

# Where were you when these notable events took place?

## In The Railway?

### January 1970

- 1 January
  - The age of majority for most legal purposes was reduced from 21 to 18 under terms of the Family Law Reform Act 1969.
  - The half crown coin ceased to be legal tender.
  - The National Westminster Bank began trading following merger of National Provincial Bank and Westminster Bank.
  - Control of London Transport passed from the London Transport Board (reporting to the Minister of Transport) to the London Transport Executive of the Greater London Council, except for country area (green) buses which passed to London Country Bus Services, a subsidiary of the National Bus Company.
  - Estreham Venture Scout Unit merged with Livingstone Venture Scout Unit to form the Estreham Livingstone Venture Scout Unit, later to be renamed Streatham Venture Scout Unit.



- 20 January – The Greater London Council announces its plans for the Thames Barrier at Woolwich to prevent flooding (the barrier opens in 1981).
- 22 January – A Boeing 747 landed at Heathrow Airport, the first jumbo jet to land in Britain

### The Rest of 1970

- 19 February – Prince Charles joined the Royal Navy
- 2 March – Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith declared Rhodesia a republic
- 10 April – Paul McCartney announces that he has left the Beatles
- 17 June – British Leyland launched its luxury Range Rover
- 21 July – The Aswan High Dam in Egypt is completed.
- 31 July - The last issue of grog in the Royal Navy was distributed. The day became known as Black Tot Day.
- 19 September – The first Glastonbury Festival was held, as the Worthy Farm Pop Festival. Tyrannosaurus Rex headlined and about 1500 attended.
- 19 October – British Petroleum discovered a large oil field in the North Sea
- 8 November – The British comedy television series, *The Goodies* debuts on BBC Two.
- 17 November – The first Page Three girl appeared in *The Sun*
- 20 November – The ten shilling note ceased to be legal tender
- Nijinsky became the first horse for 35 years to win the English Triple Crown by winning the Epsom Derby, 2,000 Guineas and St Leger.
- Germaine Greer's book *The Female Eunuch* is published

## Who were the WINNERS in 1970?

- **FA Cup** - Chelsea
- **FIFA World Cup** - Brazil
- **County Cricket Championship** – Kent
- **Bundesliga** (West Germany) – Borussia Monchengladbach
- **Eurovision** – Dana (Ireland) with “All Kinds of Everything”
- **Augusta Masters** – Billy Casper
- **British Open Golf** – Jack Nicklaus
- **Boat Race** – Cambridge (who also won the women’s race)
- **World Series** – Baltimore Orioles
- **US Open** – Tony Jacklin
- **Football League** – Everton
- **Stanley Cup** – Boston Bruins
- **Time Magazine’s Man of the Year** – Willy Brandt
- **Wimbledon** – John Newcombe & Margaret Court
- **Rugby League Challenge Cup** – Castleford
- **NFL** – Baltimore Colts
- **Tour de France** - Eddy Merckx
- **Five Nations Rugby** – France & Wales (joint)
- **NBA** – New York Knicks
- **La Liga (Spain)** – Atletico Madrid

## People who Departed in 1970

- Jimi Hendrix b1942
- Janis Joplin b1943
- Charles de Gaulle b1890
- Sonny Liston b1932
- Bruce McLaren b1937
- Abraham Maslow b1908
- E.M. Forster b1879
- Vince Lombardi b1913
- Sukarno b1901
- Gypsy Rose Lee b1914
- Bertrand Russell b1872
- Gladys Aylward b1902
- Gamel Abdul Nasser b1918

## People who Arrived in 1970

- Matt Damon
- Queen Latifah
- Mariah Carey
- Naomi Campbell (Went to Dunraven Secondary School)
- Minnie Driver
- Matthew Pinsent
- Melania Trump
- Melissa McCarthy
- Tina Fey
- Warwick Davis
- Simon Pegg
- Alan Shearer

## Quotes from 1970

- "It's not easy being green" – Kermit the Frog
- "Love means never having to say you're sorry." – Ali MacGraw in *Love Story*
- "It's the real thing" – Coca-Cola

## AND FINALLY.....

- The World Population was ~ 3,657,000,000
- Samsung originally sold noodles! It wasn't until 1970 that they started selling electronics.
- Elton John charted a Top 40 single every year from 1970 to 1997.
- The BBC's rule against product placement forced the lead singer of the Kinks, Ray Davies, to replace the words "Coca-Cola" with "cherry cola" in the band's 1970 classic song "Lola".