

ABOUT : 1960's

- 1960** - Performing at the Indra Club, Hamburg, for the first time under their new name, were 'The Beatles'. The group were one of the most influential pop groups in history. They split up in 1970.
- 1963** - Doctor Who was first shown on TV, with William Hartnell, as the famous timelord.
- 1963** - Known as the 'big freeze', this was one of the coldest winters on record, with rivers and even lakes freezing up.
- 1964** - Gwynne Evans and Peter Allan, both convicted murderers, were the last two people hanged before the death penalty was abolished.
- 1964** - Donald Campbell breaks both the land speed record, 403mph and the water speed record, 276mph, on Lake Dumbleyung in Perth, Western Australia, aboard 'Bluebird'.
- 1966** - England both hosted and won the FIFA world cup, beating West Germany, 4-2 in the final.
- 1968** - Dr. Donald Ross, with a team of 18 other doctors and nurses, performed the UK's first heart transplant operation. It took 7 hours at the National Heart Hospital, London.
- 1969** - The American astronauts, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, in Apollo 11, became the first humans to land on the Moon. Armstrong famously said, '*That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind*'.
- 1969** - Concorde was a French and British collaboration. It could fly at twice the speed of sound and was in service from 1976-2003. The Harrier Jump Jet was not as fast as many other military jets but was unique in being able to take off vertically.
- 1969** - 'Stop motion' animation, involves moving a physical object by small increments, photographing it and then repeating. When all the shots are run together, they create a moving film.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

The 'swinging sixties' saw a break away from the traditions of the 1950's and before. This was the time of the 'hippies' and liberation from old values and modes of behaviour. British pop music and fashion became well known worldwide. Nearly all homes now had electricity, cookers, fridges and TVs. New to this decade were tower blocks in which to live, supermarkets, audio cassettes, ring pull cans and sliced bread.

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60's Britain - <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/war/1960s.html>

60's Britain - <http://history.parkfieldprimary.com/1960s>

Moon Landing - <http://www.history.com/topics/apollo-11>

Concorde - <http://www.britishairways.com/en-gb/information/about-ba/history-and-heritage/celebrating-concorde>

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