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UK Financial History 1945 – 2007

£100,000
£10,000
£1,000
£100
£10

Economic Indicators
RPI – annual % change (quarterly)
Bank base rates (quarterly avg.)
GDP – annual % change (quarterly)

Apartheid programme established in South Africa
USSR Lunik reaches the moon
Creation of Welfare State and NHS
European Union created
End of rationing
UN established
Elizabeth II's coronation
Everest conquered
India and Pakistan gain independence
Ghandi assasinated
NATO treaty signed
First supersonic flight
Bay of Pigs invasion
Berlin Wall constructed
"Rivers of Blood" – Powell
England win World Cup
Unemployment highest since May 1940
Stockmarket hits 62
OPEC puts oil prices up 17%
UK gets £2,300 million from IMF
North Sea oil discovered
First test tube baby born
Unemployment tops 3 million
Falklands War
Mexico City earthquake
'Black Wednesday' stockmarket crisis
Big Bang in the city
Start of US equity bull market
Personal Computer launched by IBM
Plaza accord
Chernobyl disaster
Berlin Wall comes down
Poll Tax riots
UK leaves ERM
Lockerbie disaster
German reunification
Labour wins landslide General Election
Single European Market begins
Russian Currency crisis
Olympics held back in Athens
London wins Olympic bid
President Bush re-elected
TMT stocks peak
Scotland introduces smoking ban
England, Wales & Northern Ireland introduce smoking ban
WorldCom bankruptcy
Northern Rock crisis
September 11th
Hong Kong handover
Millennium celebrations
War in Iraq
Credit crunch rocks USA
Euro primed to start
Enron bankruptcy scandal
Maastricht Treaty
Death of Princess of Wales
First UK interest rate rise in 4 years
Good Friday Agreement
Euro becomes legal tender
Nelson Mandela freed
US long yield under 6%
Official opening of Scottish Parliament
Genocide in Rwanda
Bombings in London
Brighton bomb
Coup against Gorbachev
60th anniversary of VE Day
Japanese interest rates at record low of ½%
US Election fiasco
Iraq invades Iran
AIDS identified
Tiananmen Square
Commonwealth Games held in Melbourne
Thatcher leads Tories to power
Gorbachev launches Glasnost
Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee
Queen Elizabeth II celebrates her 80th birthday
Kennedy assasinated
UK joins EEC
3rd World debt crisis
Poll Tax introduced in Scotland
Labour wins landslide General Election
Yuri Gagarin – First man in space
Decimalisation
Lady Diana marries Prince Charles
The Gulf War
Barings collapse
US interest rates at a 45 year low
Stone of Destiny stolen
Moon landing
Strikes, unemployment and the Winter of Discontent
The Miner's Strike
ENIAC built first electronic computer
Stalin dies
Ceasefire in Vietnam
Tsunami strikes Asia
"You've never had it so good" – Macmillan
Long playing record invented
Conflict over Kosovo
"Pound in your pocket" – Wilson
Compact Disc launched
Bomb rocks World Trade Centre
Lowest interest rates since 1964
£ devalued 30.5% against US$
The Suez crisis
DNA structure deciphered
US combat troops arrive in Vietnam
Interest rates hit 15%
Black Monday – stockmarket falls 25%
30 year gilt yield below 4%

It's a Wonderful Life | All About Eve | On the Waterfront | Gigi | Dr No | Alfie | Love Story | The Towering Inferno | Grease | E.T. | Platoon | Pretty Woman | Forrest Gump | Saving Private Ryan | Chicago | Casino Royale

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£131,639 **Barclays Equity Index** Dividends Reinvested

£8,511 **Barclays Equity Price Index** Ex-Dividends

£4,550 **Barclays Gilt Index** Income Reinvested

£2,876 **Retail Prices Index**

£1,833 **UK Building Society Index** Income Reinvested

£49 **Barclays Gilt Price Index** Ex-Income

Value of £100 indexed from 1945.

Scales calculated on a logarithmic basis.

Figures calculated on a gross basis.

† Sir Alec Douglas Home
* Gordon Brown

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