Back in The 1970s

IN THE NEWS

1970: 'Houston, we've had a problem', the Apollo 13 mission narrowly missed ending in disaster.

Concorde made its first supersonic flight at over 700 mph.

1971: Decimalisation, the switch over to decimal currency took place in February.

The Ibrox Park Football stadium disaster happened on January 2nd when a stairway collapsed. 66 fans lost their lives.

1972: The Miner's strike began in Britain when on January 5th the National Executive Committee of the NUM rejected a pay rise offer from the Coal Board. Electricity supplies ran low, and lengthy power cuts became the norm throughout January and February.

1973: Inflation ran at 8.4% in Britain and 6.16% in the US causing problems in every aspect of people's lives.

Strikes continued in Britain and the Conservative Government introduced a 3-day week right at the end of the year whereby commercial electricity consumption would be limited. This lasted for several weeks.

1974: Richard Nixon becomes the first US President forced to resign after the Watergate Scandal in August, relating to illegal activities by the Democrat party.

1975: The Vietnam war ends as communist forces took Saigon and South Vietnam surrendered.

1976: It's official! it's the hottest summer on record. From 23rd June to 27th August the temperatures caused a nationwide drought. The record temperature of 35.9º C was recorded at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire on July 3rd.

The Apple company is launched by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.

1977: Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her Silver Jubilee. Street parties took place throughout the country.

On 16th August Elvis Presley, 'The King of Rock and Roll' was found dead at his mansion *Graceland* in Memphis, Tennessee.

1978: Louise Brown became the world's first test-tube baby born in Oldham.

1979: Margaret Thatcher became Britain's first female Prime Minister.

On 22nd January public sector workers went on strike. It became the largest since 1926 and many basic services came to a standstill. The 'winter of discontent' had made its mark.

UK Prime Ministers:
Harold Wilson 1963 - 1970,1974 -1976
Edward Heath: 1970 -1974
James Callaghan 1976 - 1979
Margaret Thatcher 1979 - 1990

US Presidents:
Richard Nixon -1969 -1974
Gerald Ford: 1974 -1977
Jimmy Carter: 1977 -1981

World Population:
1973: 3.912 Billion 1978: 4.282 Billion

UK Population:
1973: 56.16 Million 1978: 56.18 Million

AVERAGE COST

	1973	1978
House	£8,367	£14,314
Yearly income	£1,539	£3,269
New Car	£1,340	£2,760
Gallon of fuel	£0.45	£0.78
Potatoes (2.5kg)	£0.13	£0.33
Loaf of bread	£0.11	£0.28
Pint of milk	£0.05	£0.13
Postage Stamp	£0.04	£0.09

Most Popular Baby Names
SARAH, CLAIRE, JAMES & PAUL

INNOVATION

1972 First handheld calculator, First original form of TASER 1974 First basic word processor, First UPC (universal product code) Barcode, 1975 Motorolla get patent for first portable mobile phone, First digital camera, Sony - Betamax recorder 1976 Apple 1 computer, Floppy Disk, First ink-jet printer 1977 Concord makes its first commercial flight, 1979 Sony Walkman, intel 8088 - frst modem

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

LIVERPOOL were the dominant team taking 5 titles and making 3 Cup finals, winning in 1974.

LEEDS UNITED were the 'nearly' men winning the cup in 1972 but suffering at the hands of SUNDERLAND in 1973 - the first second division team to win the F.A. Cup! DERBY COUNTY, under Brian Clough, won two First Division titles in 1972 and 1974

By the end of the decade, Brian Clough had moved to NOTTINGHAM FOREST and taken them to not only the league title but European Cup Winners in 1979

Tennis: 1976-1980 BJORN BORG began his domination of Wimbledon winning 5 titles in a row

Golf: 1975: TOM WATSON: won the first of his five British Open Golf Championships: Runner-up in 1976 was 19-year-old Severiano Ballesteros who went on to win in 1979

Boxing: October 1974: MOHAMMED ALI beat George Foreman in '*The Rumble in the Jungle*' and a few months later early in 1975 beat Joe Frazier in '*The Thriller in Manilla*' to cement his reputation as 'The Greatest'

Athletics: STEVE OVETT and SEBASTIAN COE began their middle-distance rivalry, between them breaking and setting 8 world records for 800m and 1500m

ENTERTAINMENT

1970: The Railway Children 1971: A Clockwork Orange 1972: The Poseidon Adventure 1973: The Exorcist 1974: Swallows and Amazons, The Godfather Part II 1975: Murder on the Orient Express 1976 The Eagle has Landed 1977: Star Wars A New Hope (Ep. IV), Saturday Night Fever 1978: Grease 1979: Escape from Alcatraz

IN THE CHARTS ...

Top Artists: Simon & Garfunkel, Edison Lighthouse, Mungo Jerry, T-Rex, Mud, Slade, Diana Ross, Rod Stewart, Paul McCartney and Wings, George Harrison, Stevie Wonder, Abba, Blondie, David Essex, David Bowie, The Osmonds, Donny Osmond, The New Seekers, Alice Cooper, Gilbert O'Sullivan, Harry Nilsson, Queen, Deep Purple, Mike Oldfield, Kate Bush, Electric Light Orchestra, Pink Floyd, The Sweet, Wizzard, Alvin Stardust, The Three Degrees, Boney M, Status Quo, Barry White, Barry Manilow, The Bay City Rollers, The Real Thing, Showaddywaddy, The Bee Gees, The Boomtown Rats, The Police, Gary Numan, Gloria Gaynor

Top Hits: 1970: Bridge Over Troubled Water 1971: My Sweet Lord 1972: I'd Like to Teach the World To Sing 1973: Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree 1974: Tiger Feet 1975: Bye, Bye, Baby 1976: Save Your Kisses for Me 1977: Mull of Kintyre 1978: Rivers of Babylon 1979: Bright Eyes

OSCAR WINNERS: 1970: John Wayne, Maggie Smith 1971: George C. Scott, Glenda Jackson 1972: Gene Hackman, Jane Fonda: 1973: Liza Minnelli, Marlon Brando 1974: Jack Lemon, Glenda Jackson 1975: Art Carney, Ellen Burstyn 1976: Jack Nicholson, Louise Fletcher 1977: Peter Finch, Faye Dunaway 1978: Richards Dreyfuss, Diane Keaton 1979: Jon Voight, Jane Fonda

ON TV: • Crackerjack • The Old Grey Whistle Test • Rising Damp • Star Trek • Top of The Pops • Man About The House • The Goodies • Morcombe & Wise • The Generation Game • Blue Peter • Dad's Army • The Good Life • Are You Being Served? • Magpie • Coronation Street • The Sweeney • The Two Ronnies • Z Cars • Doctor Who • George and Mildred • Charlie's Angels • This is Your Life • Sale of the Century • All Creatures Great and Small • Softly, Softly • Secret Army • The Six Million Dollar Man • Upstairs, Downstairs • Grange Hill • To the Manor Born • Dixon of Dock Green • Starsky & Hutch • Blake's 7 • Pennies from Heaven • Strangers • Butterflies • The Mike Yarwood Show

WHO WE LOST: 1970: Jimmy Hendrix, Sonny Liston 1971: Jim Morrison 1972: J Edgar Hoover, Edward VIII 1973: Pablo Picasso 1974: Duke Ellington 1975: Susan Hayward, P.G. Wodehouse 1976: Agatha Christie, Howard Hughes 1977: Elvis Presley, 1978: Adolf Dassler, Pope John Paul I 1979: John Wayne, Gracie Fields