

The Last Anglo-Saxon Kings

Use this information to help you work out which kings ruled when for your Last Anglo-Saxon Kings Timeline.

AD 1013 - 1014



In AD 1013, King Sven of Denmark and his son, Cnut, sailed up the rivers Humber and Trent to claim the throne in Danelaw. The Saxon King Ethelred fled abroad. He returns to rule England again when King Sven dies in AD 1014.

AD 1016



In AD 1016 King Ethelred dies. His son, Edmund Ironside, becomes king for a few months until he also dies. Cnut becomes King of the Danes and King of England.

AD 1035 - 1040



King Cnut dies in AD 1035 and his sons, Harold Harefoot and Hardicanute share the ruling of England. Harold dies in AD 1040 and Hardicanute becomes the sole ruler of England.

AD 1042



When Hardicanute dies in 1042, Edward the Confessor, who is Ethelred's second son, is invited to return to England (he is hiding out in Normandy) to become king.

AD 1066



Edward the Confessor rules until his death in AD 1066. His brother in law, Harold II, becomes king for a short time, but is killed in battle by William the Conqueror on 14th October AD 1066.