

Kings of England and Wales

1300's

EDWARD II - 19 yrs. 197 days.

Weak and unsuccessful, pushed out of Scotland at Bannockburn. His wife allied with his enemies and helped with an invasion from France. The king was forced to abdicate in favour of his son and was possibly murdered 7 months later.

EDWARD III - 50 yrs. 148 days.

King at 14. An able soldier and inspiring leader, restored authority after the disastrous reign of his father. Plunged England into the 100 Years War, a conventional king whose main interest was warfare. Half the population died during his reign in the Black Death.

RICHARD II - 22 yrs. 100 days.

King at 10. Cultivated a less warlike and more refined monarchy. The last years of his reign were known as his "tyranny" - he executed or exiled many nobles which led to an invasion and his being deposed. Thought to have been starved to death in captivity.