Back in The 1990s

IN THE NEWS

1990: Margaret Thatcher announced her resignation as the UK Prime Minister. Nelson Mandela was released from a South African jail after 27 years of imprisonment.

The Hubble space telescope was launched during the space shuttle Discovery mission.

Germany broke the hearts of English football fans by beating them on penalties in the World Cup semi-final.

1991: Operation *Desert Storm* liberated Kuwait in the Gulf war.

1992: Bosnia Herzegovina declared independence. A three-year war followed between Muslims, Serbs and Croats.

Fire damages a major part of Windsor Castle.

1993: The Maastricht Treaty was signed on 7th February, formally establishing The European Union. China broke the international nuclear test moratorium.

1994: OJ Simpson stood trial for murder. Nelson Mandela became president of South Africa.
The Channel Tunnel opened linking France and England.

1995: Footballer Eric Cantona was banned after an attack on a fan during a game.

Riots broke out in Brixton.

The death toll reaches 2000 in a massacre in Rwanda.

1996: The biggest British band of the decade *Take That* announced they were splitting … while the biggest Girl Band, *The Spice Girls* had their first number 1 hit with *Wannabe.*

1997: Princess Diana of Wales dies in a car crash on August 31st in Paris, France, while being chased by the Paparazzi.

J.K. Rowling's first book of the Harry Potter series is published by Bloomsbury: *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.*

Hong Kong is handed back to China after 156 years of rule by the British government.

1998: A bomb exploded in Omagh, Northern Ireland killing 29.

1999: August 11th, a total eclipse of the sun is seen all over Britain, the first in 72 years.
The number of internet users worldwide passes 150 million.

UK Prime Minister:
Margaret Thatcher: 1979 -1990
John Major: 1990-1997
Tony Blair: 1997-2007

US Presidents:
George H.W. Bush 1989 - 1993
Bill Clinton: 1993 - 2001

World Population:
1993: 5.538 Billion
1998: 5.954 Billion

UK Population:
1993: 57.65 Million
1998: 58.39 Million

AVERAGE COST

	1993	1998
House	£22,520	£37,433
Yearly income	£6,587	£8,853
New Car	£5,120	£8,170
Gallon of fuel	£1.28	£1.70
Bacon, 400g	£1.30	£1.68
Loaf of bread	£0.44	£0.49
Pint of milk	£0.22	£0.26
Postage Stamp	£0.16	£0.19

Most Popular Baby Names
REBECCA, LAUREN, JAMES & THOMAS

INNOVATION

1990: The first in-car satellite navigation 1993: Mosaic, the first ever web browser. world wide web (www.) available to the public: 1994: First Satelite TV service, Amazon, Nokia release first affordable cell phone 1995: Nintendo 64 1997: DVD Player 1998: Google, MP3 1999: Flash drives, My Space social media platform, Blackberry

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

1990 GERMANY won the FIFA World Cup: Italia'90 LIVERPOOL won their 18th First Division League title,

1992: LEEDS UTD won last ever Football Division 1 title

1996: ENGLAND are defeated on penalties by eventual winners Germany in the European Championship semi-final played on home soil

MANCHESTER UNITED, the most dominant team of the decade completed the football treble of League, FA Cup and European Champions League title in 1999

Rugby: ENGLAND achieved theTriple Grand Slam in the 5-Nations, 1991, 1992, 1995

Golf: NICK FALDO's: British Open golf titles in 1987,**1990** and **1992** make him the most successful English golfer of the modern era. 1997: TIGER WOODS wins the US Masters by 12 shots at the age of 21, the first of 14 Majors over the coming decade

Athletics: JONATHAN EDWARDS set a staggering world Triple jump record: 18.29m that still stands 27 years later!

Olympic Gold Medalists of the decade: Tanni Grey-Thompson, Linford Christie, Sally Gunnell, Chris Boardman, Matthew Pinsent, Steve Redgrave, and Denise Lewis

Tennis: 1999: SERENA WILLIAMS storms into the Tennis world with the first of her 22 Grand Slam wins

ENTERTAINMENT

1990: Ghost 1991: Robin Hood Prince of Thieves 1992: Basic Instinct 1993: Jurassic Park 1994: Four Weddings and A Funeral 1995: Batman Forever
1996: Independence Day 1997: The Full Monty 1998: Titanic 1999: The World is Not Enough

IN THE CHARTS …

Top Artists: Sinead O'Connor, Kylie Minogue, Madonna, Elton John, Cher, The Beautiful South, Michael Jackson, Bryan Adams, Right said Fred, Shakespeare Sister, Whitney Houston, George Michael, UB40, Gabrielle, Meat Loaf, Take That, Prince, Mariah Carey, East 17, Celine Dion, Oasis, Blur, Shaggy, The Spice Girls, Boyzone, Westlife, Hanson, U2, The Verve, All Saints, Aqua, Robbie Williams, Steps, Fatboy Slim, Britney Spears, Venga Boys, Christine Aguilera, The Backstreet Boys, Janet Jackson The Cranberries, Shania Twain, New Order, Stereophonics, Supergrass, The Corrs, Phil Collins, Aerosmith, Lisa Stansfield, Belinda Carlisle, Sting, Texas, James, Tina Turner, Erasure, Diana Ross, Gloria Estefan, Bon Jovi, Simply Red, Wet Wet Wet, R.E.M. Manic Street Preachers.

Top Hits: 1990: Nothing Compares 2 U 1991: Everything I Do I Do It for You 1992: I Will Always Love You 1993: I Would Do Anything For Love 1994: Love is All Around 1995: Unchained Melody 1996: Wannabe, The Three Lions 1997: Candle in The wind (English Rose) 1998: Believe 1999: Baby One More Time,

OSCAR WINNERS:

1990: Daniel Day-Lewis, Jessica Tandy 1991: Jeremy Irons, Kathy Bates 1992: Anthony Hopkins, Jodie Foster 1993: Al Pacino, Emma Thompson 1994: Tom Hanks, Holly Hunter 1995: Tom Hanks, Jessica Lange 1996: Nicolas Cage, Susan Sarandon 1997: Geoffrey Rush, Frances McDormand 1998: Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt 1999: Roberto Begnini, Gwyneth Paltrow

ON TV: • Who Wants to be A Millionaire • Only Fools and Horses • Gladiators • You've Been Framed • Prime Suspect • Midsommer Murders • Jonathan Creek • Heartbeat • Miss Marple • London's Burning • Casualty • Postman Pat • Emmerdale • One Foot in the Grave • EastEnders • Last of the Summer Wine • Mr Bean

WHO WE LOST: *1990: Roald Dahl 1991: Freddie Mercury 1992: Isaac Asimov 1993: Vincent Price, Audrey Hepburn 1994: Peter Cushing 1995: Dean Martin, Ginger Rogers 1996: Ella Fitzgerald, Gene Kelley 1997: Princess Diana, Mother Theresa 1998: Frank Sinatra 1999: Stanley Kubrick,*