Back in The 1960s

IN THE NEWS

1960: Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, made his 'Wind of Change' speech. His mantra 'Most of our people have never had it so good' became increasingly hollow-sounding as the economy declined.

1961: The Berlin Wall was built dividing East and West Germany. After a large defection of professionals to the west, East Germany and the Soviet Union masterminded the building of the wall cementing the effects of the *Cold War.*

1962: President Kennedy orders the Cuban blockade as tension rises when USSR build a missile base in Cuba. At one point in October, the world felt as close as it has ever come to the possibility of nuclear war

1963: US President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on the Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Texas, on November 22nd. Lee Harvey Oswald, his suspected assassin was shot dead two days later while being transferred to jail.

Britain endured its severest winter for centuries. January was the coldest month since 1814, and snow lay somewhere in the country every day from December 29th 1962 through to March 6th 1963.

1964: North Vietnamese torpedo boats attack the US destroyer *Maddox* and congress authorised war against North Vietnam.

Nelson Mandela and 7 others are sentenced to life imprisonment in South Africa.

Mary Quant started selling the mini-skirt from her London shop, *Bazar*.

1965: Sir Winston Churchill who led the country to victory in World War II died at the age of 90.

Dr. Martin Luther King led the Civil rights march in Alabama from Selma to Montgomery.

1966: The England football team brought the Jules Rimet World trophy back to the home of football. Alf Ramsey's 'wingless wonders' won the World Cup for the first time on home soil beating West Germany 4-2 after extra time in the final at Wembley.

1967: The six-day war – Arab forces attack Israel beginning the Yom Kippur War.

1968: Martin Luther King leader of the black civil rights movement was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4th.

1969: The Moon landings happened on July 20th. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first astronauts to step onto the moon's surface. Armstrong's famous words: *"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."*

UK Prime Ministers:
Harold Macmillan 1957 - 1963
Harold Wilson 1963 - 1970

US Presidents:
Dwight D. Eisenhower 1953 - 1961
John F. Kennedy: 1961 - 1963
Lyndon B. Johnson: 1963 - 1968
Richard Nixon: 1969 - 1974

World Population:
1963: 3.210 Billion 1968: 3.534 Billion

UK Population:
1963: 53.5 Million 1968: 55.09 Million

AVERAGE COST

	1963	1968
House	£2,748	£3,903
Yearly income	£652	£895
New Car	£850	£1000
Gallon of fuel	4/-11d	6/-
Potatoes (5lbs)	1/-4d	1/-10d
Loaf of bread	1/-	9d
Pint of milk	8 1/2d	11d
Postage Stamp	3 1/2d	4d

Most Popular Baby Names
DAVID, JOHN, SUSAN & JULIE

INNOVATION

1960: Heart implant/pacemakers, 1962: First audio cassette, LED 1963: Touch-tone phones, 'Fly-mo' mowers, Valium Diazepam 1964: Miniskirt 1968: First Class post, Action Man

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

1961: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR became the first team of the century to do the 'Double' winning FA Cup and League Division 1 Title. They also won the cup in 1962 and 1967

The Football World Cup is won by ENGLAND

Tennis: 1969 Wimbledon Champions were ROD LAVER & ANN JONES
LAVER became the first man to win all 4 Tennis Grand Slam tournaments

Golf: 1965: PETER THOMPSON: won the last of his five British Open Golf Championships:
1969: TONY JACKLIN became the first british winner since 1951

County Cricket:
YORKSHIRE were 6 times champions with WORCESTERSHIRE claiming two titles and HAMPSHIRE winning in 1961 and GLAMORGAN in 1969

Boxing: CASSIUS CLAY beat Sonny Liston to become boxing world heavyweight champion

Rugby: 5 Nations
FRANCE took 5 titles and WALES 4, each sharing one

ENTERTAINMENT

1960: Psycho, La Dolce Vita 1961: 101 Dalmations, The Guns of Naverone 1962: Doctor. No, Sparticus 1963: The Great Escape 1964: Doctor Strangelove 1965: Doctor Zhivago 1966: Georgy Girl 1967: The Graduate, Jungle Book 1968: Oliver 1969: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid

IN THE CHARTS ...

Top Artists: Elvis Presley, The Beatles, Tom Jones, Cilla Black, Frank Ifield, Adam Faith, Lonnie Donegan, Eddie Cochran, Cliff Richard and the Shadows, Ricky Valance, Roy Orbison, Petula Clark, Del Shannon, Helen Shapiro, Shirley Bassey, Gerry and the Pacemakers, The Searchers, Brian Poole and the Tremolos, The Beach Boys, The Hollies, The Moody Blues, The Rolling Stones, The Who, The Animals, Manfred Mann, Herman's Hermits, Sandie Shaw, The Supremes, The Kinks, Sony and Cher, Dusty Springfield, The Seekers, The Four Tops, The Monkees, Engelburt Humperdinck.

Top Hits: 1960: It's Now or Never 1961: Wooden Heart 1962: I Remember You. 1963: She Loves You 1964: Can't Buy Me Love 1965: Tears 1966: Green, Green Grass of Home 1967: Release Me 1968: Hey Jude 1969: Sugar Sugar

OSCAR WINNERS:

1960: Charlton Heston, Simone Signoret 1961: Burt Lancaster, Elizabeth Taylor 1962: Maximillian Schell, Sophia Loren 1963: Gregory Peck, Anne Bancroft 1964: Sydney Poitier, Patricia Neal 1965: Rex Harrison, Julie Andrews 1966: Lee Marvin, Julie Christie 1967: Paul Scofield, Elizabeth Taylor 1968: Rod Steiger, Katharine Hepburn 1969: Cliff Robertson, Barbra Streisand

ON TV:

- The Avengers • Robinson Crusoe
- Coronation Street • The Army Game
- World in Action • Doctor Who • Points of View
- That Was The Week That Was • Crackerjack
- Steptoe and Son • Match of the Day
- The Dick Emery Show • Crane • Songs of Praise • Z-Cars • Animal Magic • Horizon
- Dixon of Dock Green • The Prisoner
- The Cilla Black Show • Star Trek • The Saint
- Hancock's Half Hour • Animal Magic
- Doctor Finlay's Casebook • Dad's Army
- 'Till Death us Do Part • Blue Peter

WHO WE LOST: *1960: Albert Camus, Clarke Gable 1961: Ernest Hemmingway, Gary Cooper 1962: Marilyn Monroe 1963: C.S. Lewis 1964: Ian Flemming 1965: Nat King Cole 1966: Walt Disney 1967: Brian Epstein, Che Guevara 1968: Enid Blyton, Martin Luther King 1969: Rocky Marciano, Judy Garland*