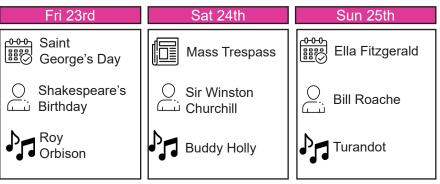
MAGIC MOMENTS

Monday 19th April to Sunday 25th April 2021

The week ahead-

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End of the Blue Rinse

It was favoured by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. However, demand for the hairstyle recently became so low that Asda announced that it would no longer be stocking the dye.

The blue rinse hairstyle became popular in Britain in the 1930s and grew to its peak after the war. The rinse was a diluted hair dye designed to reduce the appearance of greying hair.

When correctly applied, it left the wearer's hair with a distinctive silver-blue tinge. When badly applied, it created the peculiar colours made famous in the 1970s by Mrs Slocombe in the television comedy series "Are You Being Served?". It became associated with a particular type of affluent, middle-class woman. The former Conservative leader, Michael Howard, once blamed "The Blue Rinse Brigade" for frustrating his attempts to change the party.

Did you have a blue rinse?

Monday 19th April



1937 - Thrupenny Bit

The new twelve-sided threepence launched on this day, even though the early silver 3d coin continued until 1945. A thrupenny bit bearing the head of King Edward VIII before he abdicated his throne to marry Wallis Simpson is now worth £30,000

1945 - Carousel

The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" premiered on this day. The story revolves around a carousel worker, Billy, whose romance with millworker Julie comes at the price of both of their jobs. But he is given a chance to puts things right.





1956 - Grace Kelly

The actress Grace Kelly met Prince Rainier in 1955, while she was promoting her film "To Catch A Thief". After a year-long correspondence the pair married on this day and she became Princess Grace of Monaco. 2,000 journalists covered the wedding.

Tuesday 20th April



1949 - First Horse Trials

The first Badminton Horse Trials took place on this day. It was advertised as "the most important horse event in Britain". The prize money for the winner at the first event was £150. Last year the total prize money was £350,000 with £100,000 for the winner.

1961 - Nicholas Lyndhurst

Nicholas Lyndhurst, the actor known a Rodney Trotter in the TV series "Only Fools and Horses" was born on this day.

Did you know that Nicholas is a member of the British Beekeepers Association and keeps bees at his home in Sussex?



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1958 - Dolly Parton

On this day American country and western singer, Dolly Parton, released her first single "Puppy Love". She was just thirteen years old when she recorded the song and was asked to appear at the Grand Ole Opry. It was the start of a 60 year singing career.

Wednesday 21st April



National Tea Day

Whether you take it with milk, sugar, lemon or just plain, tea is Britain's favourite drink. From a humble tea break to a formal high tea (where gentlemen should wear a jacket and tie) we drink more than 60 billion cups a year! People drink roughly four cups a day on average.

1926 - The Queen's Birthday

Queen Elizabeth will be 95 years old today. She has two birthdays each year. Her official one is in June but her real birthday is on Wednesday. This owes its origins to George II who was born in November, yet felt November was too cold to celebrate.





1955 - Doris Day

Doris Day entered the Top 10 in the Singles Chart on this day with "Ready, Willing and Able". The song appeared in the film "Young at Heart" in which Doris co-starred with Frank Sinatra. Other songs included "One for My Baby (and One More for the Road)".

Thursday 22nd April



1964 - Play School

Many parents will remember the children's TV series "Play School" which premiered on this day. Apart from the well-known toys such as Jemima, Humpty and Little Ted, several of the presenters later became famous including Jeremy Irons.

1954 - Tony Hancock

The comedy programme "Hancock's Half Hour" was first broadcast today on the radio. The series starred Tony Hancock and Sid James (from Carry On films). It also co-starred Hattie Jacques and Kenneth Williams, who would also go on to be Carry On stars.

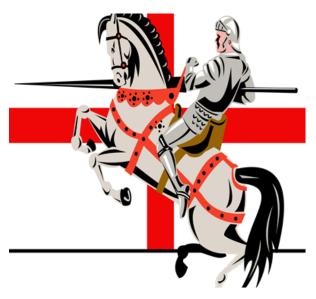




1964 - My Boy Lollipop

Millie Small reached the Top Ten on this day with "My Boy Lollipop". It became one of the best-selling hits with a reggae or ska influence. Millie was just 17 years old when the song was released. By the way, Millie Small was small, at about 5'2"!

Friday 23rd April



Saint George's Day

Today is Saint George's Day.
Legend states that St George was tortured and later executed by the Romans for refusing to renounce his Christian faith. He is said to have slayed a dragon and rescued a princess. The people of the town then converted to Christianity.

Shakespeare's Birthday

The "Bard of Avon", William Shakespeare was born in this month, but no one knows exactly on which day. His famous plays include "Hamlet", "Romeo and Juliet", "Macbeth", "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Othello". Do you have a favourite?



PRETTY WOMAN

1936 - Roy Orbison

Born on this day, Roy Orbison's hits included "Oh, Pretty Woman", "Crying" and "Only The Lonely". Many thought Roy was blind, but his dark glasses were only part of his act. Both Elvis Presley and The Beatles opened for Roy in their early career.

Saturday 24th April



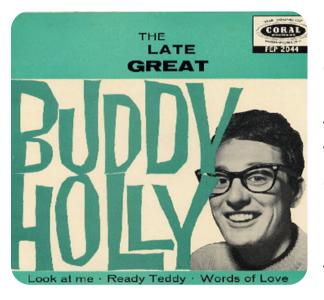
1932 - Mass Trespass

On this day the Peak District
National Park became the first
national park in Britain. It followed
years of action for the public to have
rights to access private moorlands.
By the end of the decade other
parks appeared including the North
York Moors and Brecon Beacons.

1953 - Sir Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill became Sir Winston Churchill when he was awarded the Knight of The Garter by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In the same year he was also awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. He was a true British statesman.





1959 - Buddy Holly

On this day Buddy Holly reached No.1 in the UK Singles Chart with the song "Doesn't Matter Anymore". The pop ballad was written by Canadian singer Paul Anka. Sadly Buddy was killed in a plane crash in February 1959, only weeks before the song became a hit.

Sunday 25th April



1917 - Ella Fitzgerald

Born on this day, Ella Fitzgerald debuted at an amateur talent contest at the Apollo Theatre. She entered for the dance contest, but when she saw how good the competition was she changed to the singing category – later to become America's No.1.

1932 - Bill Roache

Born on this day, William is best known for his role as Ken Barlow in the TV soap Coronation Street. He is the longest serving cast member, having appeared since the first episode in December 1960, when he earned just £10 an episode. He will be 89 years old.





1926 - Turandot Opera

Puccini's opera "Turandot", which was posthumously completed by Franco Alfano, premiered on this day. The aria "Nessun dorma" sung by the three tenors, Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Carreras, was used for the 1990 Football World Cup theme.

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First Horse Trial



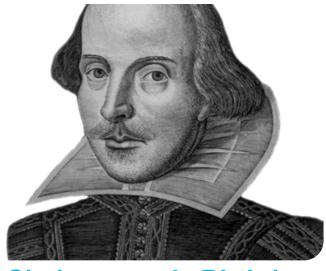
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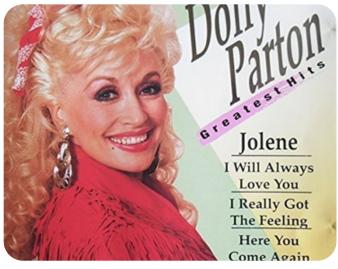


Sir Winston Churchill

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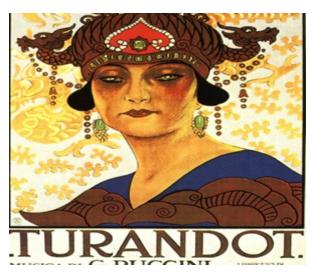
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