



1960s - STORIES, EVENTS & FACTS

Just take a look below and transport yourself back in time to the decade of love, peace and the fantastic 60s...

A few stories, events and facts to help you get inspired, create the 60's mood - and to make the most of your fundraising event.

News stories linked to 60 years:

[Couple finally get married after 60 years together](#)

[Diamond anniversary couple share marriage secrets after 60 years](#)

[Wiltshire couple celebrate 60 years after snowy honeymoon](#)

[Chester couple celebrate 60 years with diamond anniversary](#)

[Happy couple celebrate 60 years of marriage](#)

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Historical Events/Facts:

- 1960 First public performance for The Beatles in Hamburg, Germany.
- 1961 Roald Dahl published James and the Giant Peach
- 1961 A British Spy, George Blake found guilty of being a double agent for the Soviet Union and imprisoned for 42 years.
- 1962 Premier of James Bond's Dr. No
- 1963 Premier of Doctor Who
- 1963 Harold Macmillan resigns as PM
- 1963 The Big Freeze begins with temperature as low as -16C
- 1963 The Great Train Robbery takes place with £2.6 million being stolen in Buckinghamshire.
- 1964 Harold Wilson becomes Prime Minister – Labour Majority
- 1964 BBC Two begins broadcasting in UK
- 1964 House of Commons votes to abolish the death penalty for murder
- 1964 Olympics held in Tokyo
- 1965 Comprehensive Education System established
- 1965 The Post Office Tower opens in London
- 1965 Seventy mile per hour speed limit enforced across UK roads
- 1966 England Hosted and Won its first World Cup and referred to as "It's coming home".



- 1966 Queen Elizabeth II officially opened The Severn Bridge
- 1967 Pirate Radio was enjoyed and ended in August.
- 1967 BBC Two transmits coverage of Wimbledon in colour. First time that television has been broadcasted in colour in the UK – followed by full colour service in December.
- 1967 BBC Radio 1, 2, 3 and 4 are launched
- 1967 Concorde is unveiled in Toulouse, France
- 1968 Mexico Olympics
- 1968 Queen Elizabeth II appoints Cecil Day-Lewis as British Poet Laureate
- 1969 Concorde's inaugural British flight
- 1969 Investiture and many political changes
- 1969 The last public performance of The Beatles
- 1969 Boeing 747 maiden flight
- 1969 Prince Charles is invested with the title "Prince of Wales" with a televised ceremony
- 1969 Neil Armstrong becomes first man to walk on the Moon

Wedding Anniversaries:

Your Year-by-Year Wedding Anniversary Guide to Traditional and Modern Gifts - www.hitched.co.uk states:

60th Anniversary – Diamond

60th Wedding Anniversaries are celebrated by giving diamond-themed gifts. As one of the strongest materials on Earth, diamonds flourish under pressure and are extremely hard-wearing – just like your relationship will be after six decades of marriage. It is considered to be invincible and is associated with love and wealth.