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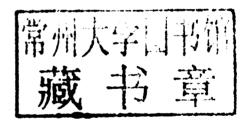
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Chronology

	1509	Accession of Henry VIII
	1527	Divorce crisis begins
	1533	Act against Buggery
	1536	Dissolution of Monasteries
	1538	Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages begins
	1547	Accession of Edward VI
	1553	Accession of Mary I
	1563	Statute of Artificers
	1569	Northern Rebellion
	1576	Poor Law, including provisions for punishing bastard bearers
	1585	Accession of Elizabeth I
	1587	Execution of Mary Queen of Scots
	1588	Spanish Armada defeated
	1594	Bad harvests begin
	1598	First edition of Robert Cleaver's Godly Form of Household Government
	1601	Elizabethan Poor Law
	1603	Accession of James VI of Scotland and I of England, married to Anne of Denmark
	1611	Publication of King James Bible
16	17–29	Buckingham's ascendancy
	1623	Infanticide Act
	1625	Accession of Charles I, married to Henrietta Maria
16	29-40	Charles I's personal rule
	1640	Long Parliament starts

	1641	Rebellion of Ulster Catholics
	1642	Civil War breaks out; disestablishment of Church of England and abolition
		of church courts
16	642-6	First Civil War
16	548-9	Second Civil War; execution of Charles I
	1650	Adultery made capital offence
	1651	Parliamentary Victory
	1653	Commonwealth: Oliver Cromwell Lord Protector, married to Elizabeth
		Cromwell
	1658	Death of Oliver Cromwell
	1660	Restoration of Charles II, married to Catherine of Braganza
167	79–81	Exclusion Crisis
	1685	Accession of James II, married to 1. Anne Hyde 2. Mary of Modena
	1688	Warming Pan Scandal
	1688	Glorious Revolution
	1689	Coronation of William III and Mary II
	1694	Death of Mary II; William ruled alone
	1702	Accession of Anna

Who's who

Mary Astell (1666–1731): writer of feminist and other tracts, Anglican and Tory, single, educated at home, daughter of a Newcastle coal merchant.

Elizabeth Barton (c.1506–34): called the 'Nun of Kent'; Benedictine nun and visionary, previously a farm servant; prophesied that Henry VIII's proposed divorce from Katherine of Aragon would be the end of his reign; eventually executed.

Margaret Cavendish (1623–73): aristocrat writer and scientist; royalist; married William Cavendish; wrote poetry, natural philosophy, science fiction and memoir.

Elizabeth Cellier (fl. 1668–88): known as the Popish Midwife, she was implicated in 1679 in the 'Meal Tub Plot' against the future James II and acquitted on trial for treason. Her published self-defence led to another trial and the pillory. She later published a plan for a corporation of midwives.

Sarah Churchill, née Jenyns, Duchess of Marlborough (1660–1744): Lady of the Bedchamber to Queen Anne; married Edward Churchill; Whig.

Lady Anne Clifford (1590–1676): Baroness, diarist, involved in extensive lawsuit over her inheritance; educated by tutor; married Richard Sackville and Edward Herbert.

Sir Edward Coke (1552–1634): Lord Chief Justice under James I; jurist, MP, defender of the common law; married Bridget Paston.

Nicholas Culpeper (1616–54): herbalist and astrologer; radical, parliamentarian; married Alice Field.

Moll Cutpurse (Mary Frith) (1584–1659): infamous thief, the subject of plays and stories.

Sir Simonds D'Ewes (1602–50): diarist, antiquary, high sheriff of Suffolk; married Anne Clopton.

Joyce Jeffries (c.1570–1650): moneylender, diarist; single.

William Laud (1573–1645): Archbishop of Canterbury 1633–45, architect and enforcer of Charles I's religious policies.

Abigail Masham, **née Hill**, **Lady Masham** (1670–1734): favourite of Queen Anne, whose household she joined in 1700; Tory; married Samuel Masham.

Samuel Pepys (1633–1703): diarist, naval administrator and MP; married Elizabeth de St Michel.

John Pym (1584–1643): leader of the Long Parliament; married Anne Hooke.

Glossary

£, s., d.: Pounds, shillings, pence. 12 d. = 1 shilling; 20 shillings = £1.

Assizes: Periodic criminal courts for the most serious offences.

Bridewell: London: Converted from a palace to a prison and poorhouse in 1566.

Benefit of clergy: A legal fiction by which, after 1575, a felon capable of reading a verse from the Bible could be excused hanging.

Charivari: Ritual of community censure, often involving 'rough music' with pots and pans.

Church courts: Courts enforcing canon law via litigation or disciplinary prosecutions, overseen by bishop.

Churchwardens: Elected unpaid lay officials of each parish, responsible for law and order in the church, poor relief and church maintenance.

Constable: Unpaid parish official, working at the orders of justices of the peace.

Coverture: The common law doctrine whereby a married woman's legal identity was subsumed under that of her husband.

Curse of Ham: Noah's curse on Ham's sons after Ham 'saw his father's nakedness'; used as a justification for slavery, with Black Africans interpreted as Ham's descendants.

Feme sole: Legal status of single woman.

Groat: Four pence.

Hearth tax: Imposed in 1662, at a rate of 2s. per hearth per year.

Homily: Printed sermons provided to be read to congregations.

Jury of matrons: Women appointed to search female felons for the proof of pregnancy, in which case execution would be delayed.

Mosaic law: Laws attributed to Moses, set out in the first five books of the Old Testament.

Proper goods of a wife: Paraphernalia.

Protestation Oaths: Oaths of allegiance to the Commonwealth.

Puritans: Protestants advocating greater purity of doctrine and worship.

Quakers: The Religious Society of Friends, founded late 1640s by George Fox, in the conviction that individual relationships with Christ could bypass the mediation of church and clergy.

Quarter sessions: Criminal courts held quarterly for lesser offences.

Ranters: Heretical sect of the Revolutionary period, seen as a threat to social order.

Recusancy: Refusal to attend church services.

Savin: Also known as pennyroyal, a herbal abortifacient.

Societies for the Reformation of Manners: Began in London in 1691, mobilising associations of gentlemen, tradesmen, constables and informers to prosecute vice.

Terms: Menstrual periods.

Tories: Opponents of Exclusion; monarchists; supporters of the Church of England.

Whigs: Originally those supporting the Exclusion of the Duke of York, eventually James II, from the throne in 1679–81.

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