

Born in 1985

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FAMOUS BIRTHS

Wayne Rooney – Lewis Hamilton
Keira Knightley
Lilly Allen
Leona Lewis
Mark Cavendish
Joe Wicks – Harry Judd
Kaley Cuoco – Beth Tweddle



KEY STATS

World Population: 4.83 billion
UK Population: 56.6 M
Prime Minister: Margaret Thatcher
USA Population: 237.9 M
President: Ronald Reagan
Australia Population: 15.9 M
Prime Minister: Bob Hawke
Pint of Beer: £0.83
Pint of Milk: £0.23
Large Loaf of Bread: £0.48
Average House Price: £29,143
Average Salary: £9,924



DEATHS

Laura Ashley – Rock Hudson
Arthur Negas – Philip Larkin
Sir Michael Redgrave – Orson Wells
Yul Brynner – Noele Gordon

FAMOUS MARRIAGES

Simon Le Bon marries supermodel Yasmin Parvaneh, Madonna marries Sean Penn and Joan Collins marries her 4th husband, Peter Holm.

PUBLISHED

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
The Cider House Rules by John Irving
The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

IN THE CINEMA

Back to the Future – Witness
The Color Purple – Out of Africa
A Room with a View
The Breakfast Club

HIGHLIGHT OF 85

Barry McGuigan clinches the WBA world featherweight title with victory over Panamanian great Eusebio Pedroza.

IN THE NEWS

Mikhail Gorbachev becomes General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.

Australian soap *Neighbours*, debuts on Seven Network.

The miners' strike ended on 3 March.

The tragic Bradford City stadium fire.

Thirty-nine spectators are killed in the Heysel Stadium disaster.

The Greenpeace vessel *Rainbow Warrior* is sunk in Auckland Harbour by French agents.

The wreck of the RMS *Titanic* is located.

The Sinclair C5 went on sale but the company went bankrupt by the end of 1985.

Football manager Jock Stein collapses and dies while managing Scotland.

A hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica is discovered by British scientists.

Rock Hudson's AIDS diagnosis and death in October brought huge public awareness.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

- 01 The Power of Love – Jennifer Rush
- 02 I Know Him So Well
– Elaine Paige & Barbara Dickson
- 03 Frankie – Sister Sledge
- 04 19 – Paul Hardcastle
- 05 Into the Groove – Madonna
- 06 Move Closer – Phyllis Nelson
- 07 Easy Lover – Phil Collins
- 08 Do They Know It's Christmas?
– Band Aid
- 09 Dancing in the Street
– David Bowie & Mick Jagger
- 10 Axel F – Harold Faltermeyer



NEW PRODUCTS

Twirl chocolate bar, McCoy's Crisps,
Boost chocolate bar, Hobnob biscuits
and the first major release of
Microsoft Windows.

TELEVISION

EastEnders is launched in February.

The World Snooker Final: Dennis Taylor and Steve Davis draw BBC2's highest ever rating of 18.5 million viewers and goes past midnight.

Miami Vice and *Moonlighting* both make their debuts on British TV.

Dempsey and Makepeace, *Max Headroom*, *Supergran*, *Blind Date*, *Home to Roost*, and *Howard's Way* are all first broadcast.

The character of Martin Platt is introduced to *Coronation Street*.

Final episodes of *Are You Being Served?* and *World of Sport* are broadcast.

Wish You Were Here...?, *Open All Hours*, *Last of the Summer Wine*, *It'll Be Alright on the Night*, *The Two Ronnies*, and *That's Life!* are popular TV shows.



WINNERS

Wimbledon Men's: Boris Becker
Women's: Martina Navratilova
British Golf Open: Sandy Lyle
First Division Title: Everton
FA Cup final: Manchester United
World Formula One: Alain Prost
BBC Sports Personality:
Barry McGuigan

MUSIC

Live Aid concerts rock London and Philadelphia. Phil Collins performs at both on the same day, thanks to Concorde.

The charity single "We Are the World" is recorded by USA for Africa.

The Christmas number one went to Shakin' Stevens with the song "Merry Christmas Everyone."

Whitney Houston releases her debut album. Dire Straits release their fifth studio album, *Brothers in Arms*.

Wham! became the first Western pop group to perform in China.

"Everybody wants to rule the world" was released by Tears For Fears. UB40 featuring Chrissie Hynde sung "I Got You Babe".