English Civil War Timeline

1639 - 1646

1639

First Bishops' war

1640

Second Bishops' war

1642

January 4th
King's attempt to arrest 5 MPs in House of Commons fails

January 31st
Sir John Hotham secures Hull for Parliament

February 17th
Prince Rupert lands at Dover to join the King

February 23rd
Queen Henrietta Maria leaves England for Holland to pawn her jewellery for arms

July 3rd
King appoints his Generals the Earl of Lindsay and Prince Rupert

July 15th
Parliament appoints the Earl of Essex to be its General

August
King Charles raises his standard at Nottingham and war commences

August 23rd
Battle of Southam. First sizeable encounter of Royalist and Parliament forces

September 23rd
Royalist win skirmish at Powick Bridge

October 22nd
King holds council of war at Edgecote

October 23rd
Battle of Edgehill

October 24th
Forces withdraw. Essex to Warwick. King to take Banbury.

November 4th
King occupies Reading

November 7th
Essex army reaches London

December 9th
King's army goes in to winter quarters around Oxford

1643

June 18th
Battle of Chalgrove Field

July 13th
King Charles and Queen Henrietta met in the fields below Edgehill

Edgehill Medal struck to commemorate Battle of Edgehill

September 20th
First Battle of Newbury

1644

June 29th
Battle of Cropredy Bridge

July 2nd
Battle of Marston Moor

October 27th
Second Battle of Newbury

1645

January 6th
Committee of both Kingdoms order the creation of the New Model Army

June 14th
Battle of Naseby

1646

March 21st
Battle of Stow-on-the-Wold. The last pitched battle of the First Civil War.

A victory for the New Model Army

May 5th
Charles surrenders to a Scottish Army at Southwell Nottinghamshire

1649

January 13th
King Charles 1st Executed