of this discussion between those of us who love the Tudors really sings to me.

Dawn Hatswell00:01

You wouldn't really associate Russia with the Tudors eh

Claire Ridgway00:01

Hello Gareth! Thank you so much for doing this chat tonight!

Claire Ridgway00:01

By the way, we'll be giving away a copy of "Young and Damned and Fair" to one lucky participant.

Gareth Russell00:02

My talk was on the ascent of the Howard family, so how accidentally fortuitous that we are talking on the night of the anniversary of their greatest (if ironic) success. And my pleasure, Claire. This chatroom is one of my favourite "duties" as an historian.

Dawn Hatswell00:02

Hello Gareth,

TJ00:02

YAY!

Claire Ridgway00:02

Poor you, Gareth!

Lorna Wanstall00:02

Hi Gareth, have you tried clove oil to help your toothache

Sharon Conrad00:02

Hi Gareth.

Gareth Russell00:02

Do let me know the address of the winner and I'll send a signed sticker for inside the front cover!

Gareth Russell00:02

I have Lorna! My mother insisted and it has very much removed the worst of it

TJ00:02

How do you pick the winner?

Claire Ridgway00:03

Great idea, Gareth, I will do that.

Claire Ridgway00:03

Thank you!

Gareth Russell00:03

My pleasure!

Claire Ridgway00:03

@TJ, it's done completely randomly so you don't have to do anything, just turn up.

Adrienne Dillard00:04

Hope your tooth feels better soon, Gareth! Those are the worst!

TJ00:04

oh ok..cool!

Claire Ridgway00:04

OK, let's talk Howards!

Gareth Russell00:04

Thank you, Adrienne! My mother felt so sorry for me she bought me the Ravenclaw edition of Harry Potter 1. The UK publishers have done one for each house. I bought you a Hufflepuff one for when we next meet.

Gareth Russell00:04

Let's!

Teri Fitzgerald00:05

Hi Gareth, I hope you won't have to wait long for a dentist.

Adrienne Dillard00:05

Whaaat?! Oh my gosh, thank you! That's so kind of you! xxx

Gareth Russell00:05

No, totally sorted.

Dawn Hatswell00:06

Has the Norfolk title run through one family from the beginning

Lorna Wanstall00:07

Why was Thomas Howard (I'll refrain from what I usually call him) so power hungry?

Bill Wolff00:07

Garett: I loved the book!!

Lorna Wanstall00:07

hello bill

Teri Fitzgerald 00:07

Hi Bill

Lorna Wanstall 00:08

hi roland

Dawn Hatswell 00:08

Do you think he was more power hungry than any other in those times Lorna?

Roland Hu 00:08

hello all 😊

Teri Fitzgerald 00:08

Hi Roland and Adrienne.

Adrienne Dillard 00:08

What is the one thing that you found during your research that was the most surprising?

Gareth Russell 00:08

No, it hasn't. It went through the royal family and then the de Mowbrays, who in the 14th century married a minor member of the Howard family, but as the de Mowbrays died out many of the upper classes saw the Howards as their natural heirs. Unfortunately, Edward IV married his younger son, Richard of Shrewsbury, to the last direct Mowbray, when they were both children. So when she, Lady Anne de Mowbray, the royal family stole the Norfolk for themselves. So the rightful heir, Lord John Howard, backed Richard III's coup against Edward IV's children and, when Richard triumphed, John became the first Howard to hold the Norfolk title. It's never been held by anyone since, though because of various treason trials there have been interruptions with Howards.

Adrienne Dillard 00:08

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Gareth Russell 00:09

Thank you so much, Bill! I love, love to hear that someone enjoyed it. Did it change your opinion of Catherine?

Lorna Wanstall 00:09

Hmm a good one Dawn, but it just seems to me he was always wanting to be the top dog

Gareth Russell 00:09

Adrienne, great question. Probably the strength, tenacity and fear of her female relatives. I came away admiring them, and Catherine, so much more.

Gareth Russell 00:10

Hi Lorna. I wouldn't judge him too harshly, because I argue in the book that reputation has been exaggerated. Like most aristocrats, he believed you prospered up or failed down. But I think actually he wasn't that power hungry, but rather genuinely terrified of failure, which is a very different thing. I explain it in as much detail as I can in my book about Catherine.

Claire Ridgway00:10

A lot of people blamed Agnes Tilney for being lax in her supervision of Catherine, what do you think?

Adrienne Dillard00:10

There really is so much more to them than they've been given credit for!

Claire Ridgway00:10

*blame

Gareth Russell00:11

As with most people in history, Adrienne. I learned that from studying Marie-Antoinette. Never accept a standard reputation

Lorna Wanstall00:11

Thank you Gareth..

Bill Wolff00:11

Somewhat. CJ Sansom's Shardlake book shed interesting and I think accurate in Cath's immaturity.

Lorna Wanstall00:12

Claire I do feel that the dowager duchess should bear some blame for what Happened with Catherine

Adrienne Dillard00:12

Absolutely agree! I will be battling Jane Boleyn's reputation until I die, I'm afraid! LOL

Gareth Russell00:12

Great question, Claire. I think she was genuinely trying to willingly blind herself. I was joking with a friend earlier about the first time our parents saw us drunk. And both sides pretended they had seen nothing, for the sake of domestic peace. Ok, that's a funny example, maybe worthier of my earlier novels. But I do think Agnes genuinely didn't think it would be that big a deal, so, until it was too late, tried to avoid making a fuss. Was it perfect guardianship, no! Was it eminently human, to me, yes it was.

Dawn Hatswell00:12

Chinese Whispers...the reputations got more distorted as time passes I think

Gareth Russell00:12

I love CJ Sansom's series, Bill, and especially "Sovereign".

Claire Ridgway00:13

Thank you!

Gareth Russell00:13

Of course. They're not playing cards. They are as complex and twisted, wonderful and frail, as we are.

Lorna Wanstall00:13

But I kind of get the impression she had simply bitten more off than she could chew, when she invited these young girls to live with her

Dawn Hatswell00:14

Wasn't taking on all these girls some kind of PR exercise in those days....

Gareth Russell00:14

Maybe! But I think Catherine might have been sassier enough to outwit her. I really like that side of Catherine - a popular girl, tough, witty, clever, fun-loving. After everything that happened to her in the end, please don't try to see her as a victim. Give her every bit of fun and joy you can. Because her husband and his advisers tried, monstrously, to twist that into something shameful. Fun is a joyous, human thing.

Gareth Russell00:14

She didn't take on that many, really, it was just what all of the upper classes did.

Lorna Wanstall00:15

Yay Jane Boleyn, she has certainly been much maligned I believe by history

Bill Wolff00:15

Ueen's have to meter their fun!!

Lorna Wanstall00:16

Thank you again Gareth, so how many young ladies did the duchess have in her home

Dawn Hatswell00:16

There always has to be a scapegoat doesn't there

Gareth Russell00:16

I mention in the book that every aristocratic household, especially a duchess's, was expected to be sizeable. The aristocratic etiquette and expectations are what I stress in the early part of the book

Gareth Russell00:16

Always, Dawn. There must always be the punching bag.

Adrienne Dillard00:16

I LOVE the way you put that Gareth. So very true!

Dawn Hatswell00:17

Rings true today, especially in politics

Gareth Russell00:17

So, it would have varied, Lorna. Because their job was to prep them for marriage. But, realistically no more than 20 and no more than 2-5 as well born as Catherine

Roland Hu00:17

Gareth - what do you think of the theories that Katherine Howard was blackmailed by Thomas Culpepper into an affair?

Gareth Russell00:17

Roland, if I'm honest, total nonsense. There is NO evidence for blackmail. And we should resist such a twisted interpretation as much as we can.

Gareth Russell00:18

The letter bears NO sign of blackmail

Dawn Hatswell00:18

Flitting Gareth?

Dawn Hatswell00:18

FLIRTING...

Lorna Wanstall00:19

Do you feel the dowager failed in her duties to educate, etc the girls in her care.

Claire Ridgway00:19

Gareth. I have a question from Tudor Society member Shawdian who I was chatting to via email earlier today. I don't think she's going to make it tonight so I'll ask on her behalf. She wanted to know what you thought about the idea of Catherine being abused by Manox and Dereham.

Riognach O'Geraghty 00:19

Morning all. Thought I'd stick my head in on the fly.

Roland Hu00:19

I quite agree, the relationship (however far it got) with Culpepper was entirely consensual.

Claire Ridgway00:19

Hello!

Teri Fitzgerald00:20

Hi Riognach

Gareth Russell00:20

Failed might be harsh, but do I think she did it perfectly like, say Margaret of Austria did with Anne Boleyn? Absolutely not.

Lorna Wanstall00:20

Gareth I believe the idea of blackmail has come out with the historian Lucy something

Gareth Russell00:20

Hello, Riognach! Northern to southern Irish!

Lorna Wanstall00:21

hello Riognach

Gareth Russell00:21

Lucy Worsley is a phenomenal historian and we do disagree on this. From 5 years of studying Catherine exclusively, my humble opinion is that all of her relationships after Manox were entirely consensual - and that's not an insult. Good for her.

Bill Wolff00:21

Have I lost contact?

Gareth Russell00:21

You're back now, Bill!

Claire Ridgway00:21

I can see you Bill!

Dawn Hatswell00:21

I have read that Catherine not have 1 miscarriage, but 2!!! Bet that's a load of nonsense too!

Lorna Wanstall00:22

Yes I agree, I really can't see how or why THomas C would want to blackmail K.H

Laurie Mahon00:22

I've often wondered how much the Dowager Duchess should have offered as prior knowledge to Katherine's past and should she have taken on some responsibility for having some knowledge prior to marrying Henry. Was she questioned harshly?

Bill Wolff00:22

Thanks!

Gareth Russell00:23

No, she cannot ever have been said for definite to have had a miscarriage. Though at the end of Lent 1541, she was believed to be pregnant. In chapter 14 of my biography I discuss in detail the possible theories about it, but 2 is total nonsense.

Lorna Wanstall00:23

She was I believe put in the tower Laurie

Dawn Hatswell00:23

I thought so!

Laurie Mahon00:24

Thank you!

Gareth Russell00:24

I agree, Lorna. I really try to psychologically analyse Culpepper's reputation and why he did it, in chapter 16, "The girl in the silver dress," because i think there are more logical explanations - like, when Henry died, think how wealthy and socially prestigious Catherine would be. (I.e. think Thomas Seymour and Katherine Parr!)

TJ00:24

Gareth...Do you think, according to Catherine's confession of her and Dereham's relationship and how they "lay" together, that the relationship was really consummated?

Dawn Hatswell00:25

Because no haven't read your book, how do you think Catherine caught the king's eye!

Gareth Russell00:25

Yes, I really do TJ. And I believe emphatically, to Catherine's credit, that it was consensual, he became annoying and then she ditched him.

Riognach O'Geraghty00:25

Whilst Katherine H isn't my favourite of the Tudor wives, I do have a question regarding her family tree and modern genealogies. Whereabouts in the UK did this particular brank of the Howards originate from, and is there a link to the Fitzallen Howards of Surrey?

Gareth Russell00:26

Abuse did happen in the 16th century, look at Elizabeth I and Thomas Seymour, but it didn't happen to Catherine Howard. And I spent years obsessively researching this wonderful, fragile, difficult young lady, with no preconceptions.

Dawn Hatswell00:26

Quite the Modern Women wasn't she, did she not have the fear pregnancy though?

Gareth Russell00:27

The Fitzalan-Howard link is very old. The Surrey earldom as a subsidiary title of the Norfolk dukedom dates back to the middle ages. From the modern perspective, they are descended from the 2nd Duke who was Catherine Howard's and Anne Boleyn's grandfather, and they picked up the Fitzalan name from marriage between Catholic noble families which, in the late 16th and 17th centuries, were obviously dwindling in number. I am reducing the complexity of aristocratic genealogy hugely, but I hope that covers it sufficiently?

Lorna Wanstall00:28

If none of her childhood behaviour came out do you think K.H would have made a good queen

Gareth Russell00:28

No, she didn't. She made a comment to one of her friends that she knew how to "meddle with a man" without getting pregnant, there were contraceptives to the Tudors, albeit rudimentary. Francis Dereham made almost an identical comment to another maid at the same time, so I think they had discussed it together. Mary Lascelles, one servant in the household, was pragmatic to point out that contraception isn't foolproof and if Catherine got pregnant, her family would likely kill the father.

TJ00:29

Why was Catherine never crowned queen of England?

Dawn Hatswell00:29

Oh so that is actually a true statement then...I did wonder

Lorna Wanstall00:29

TJ I think that was perhaps down to Anne Boleyn, strange as that sounds

Riognach O'Geraghty00:30

Thanks Gareth. I was married to a Fitzallen Howard from Surrey for 20 years. He and his father always maintained some sort of right to Arundel but I just dismissed it as the sort of things that families say

Roland Hui00:30

Yes (to follow up TJ) there were rumours of having her crowned at York, I believe.

Lorna Wanstall00:30

Anne was crowned queen and yes she was pregnant with what Henry had convinced himself was a son we all know what happened there.

Dawn Hatswell00:31

He'd rather spend the down on more goodies for himself that yet Another Queen Lorna haha

TJ00:31

So...Henry needed the marriage to be proved successful in other words?

Gareth Russell00:31

I discuss this as much as I can in the book. Basically, Henry was losing a lot of money and after Anne Boleyn, you didn't get crowned until you were pregnant. In chapter 14, I discuss the French ambassador's rarely-discussed letter to his king reporting that there were preparations for Catherine's coronation in the spring of 1541, when she was rumoured to be pregnant. However, those preparations stopped when the "pregnancy" vanished. There were also rumours of a coronation at York that autumn when she visited the city, but that was because the city was preparing for an alleged visit from the Scottish royal family and rumour mis-diagnosed the flurry of activity for the queen's impending coronation.

Lorna Wanstall00:31

So I believe Henry held off crowning Catherine until she had a son.

Dawn Hatswell00:31

Mean the Dosh Lorna...

Gareth Russell00:32

Yes, I would agree, until she was in her 2nd trimester. I try to argue in the book that the two first Tudor kings were deliberately trying to dilute the ceremonial and political significance of the office of queen consort, from its heyday in the Middle Ages.

Gareth Russell00:32

*Ages

Sharon Conrad00:32

No son, no crown.

Riognach O'Geraghty00:32

I can't help feeling sorry for Catherine. She was very young and had an incredibly high bar to reach given the achievements of AB and JS.

Lorna Wanstall00:32

Dawn, yep I agree Henry was a greedy so and so

Gareth Russell00:33

Particularly Jane Seymour, in her husband's eyes

Adrienne Dillard00:33

One thing that has always bothered me is that Jane was punished, but none of the other ladies who served Catherine were...even though it came out in the interrogations that they clearly knew something untoward was going on between Catherine and Culpeper yet didn't report it until they were questioned. Why do you think Jane was singled out? Was it because she was specifically named as being the go-between and they weren't?

Bill Wolff00:33

Good question AD.

Teri Fitzgerald 00:34

Lorna, Dawn, and he made the mistake of getting rid of the Bank of Cromwell.

Dawn Hatswell 00:34

Maybe the connection to the Boleyn's did her no favours Adrienne!

Lorna Wanstall 00:34

I do feel sorry for Jane B too, she must have been a tough old cookie to have weathered the mess she had after the death of AnneB

Laurie Mahon 00:35

If she wanted to be crowned Queen, why then would she have tried to use ways to avoid a pregnancy? That is with Henry's baby anyway. Unless of course he was at that point unable???

Gareth Russell 00:35

I think because other ladies were annoyed at Catherine's clear favouritism for her. Catherine f*d up hugely, Adrienne - if you'll pardon my aggressive French - in so clearly preferring Jane. She turned the ladies into a hotbed of jealousy. Look at how much Margaret Morton LOATHED Jane. Clear jealousy, which Catherine allowed to flourish. I think Jane and Catherine genuinely liked each other, but Catherine had too strong a flair for close friendship that ended up singling out Jane, so, in the end, all the other servants were more than happy to blame Jane as much as, or even more than, their queen.

Dawn Hatswell 00:35

She certainly seemed to dodged the bullet a few times did Jane

Elizabeth Goodman 00:36

Hi everyone, sorry I'm so late!

TJ 00:36

Did Culpeper and Catherine really meet up in all those ways like they did on "The Tudors"?? 🤔

Teri Fitzgerald 00:36

Hi Elizabeth

Claire Ridgway 00:36

Hi Elizabeth, don't worry!

Dawn Hatswell 00:36

Haha..Teri

Gareth Russell 00:36

I don't think Henry was impotent or that the relationship with Culpepper was consummated - YET! And I stress that last word. But I don't think Jane had any idea, fully, of what was going on. Like many upper-class socialites, Catherine excelled in a world of gossip and whisper. NEVER forget that she was not like us. She was born in the 1%, so she knew how to be both charming and private. So, I really do think her and Jane could be in the same room with very different ideas of what was going on!

Lorna Wanstall00:36

Could that possibly be that Catherine figured out that all her ladies apart from Jane were very bad for her..

Gareth Russell00:37

They did meet in her bathroom, if that's what you mean, TJ! What happened there? I know why Henry's advisers, like Archbishop Cranmer, genuinely couldn't believe adultery wasn't planned or committed. And likewise, why I argue in my book, it didn't - at least, not yet.

Adrienne Dillard00:37

Thanks, Gareth! I agree. There was a lot of jealousy in that household and I think Catherine really fed off that energy. I think it was probably a familiar atmosphere for her. I would bet it was similar in the Dow Duchess' household.

Gareth Russell00:38

No, I don't agree there, Lorna, but please bear in mind this is a personal OPINION. Even after years of research, I could be wrong on it and I admit that. I genuinely think Jane Boleyn was a fun, entertaining, glamorous grande dame. A wonderful, charismatic, socialite. Why did Catherine like her so much? Because she was fun! She genuinely liked her company.

Dawn Hatswell00:38

The jealousy think Gareth, that's where her youth and inexperience showed it seems

Lorna Wanstall00:38

hi Elizabeth

Gareth Russell00:39

Totally agree, Adrienne. By the way, your novel about Jane's life was the best that's ever been written about her. It was a thrill and pleasure to think my bio of Catherine helped in the research, because I adore your novel about Jane Boleyn and think Tudor fans should gobble it up.

Adrienne Dillard00:39

I always laugh when I read the part in Jane's interrogation when she tells them she fell asleep. I just picture her nodding off in the ante-room...like "could you guys, like, wrap it up. I'm old and need a nap!" haha

Elizabeth Goodman00:39

Hi Lorna!

Gareth Russell00:39

I agree, Dawn/

Gareth Russell00:39

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Laurie Mahon00:39

I'm sure Jane was under duress and suffered greatly with fear and anxiety, but I wonder if she was truly mad?

Teri Fitzgerald00:39

Adrienne 😊

Lorna Wanstall00:40

Laurie I do believe she did suffer from a sort of mental breakdown, but certainly not a complete rubber room looney

Gareth Russell00:40

Haven't we all been, Laurie? What a fascinating point. I went through a very difficult break up 5 years ago and I can see with frank, if awkward, sincerity that were a few weeks were I had a nervous breakdown. I think that's what happened to our glamorous Jane, times ten. She went "mad", but we know that she had a shattering mental reaction to unimaginable stress. How wonderful to be able to give her that kindness and credit 500 years later, when it was denied to her at the time!

Teri Fitzgerald00:41

Wel said, Gareth

Laurie00:41

Hi Gareth, so did the ultimate fate of Catherine affect the prestige of the Howard line going forward at all?

Adrienne Dillard00:41

Gareth! You're so sweet! Thank you! It really did. Your book gave me such a clear picture of life in Catherine's household. And sooooo detailed. I am literally dying for your Titanic book. Can you hurry up and get that done? LOL

Gareth Russell00:42

You sound like my editors!

Teri Fitzgerald00:42

No pressure, Adrienne!

Gareth Russell00:42

Hahaha, but I'm loving writing it. Come back to me in January when I'm eating my weight in Oreos and sobbing!

Bill Wolff00:42

GH, how many yes did you research?

Bill Wolff00:43

Years

Dawn Hatswell00:43

You seem very unbiased in Catherine, not a victim or a slut, refreshing...

Gareth Russell00:43

You don't have to be either, and she taught me that.

Teri Fitzgerald00:44

So glad you wrote that book! xx

Adrienne Dillard00:44

Haha! Sorry!! I'm reading Titanic, First Accounts right now and I keep thinking to myself, as I read

it: What does Gareth think of this? What would Gareth say about that? OMG, I have to point this section out to Gareth! Seriously...It's really stressing me out!

Adrienne Dillard00:44

But, like, no rush or anything 🤔

Lorna Wanstall00:44

How old do you think Catherine was when she married Henry?

Gareth Russell00:45

Hahaha!

Elizabeth Goodman00:45

Just what I was wondering!

Gareth Russell00:45

I believe she was 17 or 18, Lorna.

Lorna Wanstall00:45

Yes that's my thoughts as well

Claire Ridgway00:45

So when did you start researching Catherine?

Teri Fitzgerald00:45

Certainly not 37 as some say Elizabeth Seymour was when she married Gregory Cromwell!

Dawn Hatswell00:46

Some authors do tend to lean towards their own view of her, but it's great that you take a more open minded approach...

Lorna Wanstall00:47

I believe that Catherine could have made a very good queen

Laurie Mahon00:47

I agree Gareth! Jane was quite extraordinary, keen, and cunning for all she endured and lasted in the Tudor court! I'd certainly have a mental breakdown too! She should be noted and remembered rather than vilified as she usually is. Great point!!!!

Dawn Hatswell00:47

and some have suggested as young as 14/15 haven't they

Teri Fitzgerald00:48

15 or 16, not 14

Bill Wolff00:48

I still think A of C would have been one of the best, and had 5 kids if H8 could handle it.

Teri Fitzgerald00:48

A of C was lovely

Dawn Hatswell00:48

Was it grooming on the behalf of Uncle and pals, or did Henry take to her without Help in your opinion

Gareth Russell00:49

I started when I was 18 then stopped for university. And then in my masters I went back to her, so it was from 2011 to 2015.

Sharon Conrad00:49

Thomas Howard takes a lot of flack for supposedly thrusting Catherine on Henry. Can you speak to that Gareth. Do you believe he thrust her into Henry's arms.

Laurie Mahon00:49

Totally agree on Jane being quite remarkable! Very smart and probably underestimated. Great point- Thanks Gareth!

Gareth Russell00:49

No, Dawn, really found NO evidence they groomed her!

Claire Ridgway00:49

I agree, Bill, I think Henry would actually have been very happy with Anne of C if he'd got over that initial humiliation and she would have been an excellent queen.

Lorna Wanstall00:49

Yes A of C was another one who could have made a good queen, she was dependable and very diplomatic.

Gareth Russell00:50

Every diplomat complimented Anne's elegance and dignity

Laurie00:50

Gareth, do we know what Mary I really thought of Catherine? Her father marrying a woman younger than her!

Lorna Wanstall00:51

Yes the ill fated meeting at Rochester was the killer for Henry

Teri Fitzgerald00:51

Claire, I can't help wondering why someone didn't warn AOC about Henry's antics and perhaps show her a portrait!

Dawn Hatswell00:51

So many ages out there Teri, I know there were Rules on ages on consumatation of a marriage...Henry did tend to bent the rules a wee bit haha. I don't believe she would have been that young though!

Bill Wolff00:51

God question Laurie.

Gareth Russell00:51

I talk about it a lot in the biography, Laurie. I think Catherine really disliked her and vice-versa, but then they learned to be polite for a while. (I'm boiling down about 50 pages here!)

Bill Wolff00:51

Good

Laurie00:52

LOL thanks! I need to read the book!!

Teri Fitzgerald00:52

Dawn, 15/16 was the earliest to have a first child back then.

Elizabeth Goodman00:53

Mary probably hoped that she herself would have been married by then?

Lorna Wanstall00:53

So would you say Catherine and Mary's relationship was one that was civil but strange

Riognach O'Geraghty00:53

Sorry, everyone, I need to go. Great discussion Gareth, thank you for sharing your knowledge. I shall be rethinking my views on CH

Gareth Russell00:53

I am certain she did, Elizabeth.

Claire Ridgway00:53

By Rhi!

Lorna Wanstall00:53

Take care Riognach

Claire Ridgway00:53

*bye

Gareth Russell00:54

Very much so, Lorna.

Dawn Hatswell00:54

To be honest I reckon A of C would have been the best of the 6 she seemed to have the concept of politics and didn't let Stuff blind her to what needed to be done...like saving your own neck

Teri Fitzgerald00:54

Bye Riognach

Teri Fitzgerald00:55

Spot on Dawn

Laurie00:55

I agree Dawn, with C of A also being at the top too; she had great political instincts from her mother

Lorna Wanstall00:55

Dawn, yes I do feel she would have been ok

Lorna Wanstall00:56

So which Howard is your favourite Gareth

Laurie Mahon00:56

Thank you so much Gareth! Loved this chat and as soon as I'm done with my current novel I will be reading yours! Can't wait to read in to these topics further! 😊

Adrienne Dillard00:56

I've always wondered what might have been had Henry stuck it out with Anne!

Teri Fitzgerald00:57

Lorna, you need to ask?!

Teri Fitzgerald00:57

Lorna

Bill Wolff00:58

Gotta go, thanks Gareth for the terrific book; I loved it. See you next time friends!!

Claire Ridgway00:58

Congratulations to Elizabeth who is tonight's winner. Elizabeth, please can you email info@tudorsociety.com to confirm your shipping address and then we can get a copy of Gareth's book "Young and Damned and Fair" sent to you and Gareth wants to send a signed book plate too.

Gareth Russell00:58

My favourite Lorna? Fab question! Well, obviously I know Catherine and so enjoy her company. But I love her aunt, the Countess of Bridgewater.

Claire Ridgway00:58

Bye Bill!

Teri Fitzgerald00:58

Bye Bill

Gareth Russell00:58

Yes, Claire, please send me Elizabeth's address.

Dawn Hatswell00:58

Bye Bill

Lorna Wanstall00:58

Nice one Elizabeth, Happy reading

Claire Ridgway00:58

I will do, thank you, Gareth.

Gareth Russell00:58

And thank you so much everyone, what great fun!

Gareth Russell00:59

My pleasure, Claire, good night everyone!

Claire Ridgway00:59

Gareth, a big thank you to you for giving up your time to be with us. It is always fun "grilling" you!

Laurie00:59

Thanks Gareth! And Claire for organizing!

Gareth Russell00:59

Thank you, everyone!

Adrienne Dillard00:59

Thank you, Gareth! As always, love your insight on things.

Claire Ridgway00:59

Plus we love your talks!

Teri Fitzgerald00:59

Thanks Gareth!

Dawn Hatswell00:59

Lucky You Elizabeth, enjoy!! Gonna go and take my piggy bank to buy it

Adrienne Dillard00:59

And get that book done 🤔

TJ00:59

Thank You!!

Claire Ridgway01:00

Put it on your Christmas list Dawn!

Teri Fitzgerald01:00

Bye everyone!

Lorna Wanstall01:00

Thank you Gareth, I hope your toothache is sorted out soon. Take care and Keep safe Xx

Claire Ridgway01:00

Thank you so much to all of you for joining in, it's been a great chat.

Sharon Conrad01:00

Thank you, Gareth. Feel better soon.

Claire Ridgway01:00

Now us grandparents (!) need to get to bed!

Dawn Hatswell01:00

Yes. Cheers Gareth, brilliant as per. Remember plenty of alcohol...for the toothache, I swear by it.
Take care

Claire Ridgway01:01

I'll post on the site and email as soon as we have set dates for the next informal chat and expert chat.

Claire Ridgway01:01

Good night everyone and a big thank you.

Elizabeth Goodman01:01

Thank you so much everyone and goodbye!

Dawn Hatswell01:02

Isn't it time for all new grandmas to be in bed? Lol

Lorna Wanstall01:02

Going to drag myself up the old wooden hill.. Take care and keep safe everyone Xxx

Elizabeth Goodman01:02

Hi Claire, do you mean I've won the book?

Claire Ridgway01:02

Yep, you have!

Elizabeth Goodman01:03

Bye Lorna, sleep well x

Dawn Hatswell01:03

Off to my pit too, no wooden hill tho unless clearly want to oil in attic

Claire Ridgway01:03

Congratulations Elizabeth!

Elizabeth Goodman01:03

Thank you so much!!

Claire Ridgway01:03

It's our pleasure.