

Social History – Entertainment

Radio

Radio Luxembourg. No independent radio stations in the U.K. until Radio Caroline started broadcasting from a ship in the North Sea from 1964 to circumvent the music companies control of popular music broadcasting in the U.K.

Television (if you had one) -

Children - Wooden Tops, Andy Pandy, Magic Roundabout, Bill & Ben the Flowerpot Men, Crackerjack, Blue Peter, Magpie.

Adults – Laurel & Hardy, Black & White Minstrels (included white people blacked up), Jukebox Jury, Sunday Night at the London Palladium (1955 until 1965) later Tonight at the London Palladium (1966-1969), In Town Tonight, Morecambe & Wise, Kon Tiki expedition. Elvis Presley, Vera Lynn.

The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II (1953). People with TVs became very popular suddenly.

Cinema and Theatre

Children – Bambi, Snow White. Pantomime.

Adults - Sound of Music, James Bond, 633 Squadron, Dam Busters, Westerns. The Mouse Trap.

Other Venues

Jazz clubs, Lido, Dancing, Circus with animals, Ballet, Youth Clubs, Zoos, Park to play on swings, slides, see-saw and walk. Scouts/Cubs and Guides/Brownies.

Games and Pastimes

Snap, Whist, Cluedo, Snakes and Ladders, Monopoly, Jigsaw Puzzles, Hopscotch, Roller Skating, Cycling, Hula Hoops, Skipping, playing with Dolls and Dinky Toys.