## The Wars of the Roses

## What Shakespeare wrote *King Henry VI*:

O God! methinks it were a happy life,
To be no better than a homely swain;
To sit upon a hill, as I do now,
To carve out dials, quaintly, point by point,
Thereby to see the minutes how they run,
How many make the hour full complete;
How many hours bring about the day;
How many days will finish up the year;
How many years a mortal man may live.

(Henry VI, Part 3 – Act 2, Scene 5)

## What Shakespeare meant to say *King Henry VI*:

O God! methinks it were a happy life,
To be no better than a homely bowler;
To stand upon a green, as I do now,
Surrounding the jack, quaintly, bowl by bowl,
Thereby to see the minutes how they run,
How many make the hour full complete;
How many hours bring about a day;
How many days will finish up the year;
How many years a mortal man may live
Surrounding a jack, bowl by quaintly bowl.