

Welcome Natalie Grueninger to this evening's chat about Elizabeth of York's Progress of 1502.

Michelle Nasello23:01

Hi everyone

Natalie Grueninger23:01

Thanks for the welcome, Tim! Lovely to be here and hello everyone!

ADMIN Tim23:01

Feel free to ask your questions, I have a few too, and generally let's enjoy this time talking about the earlier end of the Tudor dynasty.

Georgia Cosenza23:01

Hello everybody

Clare Shepherd23:02

Good evening everyone.

Bill Wolff23:02

Hi Clare

ADMIN Tim23:02

So, can I start with a question about what you are working on at the moment, and any future projects you're planning, if you can say?

Natalie Grueninger23:04

Thanks for asking, Tim! I'm actually currently putting the finishing touches on my new book - The Final Year of Anne Boleyn. It's taken me 2.5 years.

Natalie Grueninger23:04

As for future projects - I always have lots in the pipeline, but I need a break first!

Roland Hui23:04

Hello Natalie - does your research into Elizabeth or York indicate that she had a good relationship with her formidable mother-in-law Margret Beaufort?

ADMIN Tim23:05

Research can take a really long time - how long is a piece of string!

Michelle Nasello23:05

That's funny Tim

Clare Shepherd23:05

Sorry to hear about Claire, I hope she starts to mend soon. We'll done Tim for kindly stepping in.

Roland Hui23:06

Did they for instance, exchange gifts often (as indicated in her Privy Purse expenses)?

Clare Shepherd23:06

Hi Bilp, you OK?

ADMIN Tim23:06

Claire's going to be fine, she says not to worry. And mostly I'm in the chats anyway - I just don't have to contribute much.

Natalie Grueninger23:06

Hi Roland! Thanks for joining. Yes, I think she did have a good relationship with Margaret. They must have had some difficult moments, but that happens in all relationships, right?

Julie Lehman23:06

Hi, from Dallas Texas

Michelle Nasello23:07

Hi Julie

ADMIN Tim23:07

Hi Julie (and everyone I've missed)

Michelle Nasello23:08

How was the beginning of Henry VII and Elizabeth marriage/relationship? It was an arranged marriage wasn't it?

Elena Azadbakht23:08

Hello everyone. I'm joining from Nevada, where it is conveniently the middle of the afternoon.

Natalie Grueninger23:08

They're certainly exchanging messages, I think some gifts as well. But I would need to double check. Sadly, we only have the Privy Purse Expenses for one year -from March 1502 until her death in February 1503.

ADMIN Tim23:08

Natalie - why is it that you think people gloss over the early part of the Tudor dynasty, in favour of the later monarchs?

Natalie Grueninger23:10

That's such a good question, Tim! I think there are many contributing factors, one of which is the genius of Holbein! We almost feel like we know the members of Henry's court, thanks to his brilliant drawings and paintings.

Natalie Grueninger23:11

We also have a very rich visual record of Henry VIII's reign onwards, which really helps us connect with the major players. Not so much so for the reign of Henry VII.

Natalie Grueninger23:12

I think it also has to do with the personalities themselves. Henry VIII, for example, is such an enigma that he appals and tantalises in equal measure!

ADMIN Tim23:13

So do you feel the English Renaissance started a little way into the Tudor period, rather than at Bosworth as some say?

Michelle Nasello23:13

Which is sad that we don't have as much of Henry VII's court as we do Henry VIII.

Clare Shepherd23:13

Is part of it that H7 is perceived as a misery, especially in his later years, and his heavy taxation, yet he seems to have been a good king. Is it that historians have concentrated on the bad parts of his latter reign?

Bill Wolff23:14

Great question Tim! I think you are right.....into H8's time.

Natalie Grueninger23:14

It is sad, Michelle, because I think it was just as interesting.

ADMIN Tim23:15

It's great that the life of Elizabeth of York is now being shown to the world.

RealTudorLady23:15

Hi everyone. Hi Claire and Tim and Natalie. Just seen the title of tonight's talk.

Natalie Grueninger23:15

Yes, I find Elizabeth of York intriguing! She really was beloved by her family and her people.

ADMIN Tim23:16

Hi RTL, we're discussing Elizabeth of York's progress in 1502 after the death of Prince Arthur.

Roland Hui23:16

Natalie - how did Elizabeth end up giving birth to her last child at the Tower of London - did she intentionally want to be there, or was the birth premature? Do we know?

Bill Wolff23:16

Hey RTL, long time no chat!

RealTudorLady23:17

Given that Elizabeth was pregnant when she undertook the very long process in 1502 and 3, why did she undertake such a long journey?

Natalie Grueninger23:17

As far as we know, Roland, her stay at the Tower was only supposed to be temporary. It does appear that she went into labour prematurely.

RealTudorLady23:17

Hi Bill.

Natalie Grueninger23:19

Unfortunately, we don't know for certain why she decided to undertake a journey into Wales at this time. She did visit many popular pilgrimage sites, so perhaps that was part of the reason.

RealTudorLady23:20

I might be behind. Did she visit her sister in Raglan?

Natalie Grueninger23:22

Do you mean the queen's cousin, Anne Stafford? Yes, she was married to Sir Walter Herbert.

Natalie Grueninger23:23

The queen's sister, Catherine, probably accompanied Elizabeth on the progress.

Michelle Tercha23:24

Hello I'm sorry I'm late.

RealTudorLady23:24

I noted that this was a particularly long journey, even for a royal progress, especially I would imagine for the Queen. Could this have contributed to her premature labour, although she was 37.

Natalie Grueninger23:24

Hi Michelle!

RealTudorLady23:25

Yes, her cousin, sorry, to visit the Herbert family?

ADMIN Tim23:25

The progress was such a long one and I always find it amazing that they travelled so far. The places they went to are a long way apart even with today's roads and cars. It's good that so many of the places she visited are still in existence. Natalie, you've been to the UK - which places did you like the most?

Michelle Tercha23:25

Your series on the queens and consorts was brilliant! Thank you.

Michelle Nasello23:25

It is also sad that EoY passed on her birthday. How strange that is. Wonder if the Court saw it as an omen or magical happening! Witchcraft maybe, with the supposed rumours of her and her mother.

Natalie Grueninger23:25

Yes, the visit to Raglan was definitely a family affair! Anne's sister, Elizabeth, was also in residence as part of Queen Elizabeth's entourage.

Natalie Grueninger23:26

Thanks so much, Michelle!

Kimberly Zultowski23:26

Is it normal for a queen to go on such a long progress while pregnant?

RealTudorLady23:26

Thank you, Natalie.

Michelle Tercha23:27

I w's back reading. I'm sorry Claire isn't well. I hop she feels better soon.

Natalie Grueninger23:27

I don't think I have any other examples of an extended progress during pregnancy. I know that Katherine of Aragon went on pilgrimages at this time, but the progress is particularly interesting.

Natalie Grueninger23:28

At first I thought that perhaps they wanted to visit Arthur's tomb in Worcester, but there's no record of them having visited the cathedral.

ADMIN Tim23:29

The visit to Arthur's tomb is the reason stated on some websites online... but...

Clare Shepherd23:29

I noticed that in your talk. Do you think there was a reason they didn't visit Arthur's tomb.

ADMIN Tim23:30

Looking through HVII's life, he went on some really long progresses during his reign. Maybe it was just what they did?

RealTudorLady23:30

Its interesting that Henry Tudor really didn't turn into a bit of a financial tyrant until after Elizabeth 's death. He withdrew from the world and was ill as he mourned her. The loss of his heir, wife and baby in such a short period of time must have deeply affected him. He had already lost one son, Edmund.

Natalie Grueninger23:30

I've visited many places in the UK, Tim! There's so many that I love and so many that I still need to visit! For example, I've never been to Berkeley Castle or to the ruins of Raglan.

Michelle Tercha23:30

I'm be looking forward to your book on Anne Boleyn! I'm caught up!

Natalie Grueninger23:31

I would, however, highly recommend a visit to Thornbury Castle - what a dream! Henry and Elizabeth actually made an offering at the nearby church.

ADMIN Tim23:31

We used to live near Woodstock and those places which were on the progress - and as you can imagine, we didn't visit them at the time. If it's on your doorstep you don't make the effort.

Clare Shepherd23:31

When is it to be published, Natalie?

Michelle Tercha23:32

I wonder about Elizabeth of York's relationship with Margaret Pole, too. I know someone mentioned it already. That couldn't have been easy.

Natalie Grueninger23:32

I don't have an exact date yet, but it will be sometime next year. I'll definitely post an update on my social media when I have a firm date. smile

Clare Shepherd23:32

Great!

Lucy Menadue23:33

Very exciting. Looking forward to reading it.

Michelle Tercha23:33

Awesome!

RealTudorLady23:33

Raglan is well worth a visit but its not easy to get to. A huge by pass cuts the village and area around the castle in two. We nearly ended up elsewhere.

Natalie Grueninger23:33

Elizabeth of York definitely had Pole relatives in her entourage!

Michelle Tercha23:34

I know Margaret attended her too.

Natalie Grueninger23:35

For example, Lady Eleanor Verney was the the daughter of Sir Geoffrey Pole and Edith St John, and therefore the sister of Richard Pole who was married to Elizabeth's cousin, Margaret Plantagenet, daughter of George, Duke of Clarence.

Lucy Menadue23:35

Natalie, apologies if this has already been mentioned but were you planning any more In the Footsteps books with Sarah?

Michelle Tercha23:36

D we know why she went on this progress? I was fascinated by all the detail in your talk.

Natalie Grueninger23:36

Not at this stage, Lucy, although we'd both love to work on another project together, so you never know. We're two peas in a pod, Sarah and I!

RealTudorLady23:36

Its interesting Raglan because of the wall displays. There are murals showing the stories from the castle and the time Henry Tudor was there as a young boy under the care of the Herbert family. Very interesting.

Michelle Tercha23:37

I just wonder how Margaret felt after her brother's execution

Lucy Menadue23:37

They are fabulous books. Currently planning our next UK trip for when overseas travel opens back up so have been using your books with a few others in our planning.

Michelle Tercha23:38

Is it the same Herbert family that Anne, Catherine Parr's sister, married into? That might be a stupid question.

Natalie Grueninger23:38

Royal progresses were very common during the Tudor period, they happened almost yearly. The city was not really a safe place to be during the summer, so they sought the cleaner country air during this time. It also served many other important purposes.

Michelle Tercha23:39

Oh, right. Being visible to you subjects, too.

Natalie Grueninger23:39

Thanks so much, Lucy! So happy to hear that people are still actively using them.

Natalie Grueninger23:40

Absolutely, Michelle! Showing off your magnificence and munificence and also displaying your piety and largesse - very important!

RealTudorLady23:41

I get the feeling that Henry was partly an itinerant King as the Medieval Kings were. Travelling around to establish his authority, especially in places of trouble.

Natalie Grueninger23:41

Also a great way to check up on your courtiers!

Michelle Tercha23:41

Well...I'm using mine to dream! It's ok, it's very fascinating, your books. They are so wonderful even if you're not able to make the trip.

ADMIN Tim23:41

And a great way to live off someone else's money.

Natalie Grueninger23:41

Yes, Henry VII was well travelled. His son, for example, never travelled into Wales.

Michelle Tercha23:41

True that!

Michelle Nasello23:41

How true Natalie

Bill Wolff23:42

Absolutely, RTL, and to show a little (or a lot) of power!

Natalie Grueninger23:43

Let's not forget the all important hunting! During Henry VIII's reign, we see the court travelling to all the best hunting grounds.

Michelle Nasello23:44

I guess that progress was also a way to let the common folk know and see their Monarchs. Those to which taxes were paid to.

Michelle Tercha23:44

As he left the administration to others.

RealTudorLady23:44

Henry VII had to contend with being new, the remains of Yorkist power, the challenge to his right as King, three Pretenders at least, he needed to travel a lot in order to establish and to reinforce his new regime.

ADMIN Tim23:44

It's also interesting to see that they travelled all the old Roman roads from major house to the next major house.

Georgia Cosenza23:44

I agree Michelle T. Same for me.

Natalie Grueninger23:45

Interestingly, one of the first things Henry VII does after taking the throne from Richard III, is travel to York. Pretty gutsy!

Michelle Tercha23:45

smile

Natalie Grueninger23:45

Yes, Tim! I love the old Roman roads. They were, as you say, frequently used on progresses.

Michelle Tercha23:46

Part of Richard III stronghold?

Georgia Cosenza23:46

Wow, I never realized that H8 never travelled to Wales! His loss.

Clare Shepherd23:46

And a rebellion against his changing Stannary laws in Devon and Cornwall. I think he had several reasons to feel insecure on the throne.

Roland Hui23:46

Natalie - Looking at Elizabeth's Privy Purse expenses, what are some of the most interesting gifts that she received? Or gave?

RealTudorLady23:46

Henry stayed at Knowsley and Latham here in Lancashire several times and we did have the famous bed in Chester which is so beautiful and restored now under its new owners and custodians.

Natalie Grueninger23:47

That's fascinating, Real Tudor Lady!

Michelle Tercha23:47

Great question!

RealTudorLady23:48

Thank you, Natalie.

Natalie Grueninger23:48

Great question, Roland! I was intrigued by the huge variety of birds given as gifts for the table. The Tudors ate cranes, chickens, pheasants, sparrows, partridges, blackbirds, and more!

RealTudorLady23:49

I wonder who advised Henry to go to York. That was a smart move given the circumstances and the plots which broke out at the time.

Michelle Tercha23:49

Thats really interesting

Natalie Grueninger23:50

Elizabeth received gifts of food frequently. These included grapes, birds, does, cheese, cakes and pears. She also received a gift of clavichords while she was at Raglan.

Natalie Grueninger23:51

Elizabeth clearly loved fruit, because she received a lot of it!

Michelle Tercha23:51

What kind of instrument is that? Does it compare to anything we have today?

Natalie Grueninger23:52

It's a stringed, keyboard instrument, Michelle. You can see pics of surviving ones online.

Michelle Tercha23:52

Thanks

ADMIN Tim23:53

You still get clavichord sounds on modern synthesisers.

Michelle Tercha23:53

Do you think she was happy?

Michelle Tercha23:53

Cool, thank you, Tim.

RealTudorLady23:54

Can't imagine Elizabeth of York jamming with the musicians.

Clare Shepherd23:54

You can buy handmade clavichord from Early Instrument makers, but they are very expensive.

Natalie Grueninger23:54

I really hope so, Michelle. Even though her marriage to Henry was an arranged one, I think they really grew to love and respect each other. She also had good relationships with her children and her daughter-in-law, Katherine of Aragon.

Michelle Nasello23:54

HAHA RTL jamming with the common folks LOL

Natalie Grueninger23:55

The trauma of her childhood and early years, must have taken its toll too.

Michelle Tercha23:55

Yeah, it really seems so. She is so elusive

ADMIN Tim23:55

Sounds like a cross between a harpsichord and a piano. Very "plinky plinky".

Natalie Grueninger23:56

Great description, Tim!

Michelle Tercha23:56

That's really interesting. I'm going to have to check it out for sure

RealTudorLady23:57

Imagine Elizabeth could have been Queen of France or Portugal but ended up on her father's throne, well as Queen Consort anyway.

Natalie Grueninger23:57

Absolutely! A foreign match would have been her destiny had her father not died so unexpectedly.

Michelle Tercha23:57

But she didn't have to start over, new culture, climate, never seeing any of her family again

RealTudorLady23:58

Didn't Elizabeth get into debt by spending too much money on clothes?

Natalie Grueninger23:58

That's true, which is what Katherine of Aragon had to do, and so many other women of the time.

Clare Shepherd23:58

The clavichord strings were struck, like a piano, harpsichords were plucked by the internal mechanism

Natalie Grueninger23:59

I know it was very common for kings to give additional money to their queens, as their income didn't always cover the costs of maintaining their households.

RealTudorLady0:00

Its a good job the Queen was given huge estates from which to pay for their expenses when they got married.

Michelle Nasello0:00

Thank you @Natalie Grueninger a most excellent chat

ADMIN Tim0:00

Well. sadly our hour is now up. We've picked Nerida as our winner for the evening - a copy of Natalie's "Discovering Tudor London paperback. Congratulations Michelle, we'll be in touch! Thank you all for coming along, and feel free to keep chatting if you want.

Bill Wolff0:01

Thanks Natalie, fun time.

ADMIN Tim0:01

* sorry - should have said Nerida!

Michelle Tercha0:01

Thank you! It was a wonderful time. Loved your talk(and your podcast) thank you

Natalie Grueninger0:01

Thank you Tim and thank you everyone for attending. I've very much enjoyed our chat and all your insightful comments. Have a wonderful day/evening!

Michelle Nasello0:01

Congratulations Nerida, enjoy

Lucy Menadue0:01

Thanks Natalie and all x

Michelle Tercha0:01

Goodnight.

Michelle Tercha0:01

Goodnight.

Clare Shepherd0:01

Thanks everyone, good night.

Nerida Aisbett0:01

Thanks heaps Tim!

Michelle Nasello0:02

Good night all from Canada

RealTudorLady0:02

Wonderful chat Natalie and very unusual subject. Tim, hope Claire is better soon and thanks for your hosting tonight. Great job. Really enjoyed.

Georgia Cosenza0:02

This was fascinating. I find Elizabeth of York so interesting but don't know as much about her as I'd like. Thank you Natalie, Tim and everyone else.

ADMIN Tim0:02

Thanks all. I'm off to put the pets to bed and then to turn in myself. Have a wonderful weekend all!

Nerida Aisbett0:02

Great chat, learned so much, thanks again.