

ABOUT : 1990's

1991 - Ahead of 13,000 other applicants, Helen Sharman, a chemist from Sheffield, became the first Briton in space and to visit the 'Mir' space station.

1992 - The top football clubs in the UK were transferred from the previous Division 1 to the new Premier League. The remainder formed the new Championship league.

1994 - The Channel Tunnel links Britain to France under the English Channel. It is over 31 miles long and 250ft deep in places. It took 6 years to build and cost around 5 billion pounds.

1994 - As leader of the African National Congress Party, and having spent 27 years in prison, in pursuit of a belief that black and white Africans should be treated equally, Nelson Mandela wins the first free election, to become South Africa's first black president.

1997 - 'Lady Di' is killed as a result of a car crash in a road tunnel in Paris, along with Dodi Fayed and Henri Paul. They were being vigorously pursued by Paparazzi photographers.

1998/9 - The Labour government gave more power to Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland to administer their own affairs, in particular the delivery of local services, such as education, housing and fire and rescue.

In the 1990's the internet took off and by 1998 there were 130 million users worldwide. Mobile phones became smaller, cheaper and widespread, as did personal computers. Digital cameras and gaming consoles also became popular. Britain participated in the Gulf War along with 39 other countries, after Iraq invaded Kuwait (1990-1991) and 1997 saw Tony Blair and 'New Labour' come to power. 'Brit Pop' with bands such as Oasis, Blur and the Spice Girls were all the rage, as were large dance parties, called 'raves'. The expression 'Cool Britannia' started to be used.

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90's Britain - <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/war/1990s.html>

Gulf War - <http://edition.cnn.com/2013/09/15/world/meast/gulf-war-fast-facts/>

Music Scene - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/6767179.stm>

Devolution - <https://www.gov.uk/devolution-settlement-wales>

Princess Diana - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Death_of_Diana,_Princess_of_Wales

Nelson Mandela - http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/nelson_mandela/

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