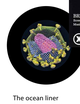
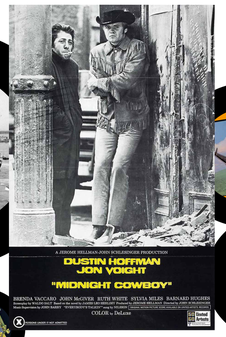
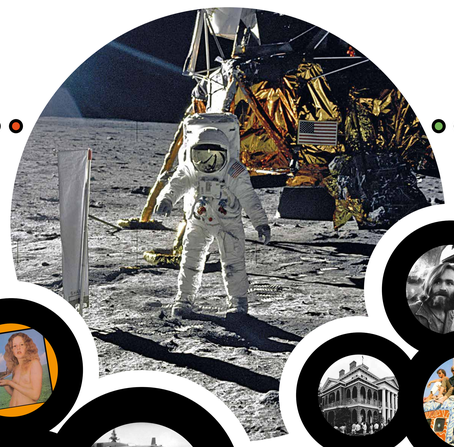
1969 "THAT'S ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN..."







Elvis Presley records the single 'Long Black Limousine' at American Studios in Memphis, Tennessee. It marks the start of his landmark comeback sessions for the albums From Elvis in Memphis and Back in Memphis. The sessions yield the popular and critically acclaimed singles 'Suspicious Minds', 'In the Ghetto' and 'Kentucky Rain'.

JAN 26 1969

The Beatles give their last public performance, filming several tracks on the roof of Apple Records, London.

JAN 30 1969

Two Soviet cosmonauts transfer from spacecraft Soyuz 5 to Soyuz 4 via a spacewalk while the two craft are docked together - the first time such a transfer has taken place. Soyuz 4 re-enters Earth's atmosphere and lands on 17th February whilst Soyuz 5 has a hard landing the following day.

FEB 2 1969

The Boeing 747 makes its maiden flight.

FEB 9 1969

Concorde makes her maiden commercial flight. The supersonic passenger aircraft had first been unveiled to the public in December 1967.

MAR 2 1969

The Kray twins are sentenced to life imprisonment with a recommended minimum of 30 years by Mr Justice Melford Stevenson. They will both die whilst serving their sentences in prison.

MAR 5 1969

Paul McCartney marries Linda Eastman.

MAR 12 1969

John Lennon and Yoko Ono are married in Gibraltar.

MAR 25 1969

The Hawker Siddeley Harrier GR.1 V/STOL 'Jump Jet' fighter enters service with the RAF.

APR 1 1969

British troops arrive in Northern Ireland to reinforce the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

APR 20 1969

Englishman Robin Knox-Johnston completes his single-handed, non-stop circumnavigation of the globe in his yacht *Suhaili*.

APR 22 1969

The ocean liner *Queen Elizabeth II* departs on her maiden voyage to New York.

MAY 2 1969

American teenager Robert Rayford dies in St. Louis, Missouri, of a baffling medical condition. In 1984 it will be identified as the first confirmed case of HIV/AIDS in North America.

MAY 15 1969

Midnight Cowboy, the X-rated, Oscar-winning John Schlesinger film, debuts.

MAY 25 1969

The rock super-group Blind Faith play its debut gig in front of 100,000 people in London's Hyde Park.

JUNE 7 1969

Brian Jones, musician and founder of The Rolling Stones, drowns in the swimming pool at his home in Sussex, England.

JULY 3 1969

Vietnam War: The very first U.S. troop withdrawals are made.

JULY 8 1969

Film Easy Rider is released.

JULY 14 1969

American Apollo 11 program: The lunar module 'Eagle' lands on the moon's surface carrying Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. An estimated 500 million people worldwide watch in awe as Mission Commander Neil Armstrong takes his historic first steps on the Moon at 02:56 UTC.

JULY 29 1969

The Haunted Mansion attraction opens at Disneyland California. Later versions are opened in Florida, Tokyo and Paris.

Followers of Charles Manson murder Sharon Tate and 4 other people at her home in Los Angeles, California. More than 100 stab wounds are found on the victims.

AUG 9 1969

The 4-day Woodstock Festival is held in upstate New York, featuring some of the top rock musicians of the era.

AUG 15 1969

The first-ever episode of Scooby-Doo, Where Are You! is broadcast on CBS: 'What a Night for a Knight'.

SEPT 13 1969

The film Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford opens in the U.S.

SEPT 22 1969

The Beatles release their Abbey Road album, receiving critical praise and enormous commercial success.

SEPT 26 1969

Monty Python's Flying Circus first airs on BBC One.

OCT 5 1969

The new seven-sided 50p coin is introduced as replacement for the 10-shilling note. It receives a mixed reception from the British public. Many people complain that it is easily confused with the 10p coin.

OCT 14 1969

First activation of the Advanced Research Projects Agency Network (ARPANET). This is the world's first operational packet-switching network. It is funded by the U.S. Defence Department and designed to protect the flow of information between military installations. It is the precurser of what is to become the global internet.

OCT 29 1969

First airing of Sesame Street on TV. It features the likes of Big Bird, Cookie Monster and Oscar the Grouch. It also marks the rise to immense popularity of puppeteer Jim Henson who performs the puppets Bert, Guy Smiley and the soon to be super-famous Kermit the Frog. Henson (and Kermit) go on to create the Muppet Show series which airs on TV in 1976.

NOV 10 1969

Ken Loach's film Kes is released at the London Film Festival.

NOV 14 1969

Vietnam War: In Washington, DC, 250,000–500,000 protesters stage a peaceful demonstration against the war, including a symbolic 'March Against Death'.

NOV 15 1969

Regular colour television broadcasts begin on BBC1 and ITV in UK.

BBC1 first airs the children's television series Clangers, made in stop-motion animation.

NOV 16 1969

WORLD

GUERNSEY

JAN 15 1969

Man fined for taking ormers in a prohibited area 45 feet under the water. He is apprehended by a Police Officer in a diving suit.

1969

Les Jaonnet and La Bette bays are opened up to visitors for the first time with new cliff paths and steps cut into the rock.

FEB 24 1969

Issue of new Guernsey 5p and 10p coins, carrying designs of lily and cow respectively.

FEB 27 1969

Arrival of baby elephant at Guernsey Zoo.

1969 What, Where, When Guernsey Tourist Guide booklet.

MAR 27 1969

Issue of new Guernsey £5 and £1 notes.

MAY 9 1969

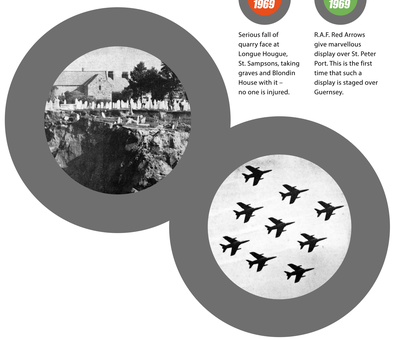
Guernsey wins the Muratti at Track 2-1.

MAY 29 1969

Arrival of replica Viking Long Boat.

JULY 6 1969

In freak storm, 3.32 inches of rain falls, causing flooding and other damage.



AUG 29 1969

Serious fall of quarry face at Longue Hougue, St. Sampsons, taking graves and Blondin House with it – no one is injured.

SEPT 17 1969

R.A.F. Red Arrows give marvellous display over St. Peter Port. This is the first time that such a display is staged over Guernsey.

OCT 1 1969

States takes over postal services from G.P.O. Thousands queue for the new stamps.

OCT 11 1969

Guernsey's export of 9.5 million trays of tomatoes this season is an all-time record.

OCT 21 1969

Desalination plant is put into use because of unusually dry summer and autumn.