



# Some interesting facts about British monarch

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Only two British monarchs have reigned more than once - King Henry VI and King Edward IV. Henry VI reigned from 1422-1461 and 1470-1471 and Edward IV reigned from 1461-1470 and 1471-1483.



King Edward the Confessor was the first English monarch to be declared a saint. He was England's patron saint until 1348.



The last British monarch to lead troops into battle was King George II at the Battle of Dettingen against the French in 1743.



British monarchs wear an "imperial" style of crown consisting of a circlet surmounted by arches. This style was introduced by King Henry IV in 1399.



England's youngest ever monarch was King Henry VI who came to the Throne in 1422 aged just 6 months.



England's shortest-reigning monarch was Queen Jane (Lady Jane Grey), the cousin and wife of King Edward VI, who reigned for just 9 days in 1554.



King Henry VIII weighed 21 stones (133kgs in European measures).





To build up England's shipping capacity - and its seafarers - Queen Elizabeth I made it compulsory for the people of England to eat fish on Wednesdays and Saturdays.



England has had many gay monarchs: Edward II, Richard II, Richard the Lionheart, William Rufus.



In the mid-1640s, England's self-proclaimed Witchfinder General, Matthew Hopkins, probably executed around 100 suspected witches.



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