

ABOUT : 2000's

- 2000** - Billions of people around the world celebrated the start of a new millennium (period of 1000 years). The millennium bug that so many feared would bring computers crashing, failed to cause any major disruption.
- 2004** - On Boxing Day a 9.0 magnitude earthquake in the Indian Ocean, set off a huge tidal wave that affected 18 countries, killing 250,000 on the first day alone and made 1.7 million people homeless. The huge waves were travelling at over 300mph when they hit coastlines.
- 2007** - The original twin towered Empire Stadium, built for the British Empire Exhibition, after WW1, is replaced by a new 90,000 capacity facility. The arch above the new stadium is the longest single span arch in the world, to date.
- 2008** - The Democrat hopeful, Barack Obama, defeated Republican presidential nominee John McCain, gaining nearly 53% of the vote to become the 44th President of the United States and America's first black President.
- 2009** - Harry Patch fought in France and Belgium and then returned to Britain after he was wounded in 1917. He was the oldest soldier to survive WW1, and he was quoted as saying about the war, that he didn't think the huge loss of life was worth it.

The 'noughties' as they are now known saw the World Trade Centre in America destroyed by terrorists and this prompted the 'war on terror' that followed. Many banks throughout the world got into financial difficulty and this caused the worst financial crisis since the Depression in the 1920's. In the UK there was an outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease which affected cattle and meant that many had to be culled. A smoking ban was introduced in public places and Steve Redgrave won his 5th gold medal in rowing, at the Beijing Olympics. Social Media came of age at this time with My Space, LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter amongst the forerunners. The first i-Phone was launched in 2007 and along with flat screen televisions, they were top on the consumer's shopping list.

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Tsunami - <http://www.tsunami2004.net/tsunami-2004-facts/>

Wembley - <http://www.wembleystadium.com/Press/Presspack/Stats-and-Facts>

Harry Patch - <http://primaryfacts.com/3679/harry-patch-facts-about-the-world-war-1-veteran/>

Millennium - http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/dates/stories/january/1/newsid_2478000/2478173.stm

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