

WHAT THE BADGERS

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Civil War!



Hello, Motte and Bailey here again.

So then we got a Civil War! No peace is there? Read on!

The peace of the early 17th Century didn't last long! In 1639, the Scots went to war with King Charles I, the son of James I (Stuart)

In 1640, the Scots crossed the border and occupied Newcastle and Durham City. The king didn't have enough troops to fight it out, so his representatives met the Scots at Ripon and made a truce. This left the Scots in charge of Durham and Northumberland.



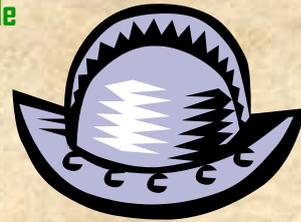
About a year later, the king fell out with the famous 'Long Parliament', and this led to the Civil War in England.

The North of the country supported the king.

Not going well for the king, was it?

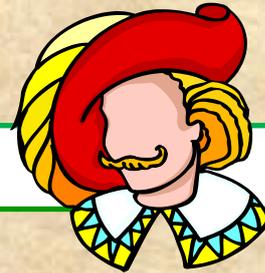
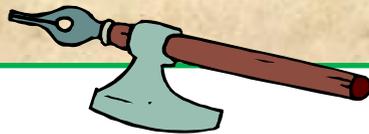


The first couple of years were fairly quiet in the north, (thank goodness - a bit of peace at last!) But, in 1644, the Scots invaded again - but this time they were on the side of Parliament, (the Roundheads). Newcastle held out, so they crossed the Tyne and invaded County Durham. They had no trouble taking Sunderland. However, the king's men defeated them at Bolden. There was also fighting at South Shields.



The king's army then marched into Yorkshire, but it lost the Battle of Marston Moor. After that, the Scots took Newcastle again.

Charles surrendered to the Scots in 1646, and he was a prisoner at Newcastle for nearly a year. Then they handed him over to Parliament. Two years later, in January 1649, he was executed!



From the outbreak of the wars to the restoration of Charles's son, Charles II, the North suffered a lot of damage. Newcastle was badly damaged by the siege. The collieries were also damaged and trade almost stopped.

After the execution, Parliament took all of the lands from the Bishop of Durham. Auckland Castle was sold to Sir Arthur Hazlerigg, who pulled part of it down. Sunderland and Houghton-le-Spring were sold to a man called George Fenwick and the Lord Mayor of London bought Durham Castle.

Our poor ancestors didn't have a great time, did they?

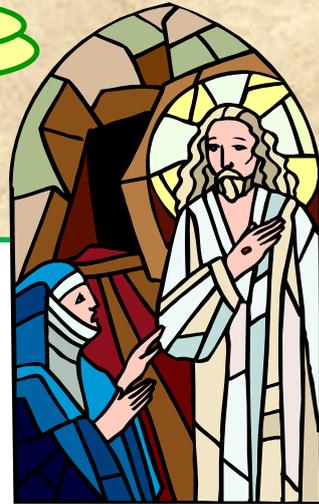


Durham Cathedral was badly damaged by Scottish prisoners. The Scots had fought against Charles I, but they supported his son. So Parliament now fought the Scots. (What a mess!) The Parliamentary general, **Oliver Cromwell** defeated them at the Battle of Dunbar.

Cromwell kept his prisoners in the cathedral, and they kept warm by burning the choir stalls. You can still see some of the holes they made in the huge stone pillars. People say it is where they drove in stakes to tether their horses. Quite a lot of the medieval stained glass windows were also destroyed.

What a shame! Bet it was lovely.

However, it wasn't long before things began to improve in the North.



The Restoration: The Bishop got his estates back when Charles II came back to England. Bishop John Cosin began a lot of new building projects in Durham and in **Auckland Castle**. He gave lots of money to repair the churches, and to the poor.

Bishop Crewe left money to restore **Bamburgh Castle** and also to build schools, and to increase the wages of priests and schoolmasters.

