Dates

55 BC – unsuccessful Julius Caesar invasion of Britain

AD 43 – Roman invaded Britain

AD 410 – Roman left Britain

AD 600 – Anglo-Saxon kingdom established in Britain

AD 789 – Vikings first time attacked Britain (came from Denmark and Norway)

1066 – Battle of Hastings, William the duke of Normandy (William Conqueror) won. Battle commemorated in great piece of embroidery (known as Bayeux Tapestry, can be seen in France now)

3th – 4th centuries appeared first Christian communities in Britain

1200 – English rule an area around Dublin called the Pale

1215 – Magna Carta (Great Charter) reduce power of king

1284 – King Edward I annexed Wales to the crown of England and introduced the Statute of Rhuddlan

1348 – Black Death came to Britain

1400 – English language became official language for documents

1415 – Battle of Agincourt (famous battle in Hundred Years' War, King Henry V with outnumbered army defeated France)

1450s – English left France after Hundred Years' War

1485 – War of Roses ended with Battle of Bosworth

15th century – last Welsh rebellions deffeated

1560 – Scotland abolish the authority of the Pope (Roman catholic religious service became illegal)

16th century – Spread Protestant ideas

1600 – UK population just over 4 million

1606 – first Union flag created

1642 – English Civil War

1646 – Parliament won the war and Charles I was prisoner by parliament army

1649 – Charles I was executed

1656 – first Jews come to Britain to settle in London

1660 – Parliament invited Charles II to come back from exile in Netherlands

1665 – Major outbreak with plague in London

1666 – the great fire destroyed city, many churches and St Paul's cathedral

1679 – Habeas Corpus Act (you must present the person in court, so act guaranteed that no one could be held prisoner unlawfully)

1688 – William of Orange invaded England

1688 – Glorious Revolution

1690 – Battle of the Boyne (James II with France was defeated by William in Ireland)

1695 – newspaper began to operate without government license

1700 – UK population was about 5 million

1721 – 1742 – first British PM (sir Robert Walpole) was in power

1745 – Clansmen from Scottish highland supported Bonnie Prince Charlie (Charles Edward Stuart) and raised army to put Stuart king to the throne (unsuccessfully)

1746 – Battle of Culloden (clans lost a lot of power)

1776 – 13 American colonies declared independence

1783 - Britain recognised colonies independence after army defeat

1789 - France had revolution which led to war with Britain. Napoleon, who became Emperor of France, continued the war

Late 1700s – the Quakers set up first formal anti–slavery campaign

18th century - new ideas about politics, philosophy and science developed (the Enlightenment time)

1801 - Ireland became unified with England, Scotland and Wales after the Act of Union of 1800. This created the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

1801 - UK population was about 8 million

1805 - won in Battle of Trafalgar

1815 - Battle of Waterloo (Napoleon was defeated by Wellington/Iron Duke)

1833 - Emancipation Act (abolish slavery)

1837 - Victoria became an Queen

1840s – the famous satirical magazine 'Punch' published

1851 - UK population was about 20 million

1872 – The first tennis club was founded in Leamington Spa in 1872.

1889 – Emmeline Pankhurst set up the women's Franchise League

1895 - National Trust founded by 3 volunteers

1896 - First public film was shown in uk

1899 – 1902 – The Boer War in South Africa agains Netherlands

19 century - many Scottish people left North America

19th century – first professional football clubs formed

1901 - UK population was about 40 million

1902 - motorcar racing started in UK

1903 - Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) established

1908 - UK Olympic Games

1914 – WWI began

11 November 1918 - End of First World War

1922 - Ireland split into two countries

1922 - BBC starter first radio broadcast

6 June 1944 – D-day, allied forces landed in Normandy

1930s - Turing machine was invented

1930s – Jet engine invented by Sir Frank Whittle

1933 - Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany

1936 - BBC began the world first regular TV service

1945 – Fleming won the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1945 for the discovery of the penicillin.

1947 - 9 colonies were granted independence

1948 – UK Olympic Games

1948 - NHS created

1949 - Irish Free State became a republic

1950 - UK signed the European Convention of Human Rights

1950s – hovercraft invented

1950s and 1960s – it was high point of British comedy films

1951 - UK population was about 50 million

25 March 1957 – the EU was set by 6 western countries (Belgium, German, France, Italy, Luxembourg and Netherlands) who signed Treaty of Rome

1959 – First women PM (Margaret Thatcher) elected to join the parliament in UK
1960 – Concorde time
1965 – Winston Churchill died
1966 – England won World Cup (Bobby Moore captained football team)
1969 – Concord flied for the first time
1969 – The Troubles broke up
late 1970s – post-war economic boom came to an end
1976 – Concorde carried passengers for the first time
1980 – Sir Alfred Hitchcock died
1982 – Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands, a British overseas territory in the South Atlantic.
1998 – UK population was about 57 million
2003 – Concorde retired from the service
2005 – UK population just under 60 million
2009 – British troops left Iraq
May 2010 – for the first time in the UK since February 1974, no political party won an overall majority in the General Election. The Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties formed a coalition and the leader of the Conservative Party, David Cameron, became Prime Minister.
2010 – UK population just over 62 million
2011 – Protection Orders to protect a person from being forced into a marriage introduced in Scotland
2012 – UK Olympic Games