Back in The 2000s

IN THE NEWS

2000: The Millennium Dome opened provisionally for one year. The century also starts with the 'millennium bug' – a cyber threat to world technology that proved to be futile!

2001: The twin towers of the World Trade Centre in New York fell to the ground when two hijacked planes were flown into them on September 11th. The world's worst terrorist attack claimed nearly 3,000 lives.

2002: Queen Elizabeth II celebrated 50 years on the throne. The Queen mother and her sister Princess Margaret also died this year.

2003: The Space Shuttle disaster happened on 1st February when the craft disintegrated upon re-entry killing all seven astronauts on board.

The highest temperature ever recorded was taken at Faversham in Kent at 101.3˚F, 38.5˚C. In France, temperatures soared as high as 111.4˚F, 44.1˚C and contributed directly to the death of an estimated 15,000 people.

2004: A Tsunami in the Indian Ocean on Boxing day caused mass devastation and thousands lost their lives including 150 Britons.

The Millennium Stadium in Cardiff was opened in November.

2005: Hurricane Katrina struck the US state of Louisiana. 80% of the city of New Orleans was flooded and 1600 perished.

The London bombings shook the transport network. A bus and an underground station were hit.

2006: Google purchased YouTube for US $1.65 billion in stock.

Twitter was launched in San Francisco.

2007: British troops withdrew from Basra in Iraq.

The New Wembley Stadium was completed.

Princes William and Harry organised a charity concert as a tribute to their mother on the tenth anniversary of her death.

2008: Missing schoolgirl Shannon Matthews is found alive, her mother Karen is later arrested for her kidnap.

Heather Mills filed a £24.3 million divorce case against her estranged husband Sir Paul McCartney, but lost her case.

London got a new Lord Mayor, Boris Johnson.

2009: Michael Jackson died on June 25th. He was the most successful entertainer/pop star of the modern era.

Britain's largest ever haul of Anglo-Saxon treasure was found by a metal detectorist in Staffordshire.

UK Prime Ministers:
Tony Blair: 1997-2007
Gordon Brown: 2007 - 2010

US Presidents:
Bill Clinton: 1993 - 2001
George W. Bush: 2001 - 2008
Barack Obama: 2009 - 2017

World Population:
2003: 6.353 Billion, 2008: 6.758 Billion

UK Population:
2003: 59.5 Million, 2008: 61.57 Million

AVERAGE COST

	2003	2008
House	£117,200	£153,100
Yearly income	£18,525	£23,070
New Car	£13,250	£15,800
Gallon of fuel	£3.52	£5.39
Potatoes (2,5kg)	£1.45	£1.65
Loaf of bread	£0.84	£1.21
Pint of milk	£0.36	£0.38
Postage Stamp	£0.28	£0.36

Most Popular Baby Names
GRACE, ISABELLE, OLIVIA, JACK & OLIVER

INNOVATION

2000: The TV reality show, Big Brother, Google Adwords 2001: iPod, Wikipedia, Xbox, iTunes 2003: Camera phone Hand-held water purifier 2004: Facebook, G-mail, Skype, HD TV s 2005: Xbox 360, 2006: Twitter, E-book reader Google Drive, Blue-ray, Nintendo Wii 2007: iPhone, Amazon Kindle 2008: USB 3.0, Android OS 2009: AIDS Vaccine, 3D Camera, electric eye

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

MANCHESTER UNITED WON 6 Premier League titles, CHELSEA won 2, and Arsenal the other in 2002. CHELSEA and ARSENAL won the cup 3 times each.

Rugby: ENGLAND won the World Cup in 2003. They also took 4 Six Nations titles

Athletics: KELLY HOLMES became the first female double Olympic champion in 2004 in Athens winning Gold at 800m and 1500m

USAIN BOLT set a World record for the 100m in the 2008 Olympics running 9.69

Other Olympic Gold winners: DENISE LEWIS, CHRIS HOY, JONATHAN EDWARDS, STEVE REDGRAVE, MATTHEW PINCENT, BRADLEY WIGGINS

Golf: TIGER WOODS won 4 British Open titles and 2 US Masters and 4 other majors during the decade. PÁDRAIG HARRINGTON won the Open in 2007 and 2008

Motor Racing: MICHAEL SCHUMACHER won 5 FI titles in a row. LEWIS HAMILTON won the first of his many titles in 2008

County Cricket: SURREY(2), DURHAM (2), and SUSSEX (3) were the most dominant sides

Tennis: ROGER FEDERER dominated Wimbledon with Rafael Nadal a close second. The WILLIAMS sisters VENUS and SERENA took every title except two.

ENTERTAINMENT

2000: Toy Story 2, X-Men
2001: Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone
2002: Spider-Man 2003: The Matrix Reloaded
2004: Lord of the Rings: Return of the Ring
2005: Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith
2006: The Da Vinci Code 2007: The Simpsons Movie
2008: Quantum of Solace 2009: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

IN THE CHARTS …

Top Artists: Westlife, Manic Street Preachers, All Saints, Oasis, Britney Spears, Geri Halliwell, Craig David, Billie Piper, Eminem, Ronan Keating, Robbie Williams, U2, Steps, Destiny's Child, Jennifer Lopez, Dido, Atomic Kitten, Hear' Say, S Club 7, Shaggy, Christina Aguilera, James Blunt, Blue, Keane, Sugababes, Pink, Will Young, Girls Aloud, Lady Gaga, Beyoncé, Elton John, McFly, Akon, Stereophonics, Pussycat Dolls, Arctic Monkeys, Lily Allen, Justin Timberlake, Scissor Sisters, Shakira, Take That, Rihanna, Coldplay, Katie Perry, Kings of Leon,

Top Hits: 2000: Pure Shores, Can We Fix It? 2001: It Wasn't Me 2002: Evergreen, Hero 2003: Where is the Love 2004: Do They Know It's Christmas? 2005: Is This the Way to Amarillo?, You're Beautiful 2006: Crazy 2007: Bleeding Love, Shine 2008: Hallelujah, The Promise 2009: Poker Face

OSCAR WINNERS:

2000: Kevin Spacey, Hilary Swank 2001: Julia Roberts, Russell Crowe 2002: Halle Berry, Denzil Washington 2003: Nicole Kidman, Adrien Brody 2004: Charlize Theron, Sean Penn 2005: Jamie Foxx, Hilary Swank 2006: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Reese Witherspoon 2007: Forest Whitaker, Helen Mirren 2008: Daniel Day-Lewis: Marion Cotillard 2009: Sean Penn, Kate Winslet.

ON TV: Big Brother, Have I Got News For You, Foyle's War, Top Gear, Ground Force Spooks, The Simpsons, The Apprentice I'm A Celebrity Get Me out of Here, 24, 60 Minute Makeover, Jonathan Creek, Strictly Come Dancing, Chuckle Vision, The Teletubbies, The Office, The Royle Family, The Catherine Tate Show, The League of Gentlemen, Doctor Who, The Thick of it, 8 Out of 10 Cats, Life on Mars, Britain's Got Talent, Gavin & Stacey, The Wire, Scrubs,

WHO WE LOST: *2000: Alec Guinness, John Gielgud 2001: Jack Lemmon 2002: James Coburn, Dudley Moore 2003: Charles Bronson 2004: Ronald Reagan, Ray Charles 2005: Pope John Paul II 2006: Steve Irwin, Saddam Hussein 2007: Deborah Kerr, Luciano Pavarotti 2008: Sir Edmund Hillary 2009: Michael Jackson, Patrick Swayze*