

TODAY IN HISTORY



On 22nd September 1955, Britain's first independent TV channel was on air for the first time. The first programme was live coverage of a ceremony at the Guildhall in London, marking the start of Britain's first-ever commercially funded TV station.

It was the first time that advertisements had appeared on television.

The BBC staged an effective 'spoiling' tactic, because they chose that night to broadcast the death of Grace Archer, a leading character in the radio soap opera, *The Archers*.

THE WAY WE WERE

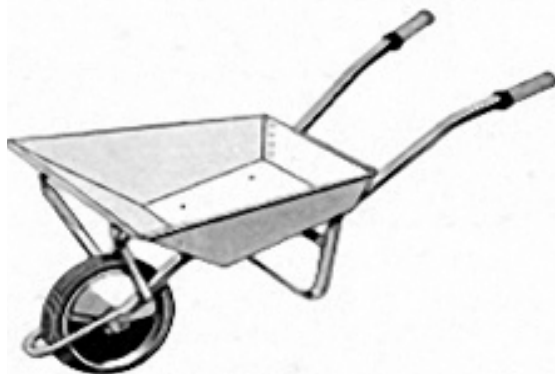


I used to make Frangipani tart occasionally, but I think it was the name I liked more than anything. It sounded quite exotic!

It was named after a 16th century nobleman called the Marquis Muzio Frangipani. He had devised a perfume based on bitter almonds to scent Louis XIII's gloves. The cooks of the day created an almond tasting recipe involving eggs, butter, flour and almonds and called it Frangipani. Or so the story goes. I think it's a bit strange to invent cakes that taste like gloves, even if they did belong to the king.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The "COUPE" De Luxe GARDEN BARROW



45/- EACH

Lawn mowing always seemed an endless job in the summer didn't it? The combination of a bit of sunshine and lots of rain that characterizes a British summer always made the grass grow so fast you could almost see it moving!

Actually I didn't mind the mowing as much as carting away the grass clippings. It was long before the days when the council collected garden rubbish.

I must have been very grumpy one summer because my wife Maureen bought me a new wheelbarrow that wasn't such hard work to push!

OVER TO YOU



Dear Mary and Jack,

I'm sure lots of Daily Sparkle readers must be fans of The Archers, like I am.

I didn't hear the first few episodes because I was still at work. When I finished work, when I got married and had my children, I hardly missed any of them. It was the high spot of the day to sit down with a cup of tea and listen to what was happening in Ambridge.

I remember the episode of Grace and the fire, and how upset we all were, even though we knew it wasn't real!

Best wishes, Marie

TV QUIZ

Today's quiz is all about television programmes.

1. Which popular soap opera is set in London?
2. Which popular comedy series featured 'Dell Boy'?
3. Who is William Roache?
4. Gilbert Harding was a panel member on one of the early quiz shows - what was it called?
5. Which series starred Joanna Lumley and Diana Rigg playing opposite Patrick McNeen?
6. What was the name of the character played by Richard Briers in *The Good Life*?

ANSWERS

1. *East Enders*
2. *Only Fools and Horses*
3. *He plays Ken Barlow in Coronation Street*
4. *What's My Line*
5. *The Avengers*
6. *Tom Goode*

SINGALONG

You don't have to come from Lambeth to know this song!

Anytime you're - - - - -
way,

Any evening any - - -,
You'll find us - - -,
Doing the Lambeth Walk,

Every little Lambeth Gal,
With her little Lambeth - - -,
You'll find them all
Doing the Lambeth - - - - ,

Everything free and - - - - ,
Do as you darn well pleasey,
Why don't you make your
way there,
Go - - - - - , stay there.

Once you get down Lambeth
way,
Every evening every day,
You'll find - - - - -
Doing the Lambeth Walk!!

ANSWERS

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| 1. <i>Lambeth</i> | 2. <i>day</i> |
| 3. <i>all</i> | 4. <i>pal</i> |
| 5. <i>walk</i> | 6. <i>easy</i> |
| 7. <i>there</i> | 8. <i>yourself</i> |