

WHAT THE BADGERS

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The Seventies and Eighties



Well, here we are in the 70s and 80s. Time marches on, as they say. Read on to find out what happened during these decades. How many years in a decade?

During the 1970s, new counties of Cleveland and Tyne and Wear appeared. Coalmines continued to close down, with the problem coming to a head with the miners' strike in 1984. By the end of the 80s, there were only 6 mines left in the county.

On July 16th 1983, the 100th Miners' Gala was held in Durham. The Gala has been held every year since 1871, except during the war years 1914 - 1918 and 1939 - 1945.



In 1970, Beamish Museum was built. It shows the history of the region in an open air setting. (It really is worth a visit. Ask your family if you can have a day out there.)



In 1976, work on **Kielder Reservoir** began. People who lived in the North Tyne Valley where the land was flooded had to leave their homes and move away. The buildings are still there, under the waters. The reservoir was built to supply Teesside with water. It has been one of the best things ever built, as the North East never runs out of water – even in years of drought. It might become more important as our **climate changes**.

Why not try a visit to Kielder? There's lots to see and do.



1984 was a bit of an up-and-down for our beautiful buildings. In July of that year, a huge fire destroyed parts of York Minster. It had been hit by lightning!

I'm not too keen on lightning myself! I'd rather stay in a nice warm sett.

However, in the same year, **Durham Cathedral** was voted the world's most beautiful building. In 1987, the Cathedral and Castle were declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Brilliant!



Why don't you pay a visit to Durham? It really is a beautiful city. (Lots of good shopping too!)

