

Studying  
Social and  
Cultural  
Change in the  
UK in the  
1970s

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M2 seminar

Evaluation of this module is by research paper (« mini-dossier »)

The research paper will be 1500 - 1700 words in length, in addition to the bibliography and appendices.

The subject must be approved by your teacher.

It must be based on archival research, online or otherwise.

It will be due in early January

**Magazines:** It is often useful to study one particular section over fifteen or twenty issues (the letters section, perhaps, or the editorial section, or the front covers).

Spare Rib, the most influential women's liberation magazine of the 1970s  
<https://archive.org/details/spareribmagazines>

Women's voice, the Marxist women's liberation magazine from the 1970s  
<https://womensvoicearchive.wordpress.com/>

Gay News - every issue from the early 1970s  
<https://gaynewsarchive.co.uk/about-this-project/>

Socialist Worker - weekly Socialist newspaper  
<https://www.marxists.org/history/etol/newspape/sw-gb/index.htm#j70>

The Ecologist, monthly magazine  
<https://www.resurgence.org/magazine/ecologist/issues1970-1979.html>

## **Archives**

[tandana.org](http://tandana.org) : Asian Youth Movement archives

<https://bigflameuk.wordpress.com/about/> The radical Left organization “Big Flame”.

## **Sitcoms**

Any sitcom which has at least ten episodes available on YouTube could be a source for your work. It is important to watch full episodes and not short extracts.

The Good Life

On the Buses

Love Thy Neighbour

Man About the House

## **Other TV programmes.**

Again, one would need at least ten episodes to make a corpus. It is important to watch full episodes and not short extracts.

Top of the Pops

The Old Grey Whistle Test

Upstairs Downstairs





### Back in Time for Brixton 2

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Electric Dreams: 'The 1970s House' The Teasmade & Cortina Car' - A Family Is Taken Back To The 70s

9 796 vues

20 2 PARTAGER ENREGISTRER



Back In Time For The Weekend Ep3 The 70s

6 928 vues

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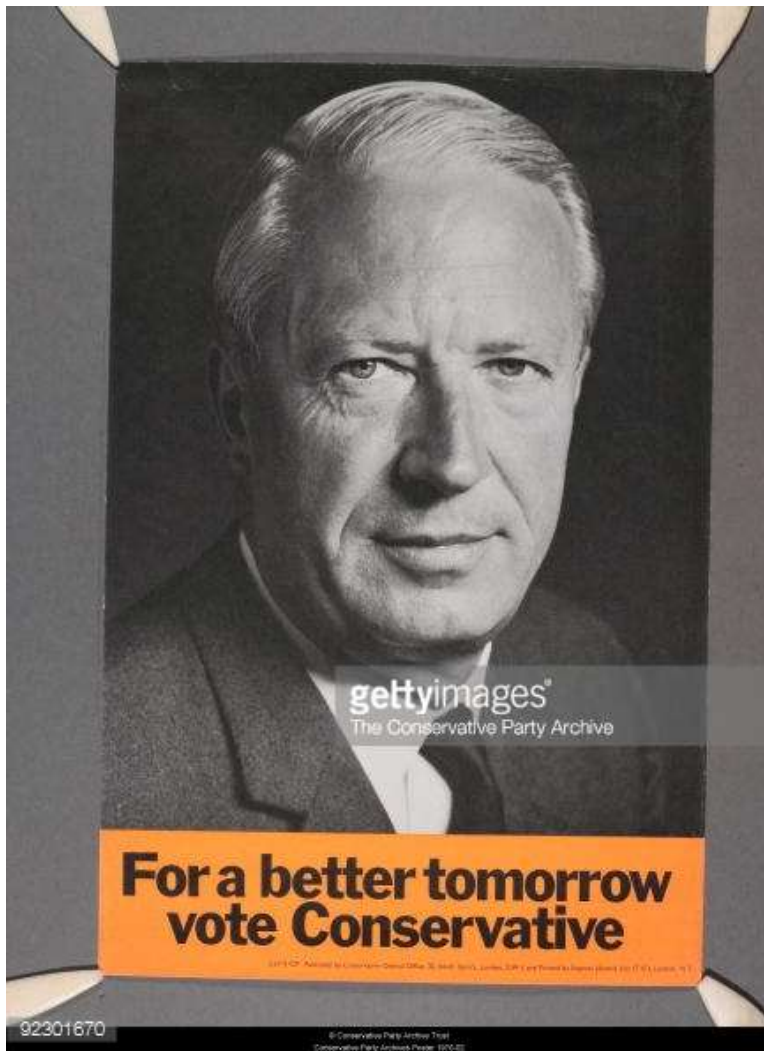
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# Political changes in the 1970s

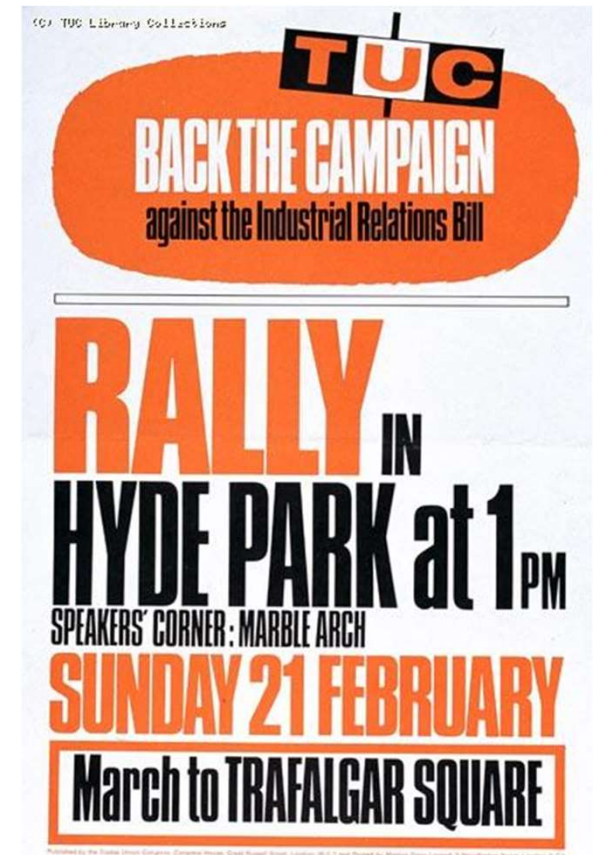
# 1970



South African apartheid and cricket  
Tour cancelled May 1970



1971



Trade union density in the United Kingdom from 1900 to 2000



1972

Saltley Gate coke works February 1972



Bloody Sunday



1974

January to March: the three-day week









Elected leader of Conservative Party, Feb 1975

1975



EEC referendum 1975



Harold Wilson resigns, April 1976



James Callaghan Prime  
minister 1976-1979 (after  
Wilson's second term  
1974-6)

1975 arrival of North Sea oil  
1976 IMF crisis  
1976 Race Relations Act  
1978 Winter of discontent

**Please don't shoot the pianist**

THE SUN is much slimmer than usual again today.

This is due to an acute shortage of newsprint arising from the lorry drivers' strike and is, of course, entirely beyond our control.

Just so that our readers and advertisers know exactly what is going on, we would like to explain one or two further consequences of the strike.

Some readers, for example, have been receiving copies with unusually wide margins.

Some have had copies made up of a number of sheets of differing sizes.

**Sorry**  
This is because, in order to continue publishing as long as we possibly can, we are taking in newspaper from wherever it can be obtained—even if it is not Sun-sized.

We are desperately sorry that the extreme problems have forced us to do this, but we have no alternative.

But we feel that most of you would rather have an irregular newspaper than no newspaper at all.

In the news...



**ROD'S KISS**  
ROCK star Rod Stewart stunned Olivia Newton-John with a kiss—and Revision diplomats with his sex act at a New York concert. See Page 5

In the news...



**NURSE GUILTY**  
NURSE Gwen Peel (above) who claimed she was paid £800 for sex with a wheelchair-bound patient, was yesterday found guilty at Wakefield of stealing the money. See Page 3

In the news...



**RANDALL MARATHON**  
DEREK RANDALL kept Australia's bowlers at bay for 589 minutes in the heat of Sydney to score 150 runs and give England a 162-run lead yesterday. See Page 14

# CRISIS? WHAT CRISIS?

## Rail, lorry, jobs

### chaos—and Jim blames the Press

By WALTER TERRY  
Political Editor  
**SUN - TANNED**  
Premier Jim Callaghan breezed back into Britain yesterday and asked: 'Crisis? What Crisis?'

As the country faced the threat of all-out rail and lorry strikes—a world renowned Arctic weather—he snuffed at calls for a State of Emergency.

He said: 'There is no crisis—but there are always risks.'

But even the threat of thousands being laid off each week for the next few months is not the crisis.

The British Labour Party is now in a state of 'panic'—and the crisis is not the strike.

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1978

. 1979-1997 Conservative government





Social and cultural  
events and changes in  
the UK in the 1970s

In 1970 life expectancy for UK men was 68.7 years, and for women it was 75 years. By 2010, these figures had risen to 77.8 years for men and 81.9 years for women.

Of marriages contracted in 1970, 22% had ended in divorce before the 15th wedding anniversary. Of marriages contracted in 1995, 33% had ended in divorce by the 15th anniversary.



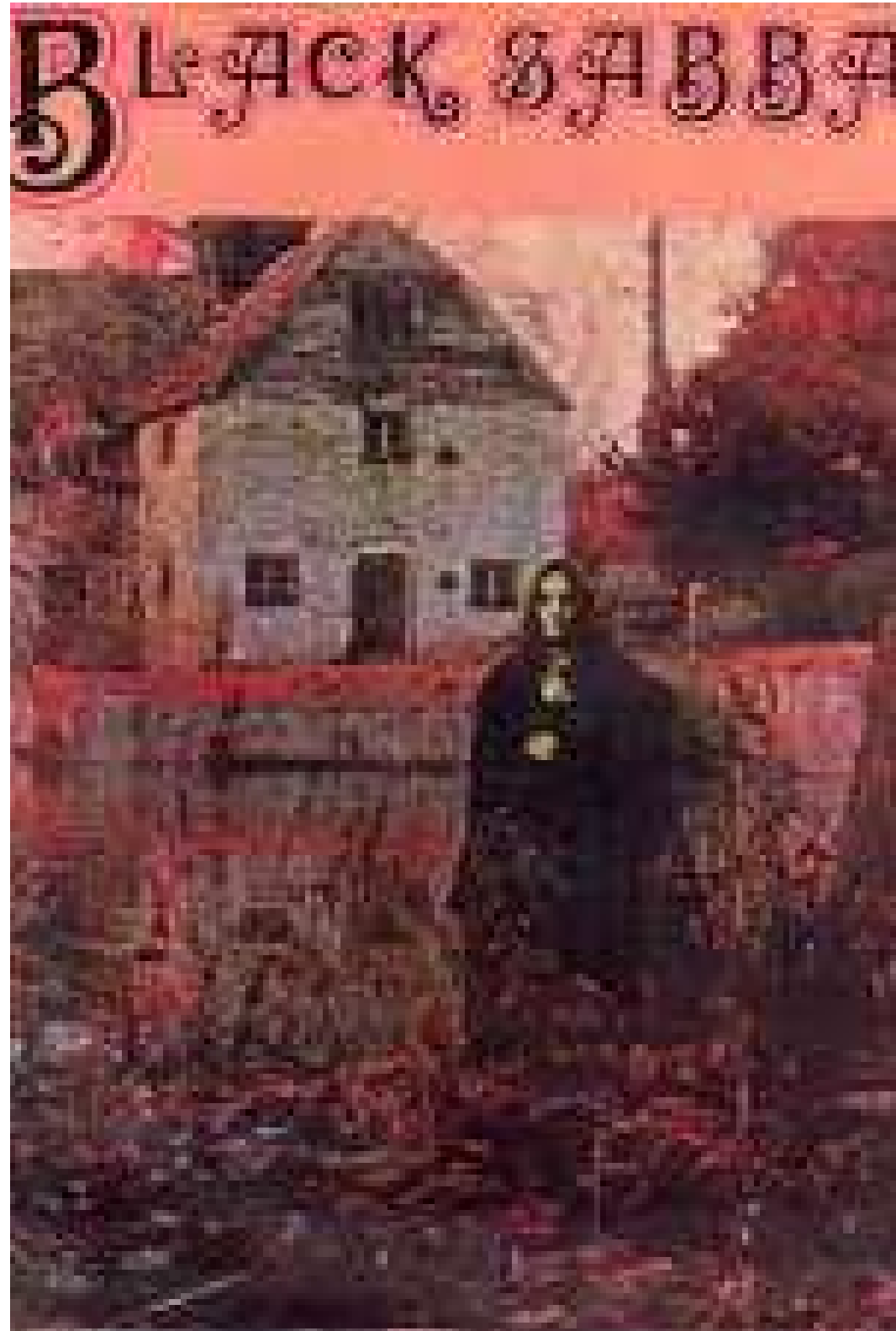
- In 1970, almost half of all households in the UK have a car. (In 2010 85% will )
- In 1970 65% of households own a washing machine . By 1980, 79% will and by 2014 97%.
- In 1970 35% of households have a telephone. By 1980, 72% will.
- In 1970, 30% of households have central heating. By 1980, 59% will and by 2014, 96%.



- Annie Nightingale



- February 1970, Black Sabbath's first album





WOMEN'S WEEKEND  
PROGRAMME

FRIDAY: 8 PM - 10 PM UNION: CONTRIBUTION  
MEXICO (REVIEWS FROM PARLIAMENTS)

SATURDAY: 10:30 - 1 PM UNION:  
"THE SOCIAL ROLE OF WOMEN"

SATURDAY: 2 PM - 6 PM UNION:  
"WOMEN AND THE ECONOMY"

SATURDAY: 8 PM - BUXTON:  
CONTINUATION OF FRIDAY EVENING;  
WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, CIRCUSES

SUNDAY: 10:30 - 1 PM UNION:  
"WOMEN AND REVOLUTION"

SUNDAY: 2 PM - 5 PM BUXTON  
"WHERE ARE WE GOING?"  
(FUTURE ACTIVITIES)

IXth British Commonwealth Games Edinburgh 1970

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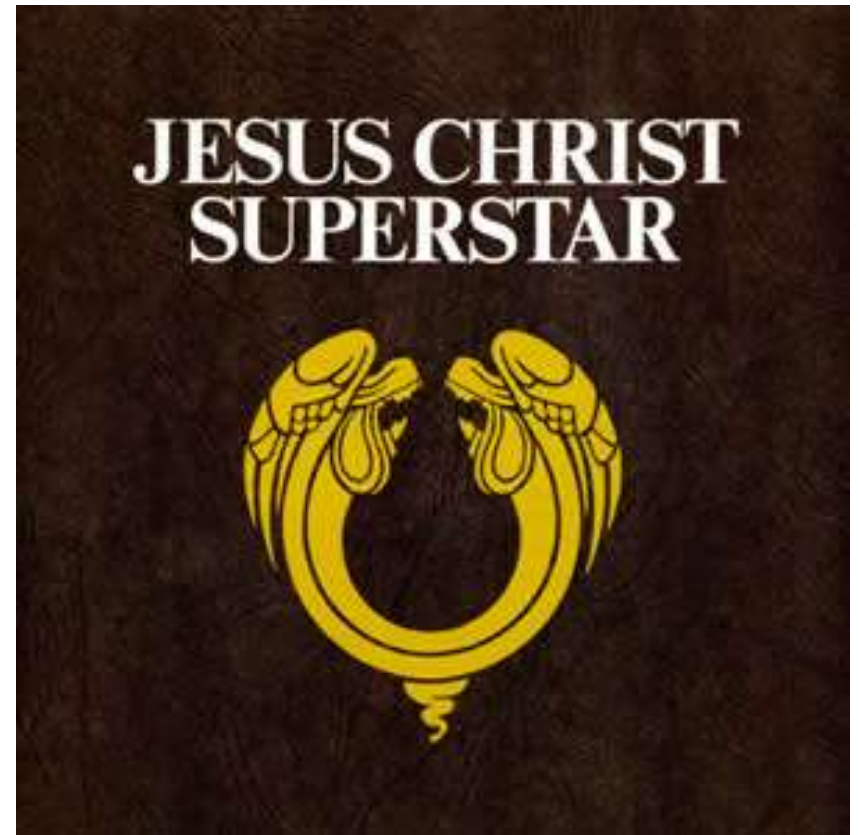






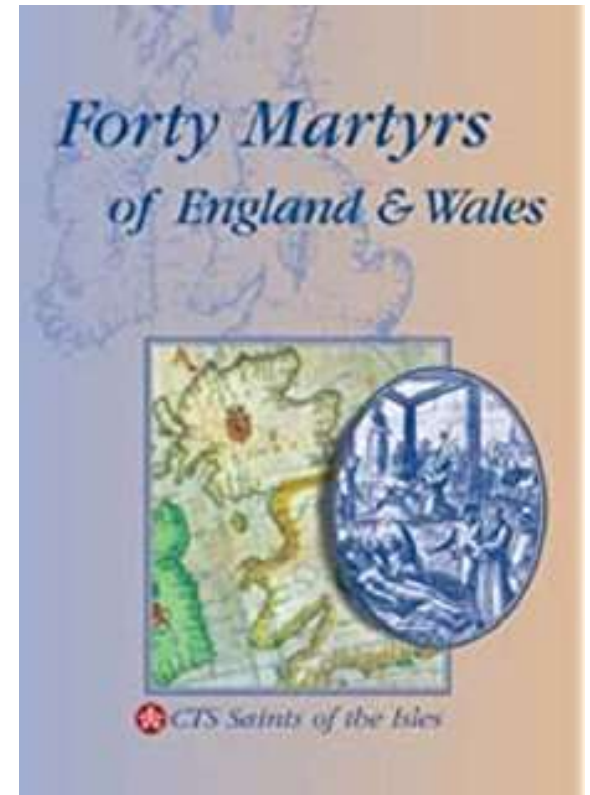
# September 1970, album released

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- October 1970. Pope Paul VI canonized the « forty martyrs » of England and Wales,



Gay Liberation  
Front organized  
first London  
demonstration  
(Photo from two  
years later in  
1972)

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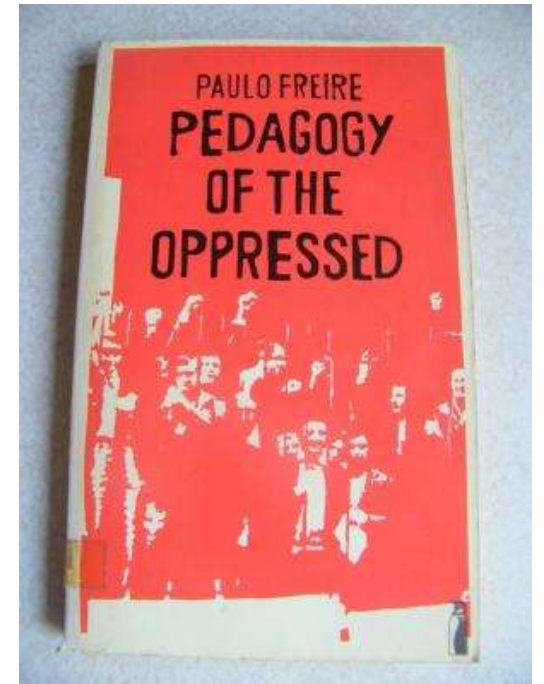
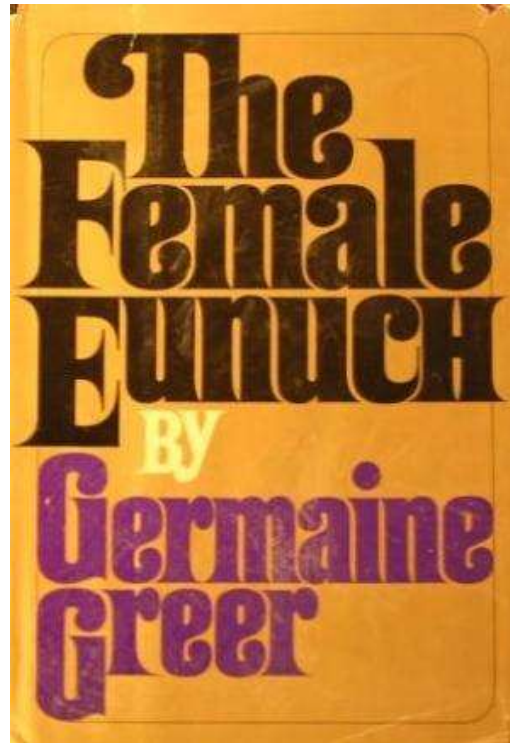
December 1970: break-up of the Beatles (first announced in previous April)



- Leaflet from Mangrove Nine campaign, November 1970



- First published in 1970

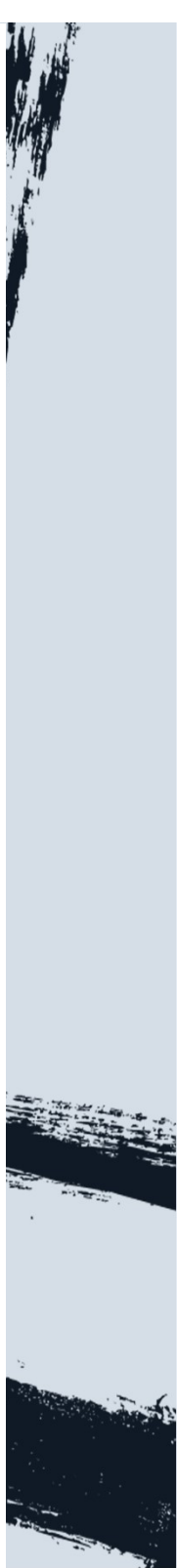


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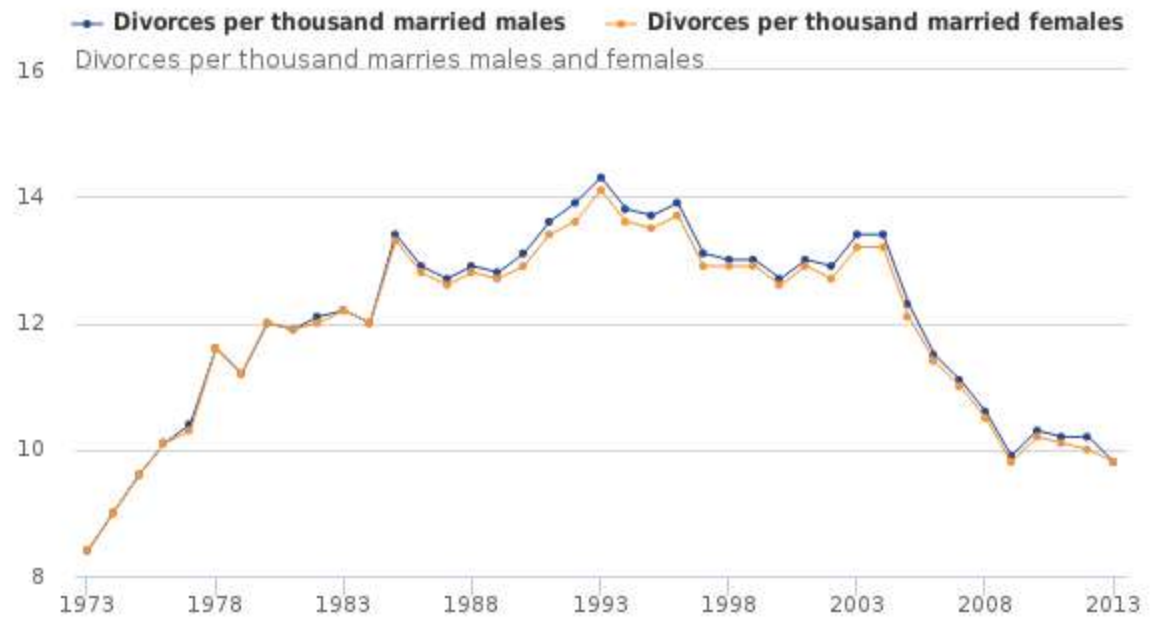




• **1971**



- January 1971: Divorce Reform Act 1969 comes into effect





- January 1971: Open University TV broadcasts begin



- April 1971: Members of the Welsh Language Association put on trial for defacing and destroying road signs



Thames-side Arena, Richfield Avenue



# READING FESTIVAL

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An NJF/MARQUEE presentation

## 25, 26, 27 JUNE '71

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This portion to be given up on **SUNDAY**

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- The Who released their new album « Who's next »



## Who's next

Side One:	Side Two:
BABA O'RILEY (4:59)	GETTIN' IN TUNE (4:49)
BARGAIN (5:33)	GOIN' MOBILE (3:40)
LOVE AIN'T FOR KEEPIN' (2:11)	BEHIND BLUE EYES (3:40)
MY WIFE (3:35)	WON'T GET FOOLED AGAIN (8:31)
THE SONG IS OVER (6:16)	

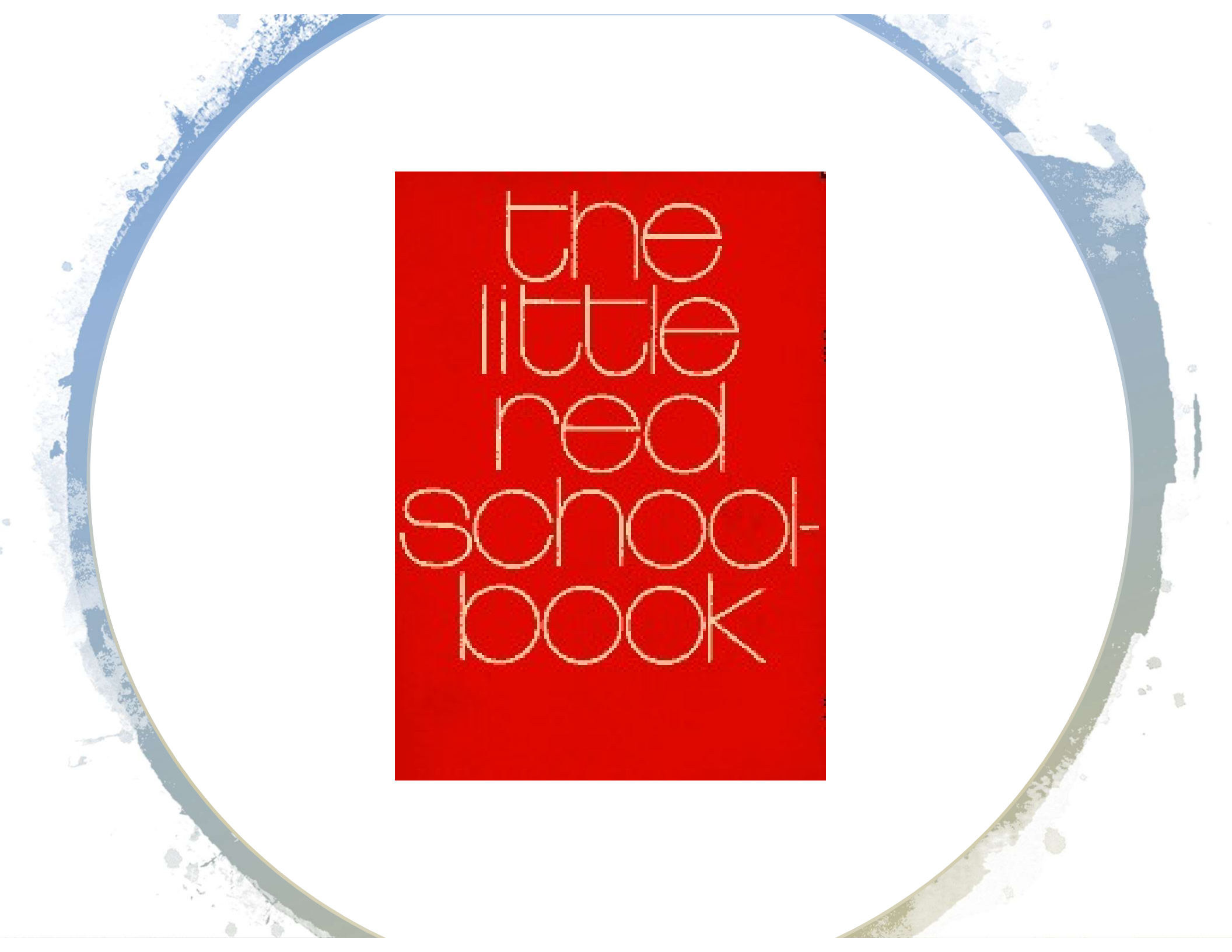


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- September 1971: the OGWT began



- « Spaghetti Junction » opened in November 1971, today sees 200 000 cars a day, 5 times more than back then.





the  
little  
red  
school  
book

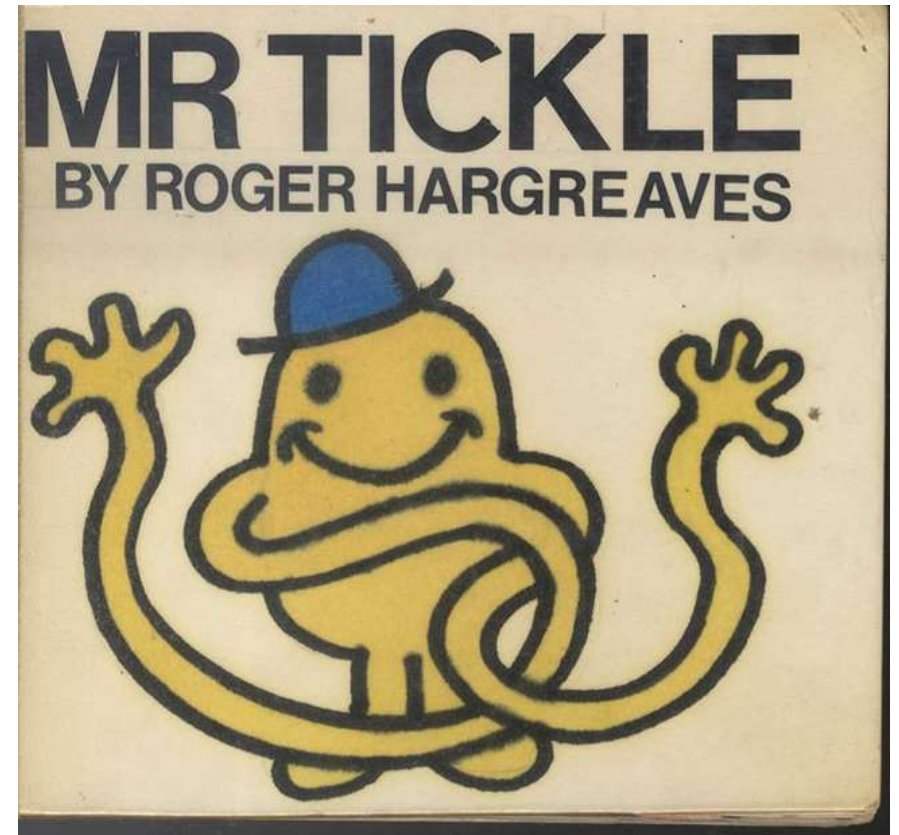
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- 1970s board game about finding oil in the North Sea

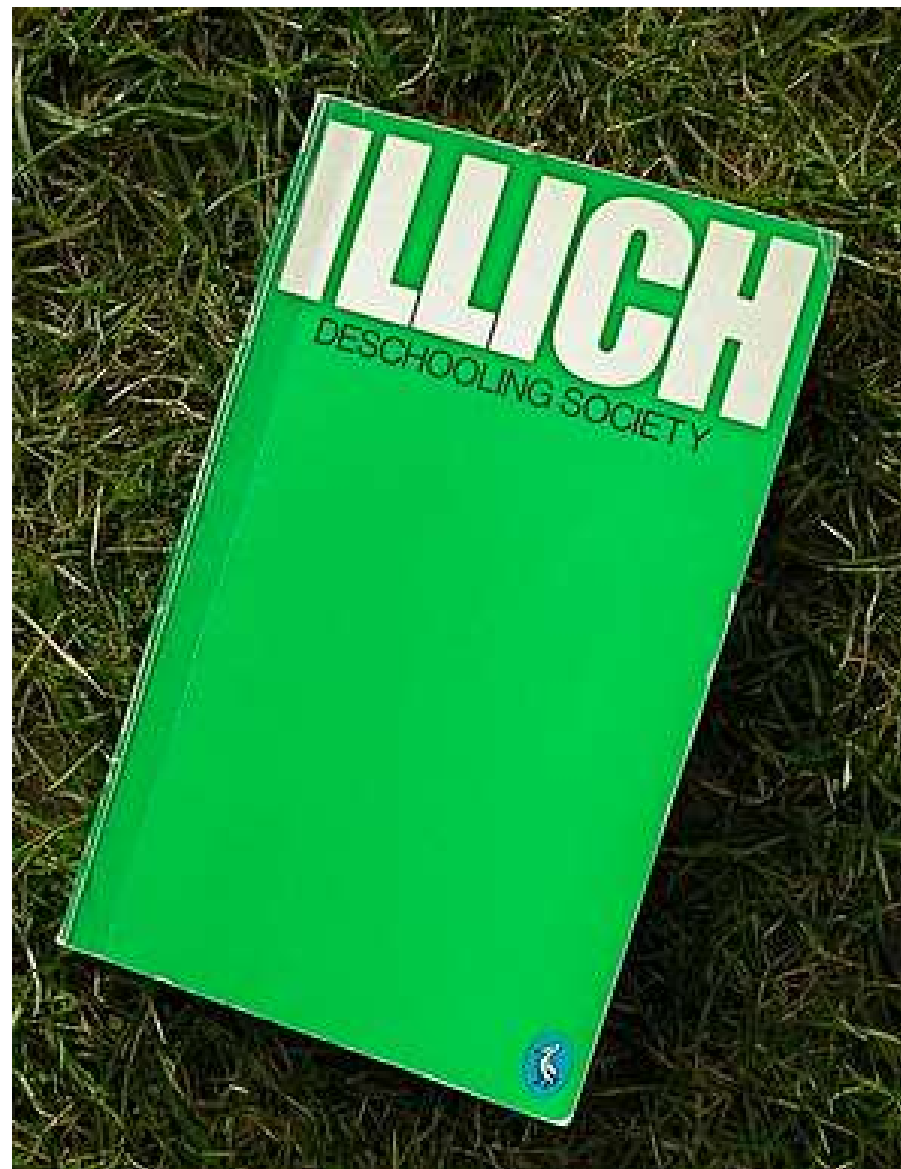
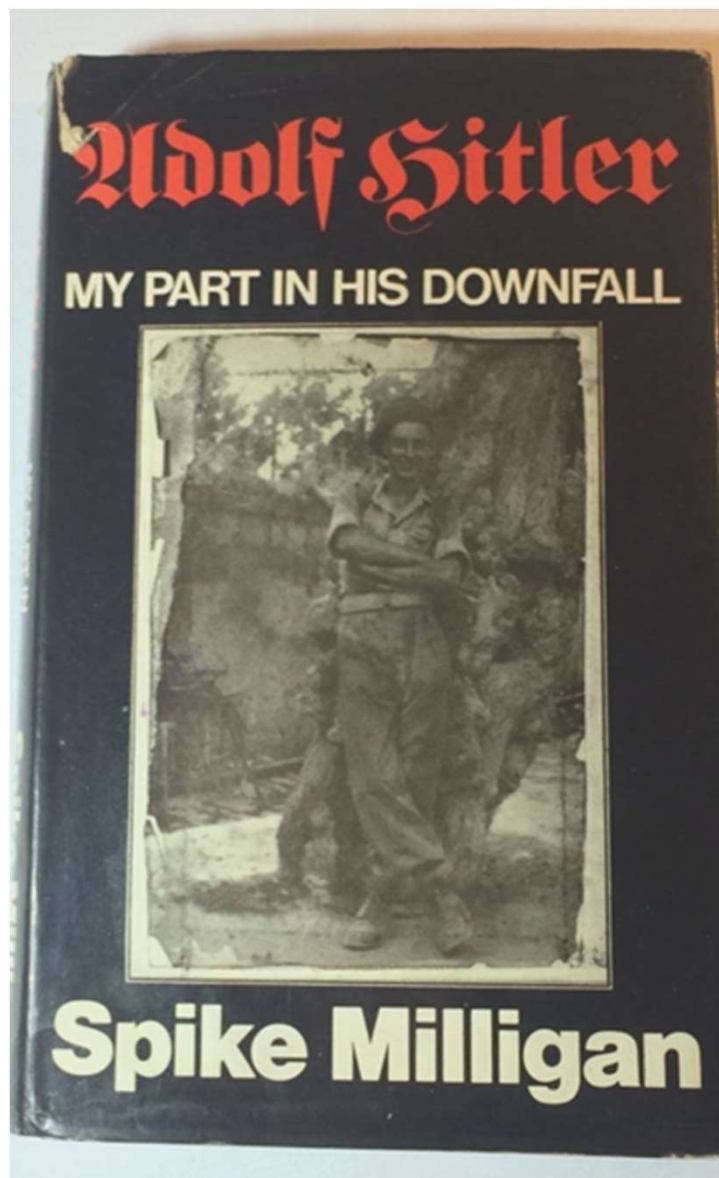




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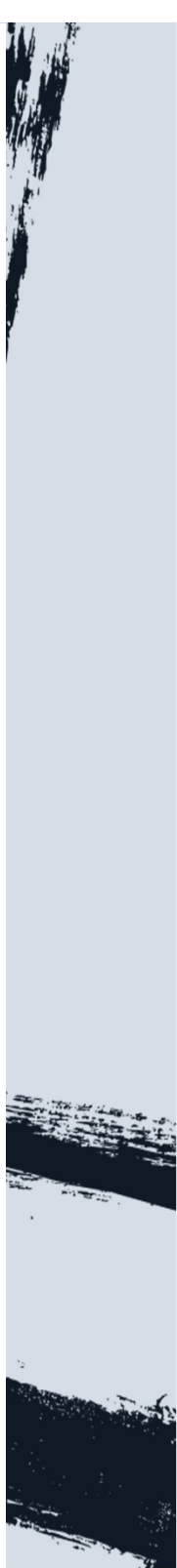




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• **1972**



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