

## Some dates from the Kirkdale, National and Global Timelines<sup>1</sup>

- 1960: UK National service ends. Last conscript joins up
- 1961: USA President Kennedy elected
- 1962: Cuban missile crisis
- 1963: USA President Kennedy assassinated
- 1963: UK National service ends: Last conscript is discharged
- 1963: UK Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home (con) (1963-1964)
- 1964: UK Prime Minister Harold Wilson (Lab) (1964-1970)
- 1965: Kirkdale School opened
- 1965: Comprehensive education system is initiated
- 1967: Abortion and homosexuality made legal (subject to specific parameters)
- 1968: USA Martin Luther King assassinated
- 1968: UK Free school milk ended for secondary school students (Lab policy)
- 1969: Divorce Reform Act passed
- 1969: UK The Open University opens (Lab policy)
- 1969: US /Global/ Interplanetary: First moon landing
- 1969: Concord(e) makes maiden, supersonic flight
- 1970: The trial of Dr Rachel Pinney<sup>2</sup>: Kirkdale benefits from a gift of musical instruments – 2 full sets of high quality chime bars that Pinney disposes of prior to being made bankrupt.

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<sup>1</sup> References Include [http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/interactive/timelines/british/index\\_embed.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/interactive/timelines/british/index_embed.shtml)

<sup>2</sup> <http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=2507&dat=19700909&id=0ZJAAAAAIBAJ&sjid=IKUMAAAIBAJ&pg=4496,1697608> and [http://www.grahamstevenson.me.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1470:pinney-rachel&catid=16:p&Itemid=119](http://www.grahamstevenson.me.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1470:pinney-rachel&catid=16:p&Itemid=119)

1970: Equal Pay Act passed

1970: UK Prime Minister Edward Heath (Con) (1970-1974)

1971: The Open University opens to its first students (Lab policy)

1971: UK The Oz Obscenity Trial: <sup>3</sup>Successful prosecution. Defendants have long hair shaved off while in custody. Trial followed by revelations of police corruption. Trial judge's conduct of case criticised at appeal hearing. Convictions overturned.

1971: UK The Little Red Schoolbook<sup>4</sup> published in the UK : Successful prosecution under the Obscene Publications Act banned book. Ruling upheld on appeal & by the European Court of Human Rights.

1971: Kirkdale School – the bulk of the Hornets, many having been long standing members of the school, leave for secondary schools. This exodus continues but with smaller numbers over the 1972-1973 period.

1971: UK Frees school milk ended for over 7s (Con policy)

1972: UK Unemployment reaches 1,000,000

1972: Tutor scheme set up for ex Kirkdale pupils aged 11 and over

1973: Tutor scheme ends

1973 Britain joins the European Economic Community

1974: UK Prime Minister Harold Wilson (Lab) (1974-1976)

1976: UK Prime Minister James Callaghan (Lab) (1976-1979)

1977: John Powlesland dies at age 54 years (b 1922)

1979: UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher (Con) (1979-1990)

1979: UK unemployment reaches 1,500,000

1981: The Brixton riots occur

1982: UK unemployment reaches 3,000,000

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/takingliberties/staritems/430oztrial.html>

<sup>4</sup> <http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/sites/eng/pages/search.aspx?i=001-57499#%7B%22itemid%22:%5B%22001-57499%22%7D>; And: <http://www.culturalsurvival.org/ourpublications/csq/article/the-history-childrens-rights-whose-story>

1982: The European Court of Human Rights rules on a case brought by two Scottish mothers, Grace Campbell and Jane Cosans. The ECHR ruled that beating a child against its parent's wishes was against their (the parent's) human rights.

1982: Argentineans invade the Falklands leading to the Falkland's war.

1984: Miners strike begins

1984: Last known financial accounts of Kirkdale School prepared

1986: Corporal punishment outlawed in state schools

1998: Corporal punishment outlawed in independent schools

1999: Kirkdale School Industrial Provident Society registration cancelled 'on the grounds that the society has ceased to exist'.