



1972

16th February– Miners’ strike in London cause ‘blackouts’

Being a miner meant that you worked long days, in dangerous conditions, collecting coal or oil used to power homes and cars. Because of poor pay and working conditions, workers set up protests called ‘strikes’ and shortages of power resulted. ‘Blackouts’ (power cuts where lights and other electrical items are turned off) were very common. This would often affect homes, businesses and even schools.

Did you know?

Platform shoes such as these were very fashionable for both men and women.

1973

1st January- Britain joins the Common Market (EEC)

Find more information about this event using the internet?

1977

7th June– Queen celebrates Silver Jubilee

The Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II marked the 25th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne. The event officially took place in June, but celebrations continued throughout the year. The occasion was celebrated with huge parties and parades across the country.

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13th March– First Teen election

Can you find more information about this event using the internet?



1970



1979

1971

15th February – Decimalisation was introduced

For centuries, Britain relied on a coinage system of pounds, shillings and pence. Twelve pennies made a shilling, and 20 shillings a pound. On 15th February (Decimal Day -known to the public), the changeover was made to the system we use today - pounds and pence.



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18th September– Ugandan refugee s welcomed to Britain

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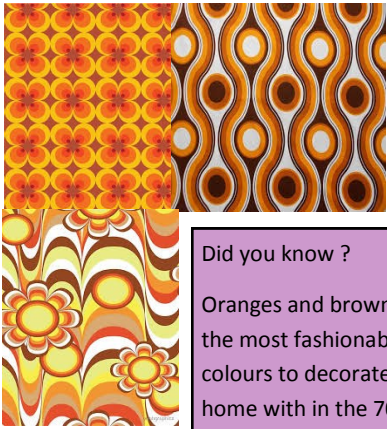
27th December– Star Wars premier in London

Star Wars first premiered in London two days after Christmas day. A film series that continued throughout the decades to modern day.



Did you know ?

Toys such as me, the space hopper, Chopper bikes and Star Wars figures were very popular in the 70s



Did you know ?

Oranges and browns were the most fashionable colours to decorate your home with in the 70s. Bright bold patterns were everywhere!

The Seventies

The 70s was an iconic decade which saw many changes and is therefore a fascinating period of history to learn about. There were major developments in technology, transformations in styles of fashion and music, and, of course, a lot of political upheaval. The ability to speak to people, who were children in the 70s, gives us a very interesting insight into life at this time.



Did you know ?

The microwave oven was first sold for domestic use in 1974.

accession	reaching a rank or position of power. This term is often used when a person becomes king or queen
convenience food	foods which were pre-prepared and did not need much preparation became very popular in the 70s, especially foods in tins and packets
flares	a style of trousers that become wider from the knees downward
Margaret Thatcher	the first British female Prime Minister, who came into office in 1979. She was known as the 'Iron Lady' for her strong leadership and views that were sometimes controversial (not always liked by some)
perm	treatment of the hair to give it long-lasting waves or curls –this hairstyle was particularly fashionable in the 70s
platform shoes	shoes of any type (trainers, heels or sandals) which have a very thick sole
pop art	a style of art which was very popular in the 70s. Simple, bold images of everyday objects were used and painted in bright colours
record	a round, flat piece of black plastic on which sound, especially music, is stored. These were sometimes called vinyls or LPs
record player	a machine on which a record can be played in order to listen to music