

# HGS Route 66: Class of 1966 Reunion Trivia

A nostalgic snapshot of Glasgow, the UK, and the world from mid-1966, curated for the Hutchesons' Grammar School former pupils reunion.

## ■ Football Headlines (The Summer of '66)

- **Celtic F.C.** secured the Scottish First Division title under Jock Stein, sparking their legendary 9-in-a-row run.
- **Rangers F.C.** won the Scottish Cup in April 1966, defeating Celtic 1-0 in a tense replay.
- **The FIFA World Cup** dominated the airwaves in July as hosts England lifted the trophy, a massive talking point in every Glasgow pub.

## ■ The Soundtrack of Mid-1966 (#1 UK Hits)

- **The Beatles:** Topped the charts with *Paperback Writer* in June and *Yellow Submarine / Eleanor Rigby* in August.
- **The Rolling Stones:** Reached number one with the moody anthem *Paint It, Black* in May.
- **The Kinks:** Provided the ultimate summer vibe with *Sunny Afternoon* in July.
- **Chris Farlowe:** Hit the top spot with *Out of Time* (written by Jagger & Richards).
- **Manfred Mann:** Spent weeks at number one with *Pretty Flamingo*.

## ■ Local News & Glasgow Culture

- **The Townhead Interchange:** Construction was in full swing, transforming the landscape of Glasgow's inner ring road system.
- **The Kingston Bridge:** Plans were officially approved, preparing to reshape travel across the River Clyde.
- **The Evening Citizen & Evening Times:** Cost just 4d (four pence) to read on the bus ride home.
- **Sauchiehall Street:** Buzzing on Friday nights with packed cinemas like the ABC and dance floors at the legendary Locarno Ballroom.

## ■ Notable Cinema Releases of 1966

- **Alfie:** Michael Caine's iconic breakthrough role as a narcissistic Cockney chauffeur.
- **Born Free:** The heartwarming British-American wildlife drama about Elsa the lioness, winning two Academy Awards.
- **A Man for All Seasons:** The brilliant historical drama starring Paul Scofield as Sir Thomas More, dominating the box office and awards.

- **Blow-Up:** Michelangelo Antonioni's mystery thriller set in 'Swinging London' that captured the counterculture shift.
- **Fahrenheit 451:** François Truffaut's quirky, dystopian sci-fi masterpiece exploring state censorship and book burning.
- **Dracula: Prince of Darkness:** The quintessential Hammer Horror sequel starring Christopher Lee in his menacing prime.

## ■ The Cost of Living in 1966 (Average UK Prices)

*Note: Pre-decimalisation currency values are listed alongside modern equivalents for comparison.*

| Item                           | 1966 Price | Approx. Decimal/Modern Equivalent |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| White Loaf (Unwrapped, 800g)   | 1s 4d      | 6.5p                              |
| Pint of Milk (Delivered)       | 9d         | 4.0p                              |
| Pint of Beer/Bitter at the Pub | 2s 6d      | 11.5p - 12.5p                     |
| Cinema Ticket                  | 2s 7d      | 13.0p                             |
| Daily Newspaper                | 4d         | 1.5p                              |
| Average UK House Price         | £3,800     | N/A                               |