

Good morning Lyndell! It must be bright and early for you!

[Lyndell Prewett](#)22:50

Yes, very early. Good morning Claire. I'm slow to type on tablet. Hope you're well.

[Claire Ridgway](#)22:50

Hi Alana!

[Alana Ask](#)22:50

Hi! Happy to be here

Lyndell, yes, I am, slightly insane with quarantine, but doing ok.

[Claire Ridgway](#)22:51

What time is it for you, Alana?

[Owen Emmerson](#)22:51

Hello!

[Claire Ridgway](#)22:51

Hello Owen!!!

[Linda Saether](#)22:52

Hello Claire and Owen!

Hello Linda!

[Alana Ask](#)22:52

Claire just coming on 3:00 pm so a perfect time for me

[Owen Emmerson](#)22:52

So lovely to be here with you all

[Lyndell Prewett](#)22:52

Hello Alana and Hello Owen

[Claire Ridgway](#)22:52

Oh 3pm is a nice time. It's weird for me being in the UK and it being a different time to what I normally do in Spain!

Hi Georgia!

[Owen Emmerson](#)22:53

Hi Lyndell!

[Alana Ask](#)22:54

Hi everyone

[Claire Ridgway](#)22:54

Hi Linda J!

[Linda Saether](#)22:55

I'm so excited about your book! It sounds fantastic. I will be ordering as soon as it is available.

[Georgia Cosenza](#)22:55

Hi everyone. So happy I am able to make this chat.

[linda johnson](#)22:55

Greetings from LA

Thank you, Linda! It's available to pre-order now and comes out on 1st August.

[Owen Emmerson](#)22:56

Oh that's lovely to hear, Linda S! It was a joy to write with Claire

[Claire Ridgway](#)22:56

Hi Tara! Hi Sandra!

[Tara Ball](#)22:56

Hello everyone 😊

The book sounds wonderful

[Claire Ridgway](#)22:56

Aw, Owen, it was a joy to write it with you too. Here's to many more!

[Claire Ridgway](#)22:57

Welcome, welcome to July's expert chat with the amazing Dr Owen Emmerson. A big thank you to Owen for joining us and for the wonderful talk. It was so lovely to see Hever and to have a nose at your bookcase, Owen!

[Lyndell Prewett](#)22:57

Hello to everybody. So lovely to 'meet' you all, and to be at my first live chat.

Lyndell, yay!

[Owen Emmerson](#)22:57

It's a pleasure to be here!

[Claire Ridgway](#)22:57

Hi Kris!

[Kris Tooley](#)22:57

Good afternoon from Ottawa Canada

[Linda Saether](#)22:58

Hah! I just bought it! Yay!

Hello! How is everyone?

[Claire Ridgway](#)22:58

Hi Michelle!

[Claire Ridgway](#)22:58

@Linda Saether, oh, thank you!

[Lyndell Prewett](#)22:58

Owen, We are all so excited about your new book with Claire. It will be a real 'hit' I'm sure!

[Owen Emmerson](#)22:58

Thank you Linda!

Congratulations on your book! My birthday is this weekend. Looking forward to seeing and reading it

[Georgia Cosenza](#)22:59

Welcome Lynda. These chats are great. I learn so much even though I get behind and keep having to play catch up.

[Kris Tooley](#)22:59

me, too! Cant wait to read it...

[Owen Emmerson](#)22:59

Thank you so much Lyndell!

[Vicki Miller](#)22:59

look forward to reading

It's so lovely that you're all excited, we are too!

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:00

Hi everyone

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:00

Hi Lorna!

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:00

Thank you Michelle and a happy birthday to you for this weekend!

[Monica Luoni](#)23:00

Hi from Italy



Happy birthday to Michelle!

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:00

Hi Monica!

[Georgia Cosenza](#)23:00

Hi Lorna

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:00

And a big welcome to our new members too

[Vicki Miller](#)23:00

Hi from sydney australia

Hi Monica and Lorna!

[Monica Luoni](#)23:01

Congratulations Owen and Claire

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:01

Wow, people from all over the world. How very wonderful!

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:01

Happy Birthday Michelle

Thank you, Dr Emmerson! I enjoyed your podcast episode with Natalie Grueninger this week. So fun!

[Georgia Cosenza](#)23:01

Happy Birthday Michelle

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:01

Thanks so much Monica!

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:01

Thanks, Claire!

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:01

Hi Owen

Hello from Colorado, USA! Hope I'mt not late!

[Kris Tooley](#)23:01

I listened to that podcast episode too, it was very good

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:01

Oh so pleased you enjoyed it Michelle!

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:02

Thank you, Lorna! How are you?

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:02

So, feel free to ask Owen any questions you may have about the two Annes of Hever, Anne Boleyn and Anne of Cleves, or Hever in general, or Owen's work - I think we can be nosey!

Thank you Kris!

[Monica Luoni](#)23:02

The same for me. Wonderful podcast

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:02

Hi Mary, no, not at all.

[Kris Tooley](#)23:02

Anne of the 1000 Days was always one of my fav movies too

Yes, please do be as nosey as you like!

[Linda Saether](#)23:03

What would a regular day be like for the Boleyn family at Hever before Henry came in to the picture?

[linda johnson](#)23:03

Owen has the best job ever!

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:03

I have a question... Did Anne of Cleves make any changes to Hever? Any major or minor?

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:03

Kris tooley yes and one of my fave too.. Richard Burton voice still makes my knees go like jelly

Isn't it glorious, Kris?

[Kris Tooley](#)23:03

me too 😊.

[Linda Saether](#)23:04

Do you really think "Anne Boleyn's room at Hever was a room with a staircase next to it? Any inside info about where the family lived and slept within the walls?

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:05

Great question, Michelle! I can confirm that she made some rather significant alterations, yes, but rather sadly I can't say what yet! It's not my research, but it will be announced this year, so do watch out on the Hever website! It's rather exciting stuff and I do wish it was my discovery!
Oh, cool! Thank you!

[Kris Tooley](#)23:05

that sounds exciting.

[Linda Saether](#)23:06

Did anyone find out who/what that statue of a woman is?

[Linda Saether](#)23:06

what

[Monica Luoni](#)23:06

Great!

[Vicki Miller](#)23:07

wow that is exciting owen look forward to that

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:08

Linda that an interesting question... I think Hever fell into a state of disrepair at one point and I think the Astor's? brought it and restored it so I feel that what may be labelled as Anne's room is possibly a romantised view, although it could well be true.

[Kris Tooley](#)23:08

If only the walls could talk...

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:08

Great question, Linda! There was actually another staircase on the other side of Anne Boleyn's bedchamber during the Tudor era which led to the Great Chamber from the Great Hall below. It certainly has a long tradition as being Anne's bedroom, the earliest reference being in the C17th. It may well have been her room at some stage. Most likely the five Boleyn children bedded down in the Great Chamber together. This is now the Books of Hours Room. The best bedchamber was where Thomas and Elizabeth slept. This is now called the Queens Chamber.

[Georgia Cosenza](#)23:09

The two Anne's have become my favorite H8 wives. I believe that they were both very intelligent women even though Anne of Cleve was not as well educated as Anne B.

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:09

Georgia, mine too!

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:09

You will find a floor plan in our book with all the original rooms!

[Kris Tooley](#)23:09

I agree with you Georgia - I admire them both

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:09

Kris I think Hampton court and the tower of London walls would have some very interesting information for us

[Linda Saether](#)23:09

The Queens chamber is the sunken one with the portraits?

[Kris Tooley](#)23:10

lol yes Lorna 🤔

[Linda Saether](#)23:10

Looking forward to seeing that!

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:10

Yes, that's correct - with the portraits of the Six Queens

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:11

Kris, both Anne's were determined woman Anne of Cleves I feel quickly sized Henry up and knew exactly what to do to keep her head (loosely worded)

[Tara Ball](#)23:11

Elizabeth, Anne's daughter, got on well with Anne of Cleves. Is it at all possible that she stayed with Anne of Cleves at Hever?

[Linda Saether](#)23:12

Certainly she must have seen Hever at some point?

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:12

The painting of Anne, with the B necklace... Who painted it? Is it contemporary? Is it definitely her?

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:12

Hi Margaret!

[Margaret Powell](#)23:12

Hi

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:12

Hi Gail!

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:12

That's a great question, Tara. It's certainly possible, although sadly we do not have a source which tells us that Elizabeth ever visited Hever. She did, however, stay at Penshurst, and I feel sure she may have wished to catch a glimpse of it at some point.

[Kris Tooley](#)23:13

another place I would love to see in person!

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:13

Me too!!

[Linda Saether](#)23:13

How long would it take them to get to London? Were the women on horseback too..or on litters?

[Tara Ball](#)23:13

Cheers Owen.

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:14

Great question, Michelle. Unfortunately we do not know who painted any of the 'B' portraits, nor how old the majority are. It seems likely they are posthumously created, although we need to get testing them!

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:14

Thank you!

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:15

Linda It's roughly 25 miles from where I live to London, theoretically at a steady pace in good weather the journey could be done in a day.

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:15

It would be around half a days ride to Hever from London. Many women rode though some would choose another option.

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:15

I'd love to think that Elizabeth did visit Hever and the church to pay her respects at her grandfather's tomb.

[RealTudorLady](#)23:15

Hi from Liverpool, land of the mad and I am not sure what time zone I am in as its too hot. Hi Claire and Owen, how are you doing

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:15

Me too, Claire!

[Vicki Miller](#)23:15

Can not wait to travel back to UK and viist all these places 😊

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:16

Hi RTL!

[Linda Saether](#)23:16

Me too!

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:16

Hello RTL!

[Linda Saether](#)23:16

I wanted to go this year!!

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:16

I have always wondered if Elizabeth had any form of contact with her Boleyn grandparents and her Aunt Mary..

[RealTudorLady](#)23:16

Owen, when Anne of Cleves was at Hever, did she like it and was she sad to leave?

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:17

We know Thomas saw Elizabeth at Edward's christening. Sadly we have no knowledge of any contact with Mary.

[Linda Saether](#)23:17

It's so frustrating not to have answers to these things..... no videos

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:17

Hi Clare!

[Gail Thomas](#)23:17

Hi everyone, just catching up on the convo

[Linda Saether](#)23:17

Anne of C called Hever her poor little house, didn't she?

[Clare Shepherd](#)23:17

Hi Clzire sorry I'm late.

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:18

@Clare, oh don't worry!

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:18

Linda, Covid has really given us all a lot of trouble, in the past 16 months.. I can only hope that there is now a light at the end of the tunnel.. providing of course if the government have nicked the bulb lol

[Linda Saether](#)23:18

Anne of C, called Hever her poor little house...didn't she?

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:19

Anne appears to have very much liked Hever. She left funds for the poor of Hever in her will. She also invested heavily in the property, and rejected Penshurst Place citing her occupancy of Hever as her reason.

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:19

How many months of the year did Anne of C stay at hever..

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:20

I loved the research and findings Kate McCafferty found about the book of hours!! Its amazing and a wonderful find. It really warms my heart that these women kept Anne's book safe.

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:20

She signed a letter “from my poore house of Hever”, yes, but this was a very typical act of deference in letters, akin to “my humble abode”. Wolsey wrote the same when writing from Hampton Court, which was neither poor or humble!

[RealTudorLady](#)23:21

Thanks Owen. Did Anne Boleyn have her own bedroom at Hever or did she share a room with her sister Mary?

[Vicki Miller](#)23:21

Lorna yes we are back in lockdown in Sydney but i have been reading so much about the Tudors my brain is full

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:21

Owen and either was wolsey, poor or humble...

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:21

She most likely spent most of her time at Hever when the palaces of Richmond and Bletchingly were taken from her by Edward.

[Kris Tooley](#)23:22

keep saying its humble and the the king wont come looking to take it back...

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:22

Vicki, I'm sorry to hear that, lets hope you won't be lockdown for too long.

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:22

Vicki, Tudor history kept me sane during lockdown. Hope you're doing ok.

[Gail Thomas](#)23:22

What did the surrounding area of Hever look like back in the day? More forests, less gardens? Or were there pretty gardens at Hever in Anne Boleyn's day

[Georgia Cosenza](#)23:22

Owen, I've read that A of C loved to entertain and was well known as a fun and gracious hostess. Are there any records of her entertaining at Hever?

[Clare Shepherd](#)23:23

It was a character flaw that led to Wolsey's down fall. That and Henry's greed

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:23

Great question RTL! She almost certainly would have slept with her four siblings at a young age in the Great Chamber. We know, however, that she occupied Hever a great deal in the late 1520s and often without her family, when she would have occupied the best bedchamber.

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:23

Claire R I agree my beloved books helped me escape the awful situation of lockdown.

[Lyndell Prewett](#)23:24

QUESTION: About Anne Boleyn's Books of Hours. May seem a silly question, but wondered, given they were handed down through the women from the 1400s what language were they written in? I'm presuming Latin, but maybe other! Also, Anne wrote in her books. Did she write in English, French, Latin or other?

[Linda Saether](#)23:24

Where can we read about McCafferty's discovery?

[Linda Saether](#)23:24

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[Owen Emmerson](#)23:25

Hever would have been overwhelmingly wooded, and the grounds marshlands. There would have been a garden kitchen, but unlikely a formal one. The Kentish Weald was prime hunting ground and the famous oak trees fuelled the Iron industry

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:25

@Linda, she wrote an article on the Anne Boleyn Files and she's also released info through Hever Patreon, with Natalie Grueninger...

[RealTudorLady](#)23:25

Thanks Owen, yes, guess its hard to cuddle with the boyfriend King with your siblings around

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:25

Sadly we don't have any records of Anne entertaining at Hever, but I'm sure she would have!

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:25

Gail chances are there was a deerpark or something around Hever, good for hunting wild boar possibly roamed the forest as well.

[Gail Thomas](#)23:25

When I looked out the window of Anne's room I tried to envision what she saw

[Gail Thomas](#)23:26

RTL lol

[Sandra Henning Peth](#)23:26

I'm interested the the Castle Gardens. Do you think either of the Anne's enjoyed the gardens and would the original gardens have been reworked over time?

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:26

Natalie Grueninger talked to her on her Podcast, Talking Tudors. Susannah Lipscomb talked to her on her podcast, Not Just the Tudors. Ill look for her blog...hold on...

[Tara Ball](#)23:26

When I visited Hever as a kid (90s) I remember reading that Anne Boleyn carried her Book of Hours to her execution. Was this at all possible as I think that is seen as a romanticised myth.

[RealTudorLady](#)23:27

In the many TV documentary things you see Anne praying in the small chapel at Hever. When does this date from?

[Linda Saether](#)23:27

It was a prayer book...so, likely...?

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:27

Gail the view would have been a lot better than the streets of London, not to mention the clear fresh air.

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:27

Great question re. Books of Hours! The older was most likely handed down by a female relative and is in Latin. The 1527 book was most likely created especially for Anne, is in both Latin and English, and was customised for her. She inscribed the earlier "Le Temps Viendra" in French, and the couplet in English.

[Michelle Nasello](#)23:27

Hi everyone what have I missed?



[Claire Ridgway](#)23:28

Hi Michelle!

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:28

Linda, Kate's extraordinary research can be found on her blog and on the Hever website. She's also done numerous podcasts and newspaper interviews!

[Gail Thomas](#)23:28

It's really incredible that those Books of Hours have survived! like Henry's letters. Precious pieces of history

[Linda Saether](#)23:29

Thank you! I will look for it!

[Michelle Nasello](#)23:29

Hi Claire

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:29

kateemccaffrey.wordpress.com

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:29

Gail, if only Anne's letters had survived too.

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:29

Thanks Michelle T!

[RealTudorLady](#)23:29

Hi Michelle

[Lyndell Prewett](#)23:29

Thanks Owen. I'd wondered about the languages in the Books of hours. Good to know. 

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:30

Great question, Sandra. The gardens we see today, save for the orchard, are all from 1903. They certainly enjoyed the Hever estate when hunting. Anne of Cleves' brother sent her hawks to enjoy at Hever.

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:30

Hello, RTL, how are you?

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:30

Perhaps they might be hidden somewhere in ne of Hever castles walls.. Just wishful thinking I know but it would be an incredible find

[Laurie Duerr](#)23:30

Owen, is there still also one of her Book of Hours at the British Library too?

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:30

Hi Laurie!

[Gail Thomas](#)23:31

Owen what does it feel like to hold those books in your hands and know that Anne Boleyn held those same books? Claire you have held them also correct?

[Laurie Duerr](#)23:31

Hi Claire!

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:31

Great question Tara. I, afraid there are three extant books which have the “carried to the scaffold” claim, and she is unlikely to have taken a library with her, so I’m going to chalk that one down to a myth, sadly!

[RealTudorLady](#)23:31

Is the wedding bed of Henry Vii and Elizabeth of York still at Hever?

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:31

Was it common practise for a noble woman to have more than 1 book of hours?

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:31

Gail, I was soooo emotional. It was something I'll never forget. I felt so connected to Anne as they were something she would have used numerous times a day.

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:32

RTL That was an incredible find wasn't it.

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:32

Great question, RTL. Hate to shatter allusions, but the oratory is a 1903 insertion and was originally a stairwell for the servants staircase!

[RealTudorLady](#)23:32

Hi Michelle, I am a pile of melted pink goo, but otherwise fine.

[Michelle Nasello](#)23:32

I hope to visit Heaver Castle when next in the UK. How long did the Boleyn family own it? How do it the structure?

[Linda Saether](#)23:32

I felt that way when I held Henry's love letters to Anne! I'll never forget.

[Georgia Cosenza](#)23:32

Thank you Owen

[Michelle Nasello](#)23:33

How old is the structure?

[Tara Ball](#)23:33

Thanks Owen. It appears she did not have any personal items with her in the Tower, so I thought it would be a long shot.

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:33

Oh, I'm sorry, RTL!

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:33

That's really amazing, Linda! That must have been an awesome experience.

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:33

Hi Laurie! Yes, there is Book of Hours of Anne's in the British Library - inscribed but not signed. We did have a psalter of Anne's at Hever, but sadly it was stolen in 1946

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:34

What is a psalter?

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:34

Gail - it is always such an honour to hold them. Very emotional!

[Laurie Duerr](#)23:34

Thanks Owen! very interesting

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:34

Sadly, the "bed of Roses" is no longer with us, but is with it's owner!

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:35

Someone owns the bed?

[Gail Thomas](#)23:35

Owen do you have a favorite room or area of Hever and if so what is it?

[RealTudorLady](#)23:35

Its a bit cooler tonight. A strange pneumonia called a breeze has gotten up so it is more comfortable

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:35

Grr that makes me so mad, why steal something so historical.. In fact why steal anything, Karma wil always find a way to get you in the end

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:35

Yes, it was common of a woman of Anne's standing to own a number of such texts and for them to be passed between family members.

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:36

The Boleyns owned Hever for 77years and the vast majority of their house is extant. It's a remarkable survival.

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:36

RTL supposed to have a few thunderstorms over the weekend.. hope so the air needs a good freshening

[Michelle Nasello](#)23:36

A psalter, a Book of Psalms

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:36

The house is overwhelming

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:36

Thank you

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:37

The house is overwhelmingly dated from 1383 - far older than previously anticipated

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:37

RTL we had a few flashes and rumbles followed by a five minute shower on Tuesday ut it didn't help coll anything down in fact it made things worse

[linda johnson](#)23:37

Owen it was stolen in 46 and never found or on the black market? So do you think a “collector” had it stolen?

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:37

A psalter is a book of psalms

[Georgia Cosenza](#)23:38

Thanks Michelle T for the link

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:38

Thank you

[Michelle Nasello](#)23:38

1383, wow I didn't think it was that old how incredible

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:38

Linda Whoever it was should be utterly ashammed of themselves...

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:38

The bed is owned by a private collector

[Clare Shepherd](#)23:38

Is it much smaller than Penshurst? It's thirty years since I last saw either.

[RealTudorLady](#)23:38

Thank you Owen. Jonathan Foyle has done two talks on the bed which are on YouTube, if anyone is interested in more details.

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:39

Michelle I think Anne's great grandfather brought the house off someone else..

[Michelle Nasello](#)23:39

How long did the Boleyn's own it before their fall?

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:39

Gail - I love all of the house, truth be told, but I do have a soft spot for the Long Gallery!

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:39

No trouble, I saw it recently and remembered where to find it

[Georgia Cosenza](#)23:39

Looking forward to checking out all the sources and podcasts mentioned here about theBook of Hours. Just fascinating!

[linda johnson](#)23:39

Just seem such a strange item to steal and yes horrible people

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:40

Michelle Hever returned to the crown on the death of Thomas B in 1538?

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:40

Yes, the robbery of 1946 was vast and most likely stolen to order, sadly.

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:40

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[Owen Emmerson](#)23:40

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[Claire Ridgway](#)23:41

Lorna, it was passed to James Boleyn on Thomas's death in 1539 and then he swapped it with the crown for other properties.

[Clare Shepherd](#)23:41

Probably in the basement of a private collector/criminal.

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:41

Linda Sadly the world is full of people like this.

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:41

The Boleyns owned the castle for 77 years in total, and James Boleyn sold it to the crown after he inherited it from Thomas.

[RealTudorLady](#)23:42

Did Anne of Cleves have a favourite part of the house and did she leave any traces behind, Owen?

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:42

How long did Thomas' mother live on for after he died? Didn't he provide for her in his will?

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:42

Great question, RTL!

[Michelle Nasello](#)23:42

Nice to know that a few generations of Boleyn's lived there.

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:43

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[Claire Ridgway](#)23:43

Lorna, he was more interested in properties in Norfolk.

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:44

RTL - the family rooms are rather few, just three in fact, so my guess would be that Anne of Cleves' favoured room would have been the Great Chamber (now the Books of Hours room). She definitely left traces in the form of whole rooms she created, but I can't say more than that at this stage, sadly! I only wish I could. It has been a LONG wait to be able to say more...

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:44

Guess there was more money to be made in Norfolk at the time

[RealTudorLady](#)23:44

Why wasn't Hever taken by Henry VIII in 1536? Wasn't it normal to confiscate the homes of traitors?

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:44

Owen the wait will be worth in time.

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:45

RTL, but Thomas wasn't a traitor. Sorry to butt in, Owen!

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:45

Margaret Butler didn't live for much longer after Thomas' death, dying in 1539. Thomas certainly provided for her in his will.

[Vicki Miller](#)23:45

Thanks everyone for the chat and look forward to checking out the podcast. Stay safe everyone and

Thanks Owen and Claire 😊😊

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:45

RTL Thomas b was disgraced but not deemed a traitor.

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:45

Thank you for joining in, Vicki!

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:45

Thank you

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:46

See you next time Vicki keep safe

[RealTudorLady](#)23:46

No but Anne and George were found guilty. Oh I just got it, they didn't own Hever, their families did. 50 years later it makes sense. Cheers.

[Linda Saether](#)23:46

Thank you so much! I miss you, and I miss Hever!

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:46

Great question RTL. It wasn't seized for the reason that neither George nor Anne owned it, though George and Jane would have inherited it. Hever was co-owned by Elizabeth and Thomas Boleyn, who of course were never convicted.

[Gail Thomas](#)23:46

Yes Thomas made sure to distance himself from his children - he was even at Edward's christening! He knew how to stay on the good side of Henry

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:47

Gail I believe Thomas B was given the job of a candle bearer at Edwards christening

[Tara Ball](#)23:47

I do not think Thomas was officially disgraced. He backed off but was back the following year.

[Lyndell Prewett](#)23:48

As Anne of Cleves had the use of many properties, over 17 years, including Hever Castle, Was she residing at Hever Castle when she died in 1557?

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:49

Anne of Cleves was residing at Chelsea when she died.

[RealTudorLady](#)23:49

How dim am I? All these years, never worked out Hever was the property of Thomas and Elizabeth, which I knew but never registered. Its the Anne association. Thanks Owen, I see the light. 😊 I can't wait to read your book with Claire to find out more.

[Gail Thomas](#)23:50

It's interesting to think that Thomas and his granddaughter Elizabeth were both at Edward's christening. I wonder how much Elizabeth saw of her grandfather after Anne died.

[Lyndell Prewett](#)23:50

Thank you Owen.

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:50

RTL, you are very far from dim!

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:50

Tara I don't think Thomas enjoyed the favour he once had with Henry after Anne and George were Executed (Murdered) Thomas B had been a brilliant diplomat in his time as well

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:50

RTL - it's not a well known fact that Elizabeth was co-owner. She was given a lifetimes stake in Hever in her wedding dower by William Boleyn

[Clare Shepherd](#)23:51

A father that doesn't support his children when they are murdered on trumped up charges is z traitor in my.

book, to his family and himself. But then to survive under H8 was hard, even for Henry's friends and family.

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:51

I find it so sad imagining Thomas and Elizabeth grieving at Hever in 1536 and then Thomas having to go back and prove his loyalty. Horrid.

[RealTudorLady](#)23:52

Do we know if Mary or other relatives got Anne's beautiful dresses after her execution?

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:52

RTL The heat is playing havoc with everyone at the moment, my brain, wherever it is, has fried, I put the sugar in the fridge this morning..and that was just the start of things

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:52

I'm going to defend Thomas here and ask what he could reasonably have done to save them? Very little.

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:52

I guess since he was an Earl, part of the nobility...there were parts to play.

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:53

RTL I think Most of Anne's dresses were shut away in the royal wardrobe and brought out and remade for his otherwives..

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:53

Clare, he was like other families before him, he HAD to just get on for the sake of his surviving family. He could do absolutely nothing, which must have been unbearable.

[Tara Ball](#)23:53

No he didn't in the immediate aftermath of his children's executions, but I do not think he was ordered away from court by Henry VIII. He lost his posts and positions he had. However I vaguely

remember that it was rumoured he may re-marry Henry's niece Margaret Douglas, so he had to be on good terms with Henry for even the rumours to exist.

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:53

RTL - I'm afraid Anne's clothing was part of the royal wardrobe, so would have been repurposed. Even her execution gown was seized by the crown, when normally it would have been taken by the executioner as a perk.

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:54

Umm, did they strip her body before it was put in the chest???

[Georgia Cosenza](#)23:55

That's interesting Claire, I always thought that Henry took Hever after the Boleyn's fall.

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:55

Michelle she would have been buried I think in her shift

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:55

Yes, she would have been stripped and bound in linen, sadly.

[RealTudorLady](#)23:55

That would make sense Lorna as they came in parts anyway so could easily be refitted or shaped. I did hear one grizzly tale that the French executioner got the gown she wore to her execution afterwards. I don't know if its true. But you never know.

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:55

Oh, well I'm surprised they didn't grab that

[Kris Tooley](#)23:55

lol

[Clare Shepherd](#)23:56

No, I know, living under a monarch like Henry must have been stressful in the extreme. Thomas had little choice, but to do as he did. The horror is on the fact of Thomas hsving to go against his own feelings to stay alivealive.

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:56

Henry actually paid extra to have the clothes back, and not leave them with the executioner as was customary

[Gail Thomas](#)23:56

If the executioner took the gown I would like to think it brought him nothing but bad luck

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:56

But didn't they find Catherine Parr in a gown when her tomb was found in the late 18th century?.

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:57

Sounds like Poor Anne didn't and wasn't given any dignity even after she was dead... I guess the same thing happened to Katherine howard and Jane B too

[RealTudorLady](#)23:57

Thanks Owen. Do you think Anne's dress suited him? I shudder to think of his wife or daughter wearing it.

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:57

It was entirely normal for people of status to be buried in clothes, but not convicted traitors.

[Michelle Nasello](#)23:57

That is interesting Owen, never heard of a King doing that. Was it just because of her being his ex wife?

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:57

Ok, I understand now. Thank you

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:58

Yes, he wanted to control and eradicate traces of her. He paid through the nose to have all traces of Anne removed from his palaces

[Claire Ridgway](#)23:58

Well, it's just coming up to the hour. A HUGE thank you to Owen for joining us and answering a record number of questions. Thank you, everyone for those excellent questions. Kris is the winner of a copy of "The Boleyns of Hever Castle". Congratulations Kris! We'll get that sorted out for you.

[Michelle Nasello](#)23:59

Well Owen, he did a good. Job of removing her from historical records

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:59

So many congratulations, Kris!

[Tara Ball](#)23:59

Thank you Owen and Claire 😊

[Michelle Nasello](#)23:59

Congratulations Kirs, Enjoy your special gift

[RealTudorLady](#)23:59

Yet we have her initials at Hampton Court. We have a pomegranate with a tiny Tudor rose coming out as well.

[Lorna Wanstall](#)23:59

Owen He hoped he had eradicated all traces of Anne, but she was simply too unique to die, she was an incredible woman

[Mary Rutherford-Birkey](#)23:59

Congrats Kris!

[Kris Tooley](#)23:59

wow!

[Laurie Duerr](#)23:59

Thanks Claire and Owen!

[Kris Tooley](#)23:59

Thanks all.

[Owen Emmerson](#)23:59

Thanks so much for all of your thoughtful questions! It was such a pleasure.

[Michelle Tercha](#)23:59

Thank you, Claire and Dr Emmerson! Again, congratulations on the book. Stay safe, be well.

[Michelle Tercha](#)00:00

Congratulations, Kris!

[Lorna Wanstall](#)00:00

Nice one Kris Happy reading..

[Claire Ridgway](#)00:00

A wonderful hour of Tudor talk, thank you!

[Lyndell Prewett](#)00:00

Thank you Owen for being here today. My very first chat session. Thank you Claire too and to everybody.

[RealTudorLady](#)00:00

Congratulations Kris . Enjoy.

[Kris Tooley](#)00:00

wonderful chat tonight, thanks so much.

[Michelle Nasello](#)00:00

Good night everyone, Thank you Owen, Claire and Tim have a great night

[Michelle Tercha](#)00:00

It was awesome and fascinating. Thank you

[Lorna Wanstall](#)00:00

It always go too quickly, thank you owen, I hope you can pop in again soon

[Gail Thomas](#)00:00

She's more popular than he is! haha take that Henry. Thanks for scheduling this so I could [

[Kris Tooley](#)00:00

so excited for my prize.

[Clare Shepherd](#)00:01

Thans Owen and Claire, Im looking rorward ro getting the book, which has been on order at Amazon for ages. Night all and thanks again.

[Owen Emmerson](#)00:01

Thanknsos

[Gail Thomas](#)00:01

participate - sorry

[Kris Tooley](#)00:01

looking forward to the next chat. have a great evening.

[Owen Emmerson](#)00:01

Thanks so much everyone!

[Claire Ridgway](#)00:01

Clare, a big thank you for the book. I haven't unwrapped it!

[Lyndell Prewett](#)00:01

Bye all



[Gail Thomas](#)00:01

Bye everyone many thanks

[Tara Ball](#)00:02

Good night all

[Owen Emmerson](#)00:02

Bye everybody! Speak soon x

[RealTudorLady](#)00:02

Thanks Owen and Claire. Another great talk. Back to the Olympic Games. Bye all.

[Michelle Tercha](#)00:02

Goodnight, everyone! Hope you all are well. Talk soon. Thank you again, Claire and Dr Emmerson.

Bye

[linda johnson](#)00:02

Congrats kris. Bye all see you next tiOne!

[Lorna Wanstall](#)00:02

Gail Anne B sure is... Henry tried to blacken her name and called her a witch.. Well you could say it's sort of true, she has held us all spellbound for many many years. A I said she was an incredible woan, and she is my heroine.

[Claire Ridgway](#)00:02

Bye everyone! Stay safe! X

[Alana Ask](#)00:02

Good afternoon/night to everyone!

[Lorna Wanstall](#)00:03

Right time for bed, Take care and keep safe everyone. Xx