

The 1980s

There used to be a coin smaller than the one pence coin called the half-penny. Children used to spend their pocket money on half-penny sweets.

The half-penny was taken out of use in 1984.



In 1983

people had to wear seat belts for the first time when they travelled in a car.



BBC Children in Need began in 1980. Pudsey Bear is the mascot of Children in Need. He is named after the town of Pudsey in Yorkshire.