

HISTORY

KINGS:

King Alfred was king of England from 871 AD-899 AD and his greatest achievement was repelling the Danes who would otherwise have ruled all of England. However, he is better known for the legend, which says that he 'burnt the cakes' when left to watch the oven.

Henry VIII (1509-1547) was the second Tudor king of England and was famous *or notorious* for having 6 wives. Although he broke away from the Catholic church, this was mainly to achieve the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon and he did not wish to introduce Protestant doctrine. He was, however, responsible for the dissolution of the monasteries and those who rejected his authority over the new Church of England were executed.

King Harold was killed by an arrow in the eye at the battle of Hastings on Christmas Day in 1066. Harold's army was considered the best in Europe but they had fought several battles within only a few days and so the most recent successful invasion of Britain was accomplished by the Normans.