

ABOUT : 1920's

- 1922** - The BBC, a public service broadcaster was founded. Based at Corporation House in London, it was the first national broadcaster in the world and remains one of the largest.
- 1922** - Following the Irish War of Independence and the Anglo-Irish Treaty, the larger part of Ireland separated from the United Kingdom to become the independent 'Irish Free State'. Later, the 1937 constitution renamed the state, 'Ireland'. In 1949 it explicitly became a republic, with no ties left with the rest of the UK.
- 1925** - The first public demonstration of television was held at the Selfridges department store on Oxford Street, London. It looked nothing like a modern TV. The picture shown was taken some years later, after the 'screen in a box' design started to develop.
- 1928** - After WW1 and the substantial effort women had made to the war effort, there was no denying the right for women to vote, however this was still only offered in stages. Only by 1928 were woman over 21 years of age able to vote.
- 1928** - Alexander Fleming shown in his laboratory, discovers penicillin, an antibiotic, created from blue mould fungi. It stops infections spreading in the body and was used for the first time during WW2. It is still used today, though now manufactured synthetically.
- 1928** - Silent movies had been around for years, but the first movie to include sound was called the 'Jazz Singer', opening at the Warner theatre, New York in 1927, (see picture). When shown at the Piccadilly theatre in London, it was the first 'talkie' shown in Europe. Early British talkies, included Alfred Hitchcock's 'Blackmail'.

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The 1920's was a decade of contrast. The early years were described as the 'roaring twenties' with improved economic prosperity, jazz, the availability of cars, telephones and electrical goods. Knee high skirts and shorter hair became fashionable with women. By the end of the 1920's however, in part due to high interest rates, lack of coal and poor investment in mass production, there was mass unemployment and mass strikes by workers.

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