

Times Commemorative Book – Centenary Edition

Top 100 News Events of the 20th Century reported by the Times

1. Queen Victoria funeral	Feb 4 th	1901
2. End of Boer War	June 2 nd	1902
3. King Edward VII Coronation	Aug 11 th	1902
4. The US Presidential Election – Roosevelt victory	Nov 10 th	1904
5. The Lusitania's record voyage- 4 days 19 hrs,	Oct 12 th	1907
6. M. Bleriot's cross channel flight	July 26 th	1909
7. Death of King Edward VII	May 7 th	1910
8. Death of Miss Florence Nightingale	Aug 15 th	1910
9. The Crippen Trial – sentence of death	Oct 24 th	1910
10. King George V Coronation	June 23	1911
11. The Channel swim – success of TW Burgess	Sept 7 th	1911
12. Titanic disaster	April 16 th	1912
13. Loss of Captain Scott and his party	Feb 11 th	1913
14. President Wilson opens the Panama Canal	Oct 11 th	1913
15. War declared – German reply to British note	Aug 5 th	1914
16. The Lusitania sunk	May 8 th	1915
17. The extra hour – first summer time day	May 22 nd	1916
18. Great naval battle in North Sea	June 3 rd	1916
19. Battle of Somme	July 3 rd	1916
20. Revolution in Russia – a “win the war” movement	March 16 th	1917
21. Russian Oct Revolution	Nov 9 th	1917
22. Armistice – Germany encircled	Nov 12 th	1918
23. First direct air crossing of Atlantic	June 16 th	1919
24. Versailles peace treaty signed	June 30 th	1919
25. Armistice Day 1920 – burial of unknown warrior	Nov 12 th	1920
26. Irish free state – peace terms in full	Dec 7 th	1921
27. Tutankhamen's tomb – hope of further discovery	Dec 5 th	1922
28. First Labour cabinet & death of Lenin	Jan 23 rd	1924
29. End of General Strike	May 13 th	1926
30. Lindbergh's N.Y – Paris flight	May 23 rd	1927
31. The Atlantic flight – Miss Earhart's triumph	June 19 th	1928
32. The Cabinet – first woman member	June 8 th	1929
33. Wall Street panic – record selling of stocks	Oct 25 th	1929
34. Nazi policy – Herr Hitler' statement	Oct 15 th	1930
35. The American election – Mr Roosevelt's triumph	Nov 10 th	1932
36. Conquest of Everest by air	April 4 th	1933
37. Hindenberg dead – Hitler to succeed	Aug 3 rd	1934
38. King George V laid to rest	Jan 29 th	1936
39. Edward VII abdication	Dec 12 th	1936
40. Hindenburg airship disaster	May 7 th	1937
41. King George VI Coronation	May 13 th	1937
42. Munich agreement (peace for our time)	Oct 1 st	1938
43. Great Britain declares war on Germany	Sept 4 th	1939
44. New Prime Minister – Mr Churchill accepts	May 11 th	1940
45. 335,000 men brought from Dunkirk	June 5 th	1940
46. Molotov's visit to Berlin & death of Chamberlain	Nov 11 th	1940
47. Pearl Harbour attack	Dec 8 th	1941
48. Britain and US declare war on Japan	Dec 9 th	1941
49. US Commander for Europe – Gen Eisenhower	June 26 th	1942

50. Rommel's main position penetrated	Oct 26 th	1942
51. Dambusters - Ruhr dams breached by RAF	May 18 th	1943
52. Italy Surrenders	Sept 9 th	1943
53. D-Day – Great assault going well	June 7 th	1944
54. V.E Day – end of German war proclaimed	May 9 th	1945
55. First atomic bomb hits Japan	August 7 th	1945
56. Japan surrenders	August 15 th	1945
57. Churchill's Iron Curtain speech	March 6 th	1946
58. Power handed over in India – birth of 2 dominions	Aug 15 th	1947
59. Wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip	Nov 21 st	1947
60. Assassination of Mr Gandhi	Jan 31 st	1948
61. Dubliners greet the new Eire	April 19 th	1949
62. Death of George VI	February 7 th	1952
63. Everest conquered – Hilary and Tensing	June 2 nd	1953
64. Queen Elizabeth II crowned	June 3 rd	1953
65. 4 minute mile – triumph of RG Bannister	May 7 th	1954
66. Obituary Albert Einstein (Times strike paper)	April 21 st	1955
67. Egypt seizes Suez Canal	July 27 th	1956
68. Manchester UTD Football Munich air crash	February 7 th	1958
69. First man in space - Major Gagarin	April 13 th	1961
70. Kennedy assassinated	Nov 23 rd	1963
71. US spacecraft on the moon	Aug 1 st	1964
72. Churchill dies	January 25 th	1965
73. England 1966 world cup win	July 31 st	1966
74. Campbell boat took flight	Jan 5 th	1967
75. Dr Luther King shot dead	April 5 th	1968
76. Concorde first flight	March 3 rd	1969
77. Man lands on the moon	July 21 st	1969
78. Decimal currency introduced	Feb 15 th	1971
79. Britain signs EEC Treaty	Jan 24 th	1972
80. Munich Games – all Israeli hostages killed	Sept 6 th	1972
81. War in Vietnam brought to an end	Jan 24 th	1973
82. Mr Nixon resigns as President	August 9 th	1974
83. Birth of first test tube baby	July 27 th	1978
84. Polish Cardinal becomes Pope John Paul II	Oct 17 th	1978
85. SAS storm embassy, free 19 hostages	May 6 th	1980
86. Death of John Lennon	Dec 10 th	1980
87. US Embassy – Iranian hostage crises	Jan 21 st	1981
88. British fleet ready for Falklands	April 3 rd	1982
89. Brighton bombing - Thatcher defies IRA bombers	Oct 13 th	1984
90. Live Aid concert	July 15 th	1985
91. Seven perish in worlds worst space flight tragedy	Jan 29 th	1986
92. Pan Am 747 crashes on Scottish homes	Dec 22 nd	1988
93. Berlin – tearing down of wall begins	Nov 11 th	1989
94. Mandela strolls to freedom	Feb 12 th	1990
95. Allies launch mass air attack against Baghdad	Jan 17 th	1991
96. Windsor Castle – 7 hour fire	Nov 21 st	1992
97. Triumphant Mandela – De Klerk defeat	May 3 rd	1994
98. Death of Diana in Paris	Sept 1 st	1997
99. Ulster chooses hope over hate	April 11 th	1998
100. Here's to the new Millennium	Jan 1 st	2000