

BACK TO THE EIGHTIES!

When I was growing up there were only four channels - BBC, STV and Channel 4.

It was quite a family thing to sit down and watch a programme together. For the 1986 World Cup my Dad bought a video recorder so we could see all the games.

As a child, I loved the A-Team and The Dukes of Hazard. I remember just prior to that video recorder my dad racing us home so I could see the second episode of a double where they had been arrested and were due to be shot (it's okay they escaped.)



The Dukes of Hazzard with their 'General Lee' Dodge Charger.

With the four channels it was pretty easy to narrow down what to watch and things like the news and Panorama were staples for my parents. I remember that to know what was on you had to buy the Radio Times for BBC and the TV Times for STV and Channel Four.

Where we lived in the mid-eighties had lots of trees in the back garden and when the wind got up or even if they were just in full leaf it would block the signal and made TV unwatchable!

There wasn't too much football, so the main highlights were Sportscene on a Saturday night and then Scotsport on a Sunday.

They'd only show two or three games between them. It was exciting to see other grounds with Archie McPherson and Jock Brown commentating and if you were really lucky you could even see a Hearts game!
- Scott Cockburn

WHAT'S ON TELLY? ★

If you are like me, you enjoy preparing a nice cup of tea just in time to watch your favourite show on the TV!

Before Strictly Come Dancing and Midsomer Murders were a thing, British TV was already full of exciting shows and dramas - with only a handful of channels to choose from!

This fortnight, our 'Memories at home' pack will help you look into popular TV programmes from the 1980s and the 1990s. Take the time to discover our 14 photo cards and if you can, write your recollections at the back!

Stay safe,

**Kirsty Roebuck,
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MEMORY LANE: SATURDAY NIGHT TELLY

As a young Jambo, Alasdair Quinney would spend his Saturday nights at home watching the best of what 1980's TV had to offer.

Back in the early 1980's televisions looked very different to what they do today. At home we did have a colour television although black and white screens were still a common feature. I often wondered how my gran and grandad managed to follow the snooker on their black and white set. A remote control device was seen as high-tech!



Jack Warner played in all 432 episodes of Dixon of Dock Green.

Big night in

I think television was possibly at its peak in the late 1970s and 1980s with millions tuning in to their favourite programmes. Saturday evening was the big night for watching TV after I'd been out to get The Pink News as well as some chocolate for the family to eat in front of the telly.

The programmes were wide and varied and one of the first police dramas I remember watching was the popular Dixon of Dock Green which was set in a London police station. Juliet Bravo was another Saturday night police drama that I enjoyed watching: it contrasted hugely with American cop shows like Kojak, Starsky and Hutch and few years later Cagney and Lacey.

Like it or not

Entertainment shows were hugely popular as well, with Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game, Game for a Laugh and then Cilla Black's Blind Date. Paul Daniels also used to conjure up some tricks on a Saturday evening although that was never a favourite of mine and I would usually finish reading 'The Pink' when that was on! For me Saturday evening viewing would conclude with Archie McPherson on Sportscene which showed highlights from one Scottish match and one English match. It was just luck if the chosen games were any good. It was always quite exciting if the Sportscene cameras had been at Tynecastle!



Cilla Black started hosting ITV's Blind Date in 1985.

FOOTBALL MEMORIES: HEARTS' GAMES ABROAD



From the author

My name is George Hutchison. My first full season seeing Hearts at Tynecastle was in 1957-58, a season to remember when Hearts set record after record. We scored 132 goals and won 29 games. Hearts lost only one game! We ended up with 62pts! In these days, it was only 2 points for a win. In my time as a fan, that was Hearts' greatest ever side. I was only ten years old and travelled on Penicuik Hearts Supporters Club bus. It cost 1/6d for the bus, 1/- for the boys gate and 3d for a programme.

Germany trip

I've seen Hearts win all the major Scottish trophies and apart from the 1957/58 season, beating Rangers 2-1 at Celtic Park in the 1998 Scottish Cup Final was my all-time favourite game. I've travelled abroad to see the Club play.

The trip to Germany v Bayern Munich in 1989 has always stuck in my mind. Our bus left from Penicuik at 6am on Monday 13th March and drove down to Dover for the overnight ferry trip to Calais. We then drove through the day and night on the Tuesday arriving in Munich around lunchtime Wednesday.



There and back

We went to the game that evening, but sadly lost 0-2. We came so close to making the semi-final, but it wasn't to be. Back at our hotel after the game, a lad came down the stairs and said: "What time are we leaving for the game"? I replied: "You've missed it".

He'd had too much to drink that afternoon and went for a lie down and hadn't wakened in time! Next day, we left for home and at the Calais ferry terminal, one of our fans on the coach had lost his passport, but got home ok.

Mighty Mackay

I've been abroad several times since, but by air every time: France, Majorca, Malta, Belgium, Greece, Portugal and Holland. I've also been to Monaco with a friend to see Tottenham Hotspur, who Hearts' former player the late great Dave Mackay played for. Travelling and seeing many foreign teams has made it a great football time for myself and many happy memories. A Jambo forever, always.



THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS CAR

With its chrome wire wheels and magnesium-alloy body built, the Aston Martin DB5 first appeared in James Bond's *Goldfinger*, starring Sean Connery, in 1964. This luxury grand tourer quickly rose to fame thanks to the special effects in the movie. The same car (registration BMT 216A) was used again in *Thunderball* in 1965.

Nicknamed 'the most famous car in the world' the DB5 is now commonly associated with Ian Fleming's character. It reappeared in further films of the 007 franchise, including *GoldenEye* (1995) - where it came equipped with a champagne cooler in the arm rest! - *Tomorrow Never Dies* (1997) or *Casino Royale* (2006).



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