

# BATTLE OF BRITAIN!

Who's the barmiest British ruler of all time? \* YOU decide!



## TERRIBLE TEETH!

Queen Elizabeth I had teeth that were black from decay (sweets were really popular in Elizabethan times). Her teeth were so bad that she had to have loads of them removed, which made her speeches difficult to understand.

## MONKEY MADNESS!

Henry VII had a pet monkey. It is rumoured that the monkey once got into Henry's writing room and ripped up his diaries!

## WEIRD WEDDING!

Charles I didn't turn up to his own wedding! He married Henrietta Maria in Paris in 1625, but stayed in England and sent his friend the Duke of Buckingham to act as a stand-in at the wedding!



WITH THIS RING I THEE FLED!

## 15 KIDS!

King George III married Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz in 1761 and the pair had 15 children together!

## HAIRY HORROR!

Queen Victoria had bishopophobia – a fear of bishops. When she was a little girl she was scared of their wigs and her dislike of bishops lasted all her life!



\* OK, we've only had a united Britain since 1707, but let's not be picky!



WHAT A DIRTY JOB!

## TOILET TRAINED!

King Henry VIII hired someone to wipe his rear and gave them the fancy-sounding job title Groom of the Stool! Worst. Job. Ever.

## MASSIVE MONARCH!

Henry VIII weighed 28.5 stone towards the end of his life and was so big that he had to be hauled up the stairs at his royal homes with rope!

## GHASTLY GAGS!

King James I once put a frog down the Earl of Pembroke's shirt for a laugh. The Earl got his revenge by putting a pig in the king's bedroom!



## MY 3 TOP BARMY BRITONS...

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