

The Golden Times

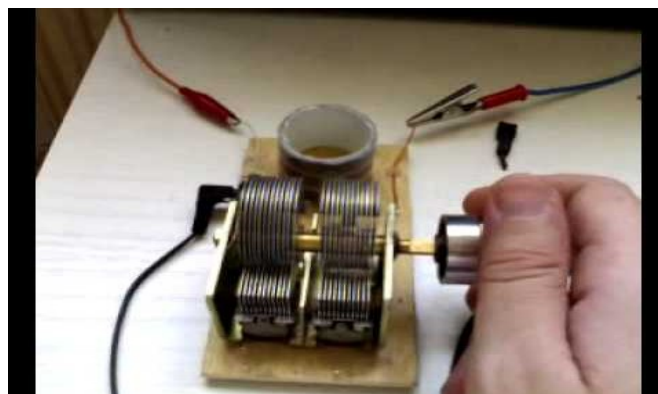
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BACK IN THE DAY...

I remember being a teenager back in the 1960's. My older brother had started work and bought a guitar, boy was I jealous! I had always wanted to learn to play and when he went out I would sneak it out of the cupboard and teach myself to play after tuning into Radio Luxemburg on my homemade crystal set. I had made the crystal set sometime earlier using instructions from a boy's annual. It was made from bits and pieces such as a Gillette razor blade, a piece of board, safety pin, lead out of a pencil, wire, cotton thread, drawing pins and the most important thing a crystal. To receive signals you needed a long wire aerial and headphones. The first song I heard was Walk Don't Run by the Ventures, this was the first song I learnt to play! I later learnt that Prisoners of War also made these to follow the progress of the war.



Modernised Crystal Set

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

17th May 1943 RAF Raid Smashes German Dams

An audacious RAF bombing raid into the industrial heartland of Germany wrecked three dams serving the Ruhr valley. The mission became popularly known as the Dambusters raid. It was one of the most famous air operations of World War II. Casualties for the raid were high. Eight of the original 19 Lancaster bombers were damaged or shot down. The spectacular, daring nature of the raid was a significant boost to British morale. However militarily, it was a failure. Water supply in the Ruhr valley was back to original levels six weeks later.

The aircrew, however, became famous as war heroes, and the leader of the raid, Wing Commander Guy Gibson, was awarded the Victoria Cross. He died less than 18 months later, shot down at the age of 26 in September 1944.



Lancaster Bomber dropping bouncing bomb.

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Back in May 1960 The Everly Brothers were No 1 in the UK Charts for an impressive 7 weeks with their hit 'Cathy's Clown'. The American Duo set British teen's hearts racing with further hits like 'Walk Right Back' and 'All I have to do is dream'!



QUICK MUSIC QUIZ

1. Who Sang 'My Old Man's A Dustman'?
2. 'In the Mood' was a 1940's hit for who's orchestra?
3. How did Heathrob Eddie Cochran Die?
4. In which film did Judy Garland sing 'Somewhere Over The Rainbow' ?

3. Eddie Cochran died in a car crash 4. The Wizard of Oz

Answers: 1. Lonnie Donegan 2. Glenn Miller's Orchestra

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20th May 1965 British Police were issued with Tear Gas for the first time in history.

Britain's police were to be armed with tear gas guns and grenades to be used against armed criminals or dangerous individuals. The gas caused only temporary discomfort with no long-term side-effects. It was the first time British police would be issued with the "non-lethal weapon". It was made clear the chemical would be used only "in dealing with armed criminals or violently insane persons in buildings from which they cannot be dislodged without danger or loss of life". Back then it was envisaged it would be used only "two or three times a year and not for crowd control".

THE WAY WE WERE...

Seeing this picture of Mary Quant and her models brought back many memories. The first ever mini skirts in the 1960's caused such a stir! However they soon became an international trend following the 'Swinging London' of the sixties and were indeed one of the main styles of the decade.



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DO YOU REMEMBER?



Do you remember Robertson's Jam and Marmalade with their famous 'Golliwog' trademark and collectable Golly badges?

Even after much criticism during the 1960's suggesting that using the doll was racist Robertson's continued to use Golly until 2002 when he was officially retired and replaced with Road Dahl character badges to keep up with the times. Many Golly items are still highly collectable...do you have any? What a lovely keepsake to pass on to grandchildren if you do!

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DO YOU REMEMBER THE GREAT BRITISH HOLIDAY?



Ah what lovely memories we have from the traditional British Holidays. Do you remember the likes of Butlins and Pontins? Our dream family summer holiday for so many years. Donkey Rides and Red Coats, Ice Cream and Outdoor Pools! Those were the days. What fun we had!

The first Butlin's holiday camp opened in Skegness on England's east coast 75 years ago, at Easter 1936. It was the beginning of the holiday package concept of paying one price for accommodation, three meals a day and holiday entertainment. Many entertainers started their showbusiness career at the holiday camps. Ringo Starr worked at Butlin's before he joined the Beatles. (Billy Butlin threatened to sack the drummer if he didn't cut his hair.) The first song Paul McCartney sang in public was *Long Tall Sally* in a Butlin's talent competition. In 1936 a week's summer holiday at Butlin's cost £2.12s.6d per son (£2.62)!

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BIRDSEARCH

Find and circle all of the birds that are hidden in the grid.

The words may be hidden in any direction!

BLACKBIRD

BLUE JAY

CARDINAL

CRANE

CROW

DOVE

EAGLE

FALCON

HAWK

MAGPIE

OWL

PELICAN

ROBIN

SEAGULL

SPARROW

SWAN

WOODPECKER

R	O	B	N	N	C	F	R	N	C	L	C	D
E	R	W	L	C	Y	L	A	R	A	D	K	A
D	O	V	E	A	N	A	A	L	N	W	E	L
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C	K	L	A	A	B	M	N	U	R	L	B	A
N	R	O	P	L	I	L	L	W	E	D	K	H
L	L	O	S	I	N	L	G	E	L	G	A	E
C	C	N	W	O	O	D	P	E	C	K	E	R
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N	A	C	I	L	E	P	C	W	A	K	A	E

Good Luck!

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General Knowledge Quiz

1. In which year did the Titanic sink?.....
2. Which American Sex Idol starred in the film 'Some like it Hot'?.....
3. Steffi Graf and Boris Becker are famous for playing which sport?.....
4. Who was Prime Minister when the second World War ended in 1945?.....
5. Crimson and Scarlett are variations of which colour?.....
6. What is Pancake day is officially known as?
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7. John, Paul, George and Ringo make up which famous group?.....
8. If you were to go to a cobbler what would you need fixing?.....

Answers: 1. 1912 2. Marilyn Monroe 3. Tennis 4. Winston Churchill 5. Red
6. Shrove Tuesday 7. The Beatles 8. Your shoes.