

# RI Anniversaries Oct-Dec 2011

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Below are some landmark anniversaries for the last quarter of this year.

## October 2011

Date	Year	Ago	Event
1	1811	200	First women's county cricket match: Surrey v Hampshire
1	1961	50	First broadcast of <i>Songs of Praise</i>
1	1961	50	Last steam train runs on London Underground
1	1971	40	Disneyworld opens in Florida
1	2009	2	Supreme Court replaces House of Lords as final court of appeal
2	1971	40	First broadcast of <i>The Generation Game</i>
2	1986	25	All flights from Britain to Libya are banned
2	1991	20	Bill Clinton announces he will run for president
3	1951	60	Britain tests its first nuclear bomb
3	1961	50	Princess Margaret's husband is made Earl of Snowdon
3	1961	50	First recording by the Beach Boys, as the Pendletones
4	1921	90	Germany imposes 100% import tax to pay for war reparations
5	1936	75	Start of Jarrow March, a protest against unemployment
5	2010	1	Austin Reed says it will resume selling bowler hats
6	1911	100	Formation of British Seafarers Union
6	1911	100	Birth of Barbara Castle, leading Labour politician
7	1886	125	Slavery is abolished in Cuba
7	1931	80	Birth of Desmond Tutu, South African archbishop
7	1936	75	First colour advertisement in a newspaper
8	1891	120	First street collection for charity: Lifeboat Day in Manchester
8	1971	40	John Lennon records the song <i>Imagine</i>
9	1961	50	Margaret Thatcher gets her first parliamentary job, as a parliamentary secretary
10	1886	125	First known occasion that a dinner jacket was worn.
10	1961	50	Tristan da Cunha is wiped out by a volcanic eruption
11	1811	200	First team-powered ferry service starts: New York to New Jersey
11	1886	125	First statue erected to a non-royal woman: to nurse Dorothy Pattison in Walsall
11	1986	25	Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev meet in Iceland to discuss nuclear missile reduction
12	1936	75	Start of Channel train ferry service for cars
12	1986	25	The Queen visits China
12	1961	50	New smaller ten-shilling note goes into circulation
12	1971	40	Broadway premier of Andrew Lloyd-Webber's musical <i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i>
12	1981	30	Opening of Humber Estuary Bridge

12	2009	2	<i>Evening Standard</i> becomes a free newspaper
13	2010	1	Rescue of 33 miners in Chile after 69 days underground
14	1651	360	Massachusetts passes a law banning poor people from dressing extravagantly
14	1991	20	Communist rule ends in Bulgaria
15	1951	60	First party political broadcast: by Liberals
16	1861	150	Pony Express ceases business
16	1886	125	Birth of David Ben-Gurion, first prime minister of Israel
16	1991	20	Sixteen TV franchises awarded in independent TV shake-up
17	1931	80	Leeds Bradford International Airport opens
17	1951	60	CBS uses its “eyes” logo for first time
18	1871	140	Death of Charles Babbage, British mathematician credited with inventing the computer
18	1961	50	Release of film <i>West Side Story</i>
19	1911	100	First use of aerial warfare: by Italy against Turkey
19	2009	2	Roman Catholic diocese of Delaware, USA, files for bankruptcy
21	2010	1	Three peers suspended from House of Lords for fiddling expenses
22	1931	80	Al Capone is imprisoned for tax evasion
23	1911	100	First model T ford rolls off the production line
24	1911	100	Record length of air flight: 9 min 45 sec by Orville Wright
24	1961	50	Malta becomes independent
24	1986	25	Britain ends diplomatic relations with Syria
25	1911	100	Birth of Évariste Galois, French mathematician
25	1951	60	Margaret Thatcher fails to enter Parliament
25	1961	50	First edition of <i>Private Eye</i> magazine
26	1951	60	General election returns Winston Churchill as prime minister
26	1986	25	Bus services are deregulated in Britain
27	1811	200	Birth of Isaac Singer, inventor of the sewing machine
27	1971	40	It is reported that 63% of US offices have banned hot pants
27	1971	40	Congo changes its name to Zaire
27	1986	25	“Big Bang” reforms of London Stock Exchange
27	1991	20	First free elections held in Poland
27	2010	1	Car used in <i>Goldfinger</i> is sold for £2.9 million.
28	1636	375	Founding of Harvard University, oldest US university
28	1886	125	Statue of Liberty unveiled in USA
28	1931	80	General election gives Conservatives 473 MPs
28	1961	50	Brian Epstein is told about a group called The Beatles
28	1971	40	House of Commons votes to join the Common Market
29	1811	200	Birth of Tito Ricordi, Italian music publisher
30	1911	100	Last Chinese emperor surrenders power
31	1951	60	Zebra crossings introduced in Britain
31	1971	40	Bomb explodes at the top of the Post Office Tower

## November 2011

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1	1611	400	First performance of <i>The Tempest</i> by Shakespeare
1	1961	50	USA bans racial segregation at all interstate facilities
1	1981	30	Antigua and Barbados become independent from UK
2	1936	75	First "high definition" TV broadcast using 405 lines
3	361	1650	Death of Emperor Constantius II.
3	1911	100	First Chevrolet car goes on sale
3	1911	100	First pilot to die in aerial combat: M Popoff of Bulgaria
3	1971	40	Playboy becomes a US-listed public company
4	1911	100	First diesel-powered ship launched: MS Selandia from Denmark
4	1936	75	Announced that London trams are to be phased out
4	1891	120	First photograph printed in a newspaper
5	1991	20	Robert Maxwell found dead after embezzling pension funds
5	2010	1	Phil Woolas MP is banned for lying about election opponent
6	1861	150	Birth of James Naismith, inventor of basketball
7	1931	80	BBC announces creation of World Service
7	2010	1	Archbishop of Canterbury criticises welfare reforms
8	2010	1	Queen launches a page on Facebook
9	1936	75	Germany admits it is illegally building aircraft carriers
9	1961	50	Brian Epstein hears The Beatles for the first time
10	1951	60	It becomes possible to dial from coast to coast in USA
10	1961	50	Publication of novel <i>Catch 22</i>
10	2010	1	Riots in London from protests about student fee increases
11	1886	125	Existence of electromagnetic waves is confirmed
11	1921	90	First poppy day organised by British Legion
11	1936	75	Prime minister Stanley Baldwin refuses to meet Jarrow marchers
11	1961	50	Molotov is expelled from Russian Communist party
11	1986	25	Government delivers leaflet on AIDS to all British homes
12	1911	100	Birth of Chad Varah, founder of The Samaritans
13	1931	80	HMS Ark Royal is sunk by Italian torpedoes
13	1951	60	Start of telegraph service between London and Paris
13	1971	40	First spacecraft to orbit Mars: Mariner 9
14	1911	100	First visit by a monarch to a Commonwealth country: India
15	1971	40	Intel releases its first microprocessor: Intel 4004
16	1931	80	Prince of Wales launches a "Buy British" campaign
18	1936	75	Edward VIII says "something must be done" regarding poverty in Wales
18	1981	30	IBM introduces its first personal computer
19	461	1550	Saint Hilary starts his reign as Pope
19	1911	100	First wireless signal sent from Italy to USA
19	1951	60	Birth of Lord Falconer, former Lord Chancellor
19	1961	50	East Germany installs tank traps in Berlin Wall
20	1011	1000	Death of Chinese Emperor Reizei
20	1931	80	UK introduces 100% import duty
20	1931	80	Rolls-Royce buys Bentley Motors

20	1936	75	Introduction of Marriage Bill to widen grounds for divorce
21	1761	250	Birth of Dorothea Jordan, actress, mistress of William IV, and ancestor of prime minister David Cameron
23	1911	100	First air raid: Italy on Turkey
23	1936	75	First demonstration of practical fluorescent lighting
24	1936	75	First time a helicopter remains airborne for more than an hour
24	1941	70	Glenn Miller records <i>Moonlight Serenade</i>
24	2009	2	Supreme Court finds that UK high bank charges were not illegal
26	1981	30	First SDP election win: Shirley Williams in Crosby by-election
26	1991	20	Tesco, Asda and Safeway announce a campaign to defy ban on Sunday opening
27	1811	200	Death of Andrew Meikle, who invented the threshing machine
30	1886	125	First review by Folies Bergère in Paris
30	1931	80	HMV and Columbia merge to form EMI
30	1936	75	Crystal Palace burns down

## December 2011

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1	1961	50	Netherlands New Guinea changes name to West Papua
1	1986	25	DTI starts investigation into share scandal at Guinness
2	1971	40	Six states from the United Arab Emirates
3	1591	420	First known fire insurance policy written
3	1936	75	Newspapers reveal Edward VIII's romance with Wallis Simpson
4	1791	220	First edition of the newspaper <i>The Observer</i>
4	1961	50	Birth control pill becomes available on NHS
4	1971	40	Montreux Casino burns down during a concert by Frank Zappa. The rock band Deep Purple use this for their song <i>Smoke on the Water</i> .
6	1921	90	Formation of Irish Free State
7	1736	275	First fire insurance company formed: in Philadelphia
7	1941	70	Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, USA
8	1936	75	First complete ballet shown on television: <i>Façade</i> by Walton
8	1941	70	USA declares war on Japan
8	1991	20	Formal ending of USSR
9	1961	50	Tanganyika becomes an independent republic
10	1931	80	Chrysler opens first factory in UK
11	361	1650	Emperor Constantine bans teaching of Christianity
11	1911	100	National Insurance Act 1911 receives Royal Assent
11	1936	75	Abdication of Edward VIII. George VI becomes king
11	1941	70	Germany and Japan declare war on USA
11	1961	50	Start of Vietnam War
11	1971	40	Death of Mac McDonald, founder of fast food chain
11	1981	30	Last boxing match by Muhammad Ali
12	1911	100	India moves capital from Delhi to Calcutta
13	1961	50	The Beatles sign contract with Brian Epstein
13	1981	30	Poland declares martial law to thwart Solidarity movement

14	1861	150	Death of Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria
14	1911	100	First human to visit South Pole: Roald Amundsen
14	2009	2	Record commuter train speed of 140 mph recorded
15	1931	80	Announced that Britain will have traffic lights
16	2009	2	Announcement that cheques will be phased out by 2018
18	1971	40	US dollar is devalued
19	1961	50	Government agrees to principle of decimal currency
19	1991	20	Announced that stamp duty is waived for properties up to £250,000.
20	1951	60	Opening of first nuclear power plant
21	1811	200	Birth of Archibald Tait, Archbishop of Canterbury
21	2009	2	Three party leaders agree to televised leader debates
24	1911	100	First British film star: Gladys Sylvani billed in <i>Stolen Letters</i>
25	336	1675	First recorded celebration of Christmas on this date
27	1961	50	Landing of first hijacked aeroplane: in Cuba
27	2006	5	Death of Gerald Ford, US president
29	1986	25	Death of prime minister Harold Macmillan
30	1971	40	Release of James Bond film <i>Diamond Are Forever</i>
30	1986	25	Announced that canaries will no longer be used in British mines
31	1931	80	Formation of British Commonwealth
31	1951	60	End of Marshall Plan to rebuilt Europe after the war

