

PRIME MINISTER

ELECTION DIARY

Here is my first draft of an Election timetable, assuming an Election to be in April, May, June, September or October 1987.

I will progressively refine it as more information becomes available. But it gives a good idea of the main dates.

Some comments:

1. The length of time between Dissolution and Polling Day is governed by statute (normally 23 days but more if Bank Holidays are involved) while the length of time between the date of announcement and Dissolution is governed mainly by convention and convenience. In the five General Elections in 1964, 1966, 1970, 1979 and 1983 the announcement was made exactly one calendar month before Polling Day. The announcement days in the Diary assume this one month interval although a different time period could, within practical and political limits, be chosen.
2. The dates for the publication of economic statistics are, in most cases, guesses since firm times have not yet been decided.
3. I have assumed that Election Day will be a Thursday.
4. I will find out from David Wolfson, who provided the dates, the significance of some of the Jewish holidays, particularly those in October (some of which fall awkwardly, eg October 8th).

Is there any other information which you think we need  
to include in the Diary?

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26 September 1986



SUN 29 March

Mon 30 March

( ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 30 APRIL

Tues 31 March

( ~~Final~~ money figures

Wed 1 April

THURS 2 April

( PROCLAMATION <sup>THIS DAY 1 PM</sup> DATE FOR ELECTION ON 30 APRIL

Fri 3 April

( AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 9 MARCH)

SAT 4 April

SUN 5 April

Mon 6 April

*IMF Spring Meeting Begins; Final  
Detail files*

Tues 7 April

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 7 MAY

Wed 8 April

PROCLAMATION <sup>THIS DAY 1 PM</sup> DATE FOR ELECTION ON 7 MAY

THURS 9 April

AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 16 MARCH)

Fri 10 April

*RPI*  
Inflation figures ✓

SAT 11 April

SUN 12 April

Mon 13 April

*IMF Spring Meeting Ends*

Tues 14 April

( ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 14 MAY

Wed 15 April

( *THIS DAY 1 PM*  
Passover; *Index & Production* ✓

THURS 16 April

( PROCLAMATION DATE FOR ELECTION ON 14 MAY

Fri 17 April

( *THIS DAY 1 PM*  
Passover; *Unemployment figures*  
Maundy Thursday cannot be an Election Day; *PSBR*

SAT 18 April

Good Friday

SUN 19 April +

Mon 20 April

Easter Monday; Passover

Tues 21 April

(ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 21 MAY

Wed 22 April

(Passover  
Provisional money figures ✓

THURS 23 April

AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 26 MARCH); *Q1*  
*Preliminary Customs Expenditure* ✓

Fri 24 April

NB: \* = Trade figures sometime in fourth week of the month.

+ = PSBR and Industrial production figures in third week of the month.

SAT 25 April

SUN 26 April

Mon 27 April

Tues 28 April

Wed 29 April

THURS 30 April

*THIS DAY AN*  
PROCLAMATION ~~DATE~~ FOR ELECTION ON 21 MAY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 28 MAY *CBI Quarterly Survey*  
*Provincial Retail Sales* *Trade figures*

AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 2 APRIL)

Fri 1 May

*THIS DAY AN*  
( PROCLAMATION ~~DATE~~ FOR ELECTION ON 28 MAY  
( ~~Final money figures~~ )

SAT 2 May

SUN 3 May

Mon 4 May

( ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 4 JUNE  
( May Bank Holiday *Reserved (?)* )

Tues 5 May

Wed 6 May

THURS 7 May

( AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 8 APRIL)  
( Local Elections in England and Wales

Fri 8 May

SAT 9 May

*Cup Final*

SUN 10 May

*London Marathon*

Mon 11 May

*THIS DAY AN*  
( PROCLAMATION ~~DATE~~ FOR ELECTION ON 4 JUNE  
( ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 11 JUNE ; *Final Retail Sales*

Tues 12 May

Wed 13 May

THURS 14 May

( AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 15 APRIL)  
( ~~Labour Market Statistics~~ *Unemployment Figures*  
~~Inflation figures~~ *RPI*

Fri 15 May

SAT 16 May

SUN 17 May +

*; Provincial Retail Sales*

Mon 18 May

*THIS DAY AN*  
( PROCLAMATION ~~DATE~~ FOR ELECTION ON 11 JUNE  
( ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 18 JUNE

Tues 19 May

*Index of Production* ✓ ; *PSBR*

Wed 20 May

Provisional money figures ✓

THURS 21 May

AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 27 APRIL)

NB: \* = Trade figures sometime in fourth week of the month.

+ = PSBR and Industrial production figures in third week of the month.



Fri 22 May  
 SAT 23 May  
 SUN 24 May \*  
 Mon 25 May  
 Tues 26 May  
 Wed 27 May  
 THURS 28 May  
 Fri 29 May  
 SAT 30 May  
 SUN 31 May

( ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 25 JUNE  
 ( Spring Bank Holiday <sup>AN</sup>  
 PROCLAMATION ~~DATE~~ <sup>THIS DAY</sup> FOR ELECTION ON 18 JUNE

AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 1 MAY); <sup>Trade</sup>  
<sup>figures</sup>

Mon 1 June  
 Tues 2 June  
 Wed 3 June  
 THURS 4 June  
 Fri 5 June  
 SAT 6 June  
 SUN 7 June  
 Mon 8 June  
 Tues 9 June  
 Wed 10 June  
 THURS 11 June  
 Fri 12 June  
 SAT 13 June  
 SUN 14 June +  
 Mon 15 June  
 Tues 16 June  
 Wed 17 June

~~Final money figures~~; CBI Monthly Enquiry  
<sup>THIS DAY DATE AN</sup>  
 PROCLAMATION ~~DATE~~ <sup>THIS DAY</sup> FOR ELECTION ON 25 JUNE; <sup>Reserves</sup>  
 Shavuoth

( AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 11 MAY)  
 ( Shavuoth; <sup>First Test (England v Pakistan)</sup>

Economic Summit

Economic Summit; <sup>Final Retail Sales</sup>

Economic Summit

AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 18 MAY)

~~Inflation figures~~ <sup>RPI ✓</sup>

Birthday Honours

<sup>Personal Retail Sales</sup>  
 PSBR ✓

NB: \* = Trade figures sometime in fourth week of the month.  
 + = PSBR and Industrial production figures in third week of the month.

THURS	18 June	( AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 26 MAY) ( Provisional money figures; labour market <i>unemployment</i> <i>Inflation, Production statistics figures</i> <i>Second Test (England &amp; Pakistan) begins</i>
Fri	19 June	
SAT	20 June	
SUN	21 June *	
Mon	22 June	<i>Monthly Enquiry</i> <i>Final Q1 Census Expenditure; CBI/L</i>
Tues	23 June	
Wed	24 June	
THURS	25 June	AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 2 JUNE)
Fri	26 June	<i>Trade Figures</i>
SAT	27 June	
SUN	28 June	
Mon	29 June	European Council; Final money figures
Tues	30 June	European Council
Wed	1 July	
THURS	2 July	<i>Reserves; Two Test (England &amp; Pakistan)</i>
Fri	3 July	
SAT	4 July	WIMBLEDON FINALS
SUN	5 July	WIMBLEDON FINALS
Mon	6 July	<i>Final Retail Sales</i>
Tues	7 July	
Wed	8 July	
THURS	9 July	
Fri	10 July	<i>RPI ✓</i>
SAT	11 July	
SUN	12 July	
Mon	13 July	
Tues	14 July	King Hassan begins State Visit; <i>Index of Product</i>

NB: \* = Trade figures sometime in fourth week of the month.

+ = PSBR and Industrial production figures in third week of the month.



Wed 15 July

THURS 16 July

Fri 17 July

SAT 18 July

SUN 19 July +

Mon 20 July

Tues 21 July

Wed 22 July

THURS 23 July

Fri 24 July

SAT 25 July

SUN 26 July \*

Mon 27 July

Tues 28 July

Wed 29 July

THURS 30 July

Fri 31 July

*PSBR; Unemployment figures*

King Hassan ends State Visit; Inflation figures

*Provisional money figures; Provisional Retail Sales*

*Q 2 Preliminary Customs Expenditure Trade Figures*

*CBI Quarterly Foreign Survey*

*Final money figures*

SAT 1 August

SUN 2 August

Mon 3 August

Tues 4 August

Wed 5 August

THURS 6 August

Fri 7 August

SAT 8 August

SUN 9 August

Mon 10 August

( ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 3 SEPTEMBER  
( Summer Bank Holiday (in Scotland only)  
*Reserves*

*THIS DAY*  
( PROCLAMATION DAY FOR AN ELECTION ON 3 SEPTEMBER.  
( ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 10 SEPTEMBER; *Final Retail Sales*

NB: \* = Trade figures sometime in fourth week of the month.

+ = PSBR and Industrial production figures in third week of the month.

Tues 11 August

Wed 12 August

THURS 13 August

Fri 14 August

SAT 15 August

SUN 16 August +

Mon 17 August

Tues 18 August

Wed 19 August

THURS 20 August

Fri 21 August

SAT 22 August

SUN 23 August \*

Mon 24 August

Tues 25 August

Wed 26 August

THURS 27 August

Fri 28 August

SAT 29 August

SUN 30 August

Mon 31 August

*Inclusion of Products ✓; Unemployment figures*  
~~Inflation figures~~ *RPI ✓*

*THIS*  
( PROCLAMATION DAY FOR AN ELECTION ON 10 SEPTEMBER  
( ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 17 SEPTEMBER ; *from 1st*

*PSBR*

*Salley*

Provisional money figures ✓

*THIS*  
( PROCLAMATION DAY FOR AN ELECTION ON 17 SEPTEMBER  
( ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 24 SEPTEMBER

*Trade Figures*

*CBI Monthly Enquiry*

SDP Conference begins

Summer Bank Holiday (not in Scotland)

*THIS*  
( PROCLAMATION DAY FOR AN ELECTION ON 24 SEPTEMBER  
( ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 1 OCTOBER  
( ~~Final money figures~~

*Reserves ✓*

AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 10 AUGUST)

SDP Conference ends

Balmoral (?)

Balmoral (?)

NB: \* = Trade figures sometime in fourth week of the month.

+ = PSBR and Industrial production figures in third week of the month.



Mon 7 September TUC Conference begins; *Final Retail Sales*  
 Tues 8 September (*THIS* PROCLAMATION <sup>2</sup>DAY FOR AN ELECTION ON 1 OCTOBER  
 (ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 8 OCTOBER)  
 Wed 9 September  
 THURS 10 September AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 17 AUGUST)  
 Fri 11 September TUC Congress ends; *RPI*  
 SAT 12 September  
 SUN 13 September Liberal Party Conference begins  
 Mon 14 September *Provisional Retail Sales*  
 Tues 15 September (*THIS* PROCLAMATION <sup>2</sup>DAY FOR AN ELECTION ON 8 OCTOBER  
 (ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 15 OCTOBER)  
 Wed 16 September *Indexing Products* ✓; *PSBE* ✓  
 THURS 17 September (AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 24 AUGUST)  
 (Labour market statistics *Unemployment figures*)  
 Fri 18 September (Liberal Party Conference ends  
 (Provisional money figures; Inflation figures)  
 SAT 19 September  
 SUN 20 September +  
 Mon 21 September *Final Q2 Announcements Expected; CBI Monthly*  
*Shopping* *THIS*  
 Tues 22 September (PROCLAMATION <sup>2</sup>DAY FOR AN ELECTION ON 15 OCTOBER  
 (ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 22 OCTOBER)  
 Wed 23 September  
 THURS 24 September (AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 1 SEPTEMBER)  
 (Jewish New Year; *Baul/Final meety begins*  
 Jewish New Year *Trade Figures.*)  
 Fri 25 September  
 SAT 26 September  
 SUN 27 September \*  
 Mon 28 September Labour Party Conference begins  
 Tues 29 September (*THIS DAY* PROCLAMATION <sup>2</sup>DAY FOR AN ELECTION ON 22 OCTOBER  
 (ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION ON 29 OCTOBER)  
 + *Final money figures*  
 Wed 30 September *Baul/Final meety ends* ✓  
 THURS 1 October \*\* AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 8 SEPTEMBER)  
 Fri 2 October Labour Party Conference ends; *Reserves* ✓

NB: \* = Trade figures sometime in fourth week of the month.  
 + = PSBR and Industrial production figures in third week of the month.  
 \*\* = President Cossiga has a State Visit sometime in October.

SAT	3 October	Day of Atonement
SUN	4 October	
Mon	5 October	<i>Final Retail Sales</i>
Tues	6 October	<i>TMS 997</i> ( PROCLAMATION FOR AN ELECTION ON 29 OCTOBER ( Conservative Party Conference begins
Wed	7 October	
THURS	8 October	( AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 15 SEPTEMBER) ( Sukkoth
Fri	9 October	( Conservative Party Conference ends ( Sukkoth <i>RPIV</i>
SAT	10 October	
SUN	11 October	
Mon	12 October	
Tues	13 October	<i>Provisional Retail Sales</i>
Wed	14 October	<i>Index &amp; Products 1; L</i>
THURS	15 October	( AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 22 SEPTEMBER) <i>Unemployment figures</i> (Labour market statistics; Sukkoth
Fri	16 October	<i>Inflation figures; Sukkoth PSBR (?)</i>
SAT	17 October	
SUN	18 October +	
Mon	19 October	CHOGM begins
Tues	20 October	Provisional money figures ✓
Wed	21 October	
THURS	22 October	AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 29 SEPTEMBER); <i>Q3 Preliminary Customs Expenditure</i>
Fri	23 October	CHOGM ends; <i>Trade Figures.</i>
SAT	24 October	
SUN	25 October *	
Mon	26 October	
Tues	27 October	<i>CBI Quarterly Survey</i>
Wed	28 October	
THURS	29 October	( AN ELECTION DAY (PROCLAMATION ON 6 OCTOBER) ( <i>Final money figures</i>
Fri	30 October	

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22 September 1986

Dear Nigel,

I enclose a list showing, for each Thursday in April, May, June, September and October 1987, the date on which the proclamation summoning a new Parliament must be issued in order to make polling day fall on that Thursday. *Please check these at your end before relying on them.*

I have taken the dates of the bank holidays in each part of the United Kingdom from the card issued for 1987 by HMSO (copy attached), which I have checked against the list in Schedule 1 to the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 (c.80). On the card, 13 July is (irrelevantly, for present purposes) shown as a bank holiday in Northern Ireland, though not made one there by Schedule 1; and the card in some cases extends a bank holiday to a part of the UK not warranted by the Schedule, presumably anticipating a proclamation. However, a bank holiday in any part of the UK is a dies non for our purpose. If any of the dates on the card were to be altered, or an additional bank holiday appointed, by proclamation under section 1 of that Act, this could obviously falsify some of the dates in my list.

As you know, it is usual but - as has now been established - not essential for Parliament to be dissolved on the date of the summoning proclamation.

*Yours ever  
George.*

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POLLING DAY  
(THURSDAYS)

PROCLAMATION SUMMONING  
NEW PARLIAMENT

April

✓  
2  
9  
16 (Maundy Thursday)  
23  
30

Monday 9 March  
Monday 16 March  
NB Maundy Thursday cannot be polling day.  
Thursday 26 March  
Thursday 2 April

May

✓  
7  
14  
21  
28

Wednesday 8 April  
Wednesday 15 April  
Monday 27 April -  
Friday 1 May

June

✓  
4  
11  
18  
25

Monday 11 May  
Monday 18 May  
Tuesday 26 May  
Tuesday 2 June

September

✓  
3  
10  
17  
24

Monday 10 August  
Monday 17 August  
Monday 24 August  
Tuesday 1 September

October

✓  
1  
8  
15  
22  
29

Tuesday 8 September ✓  
Tuesday 15 September  
Tuesday 22 September  
Tuesday 29 September  
Tuesday 6 October

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POLLING DAY  
(THURSDAYS)

PROCLAMATION SUMMONING  
NEW PARLIAMENT

April

✓ 2  
9  
16 (Maundy Thursday)  
23  
30

Monday 9 March  
Monday 16 March  
NB Maundy Thursday cannot be polling day.  
Thursday 26 March  
Thursday 2 April

May

✓ 7  
14  
21  
28

Wednesday 8 April  
Wednesday 15 April  
Monday 27 April -  
Friday 1 May

June

✓ 4  
11  
18  
25

Monday 11 May  
Monday 18 May  
Tuesday 26 May  
Tuesday 2 June

September

✓ 3  
10  
17  
24

Monday 10 August  
Monday 17 August  
Monday 24 August  
Tuesday 1 September

October

✓ 1  
8  
15  
22  
29

Tuesday 8 September ✓  
Tuesday 15 September  
Tuesday 22 September  
Tuesday 29 September  
Tuesday 6 October

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**January**

Sun	4	11	18	25
Mon	5	12	19	26
Tue	6	13	20	27
Wed	7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22
Fri	2	9	16	23
Sat	3	10	17	24

**Week no****February**

1	8	15	22
2	9	16	23
3	10	17	24
4	11	18	25
5	12	19	26
6	13	20	27
7	14	21	28

**March**

1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	

**April**

5	12	19	26
6	13	20	27
7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22
2	9	16	23
3	10	17	24
4	11	18	25

**May**

Sun	3	10	17	24	31
Mon	4	11	18	25	
Tue	5	12	19	26	
Wed	6	13	20	27	
Thu	7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30

**Week no****June**

	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	

**July**

	5	12	19	26
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	

**August**

2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29

**September**

Sun	6	13	20	27
Mon	7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22
Wed	2	9	16	23
Thu	3	10	17	24
Fri	4	11	18	25
Sat	5	12	19	26

**Week no****October**

	4	11	18	25
	5	12	19	26
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31

**November**

1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	

**December**

6	13	20	27
7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22
2	9	16	23
3	10	17	24
4	11	18	25
5	12	19	26



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English and Welsh Bank Holidays:  
1 January 17, 20 April 4, 25 May  
31 August 25, 28 December

N. Irish Bank Holidays:  
1 January 17 March 17, 20 April  
4, 25 May 13 July 31 August  
25, 28 December

Scottish Bank Holidays:  
1, 2 January 17 April 4, 25 May  
3 August 25, 28 December

Days in lieu of Public and  
Bank Holidays falling on  
Saturday or Sunday to be  
announced.





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From the Principal Private Secretary

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18 September 1986

The time has come in the Parliamentary calendar for a prudent Private Secretary to follow the advice in paragraph 4 of Part I of "Procedure for General Elections (PGE)". This suggests that you should be asked to draw up, on a contingent basis, the statutory timetables for all possible polling dates within the period which the Prime Minister is considering.

BF // Let me hasten to add that the Prime Minister is not, for the moment, "considering" any period for a General Election, but I would, nevertheless, like to have quickly available, just in case, "statutory timetables" for all Thursdays in April, May, June, September and October, 1987. Could I therefore ask you to let me have this information sometime next week? This will assist me in preparing a complete calendar, taking account of the factors referred to under the heading "Choice of Date in PGE".

NIGEL L WICKS

Sir George Engle KCB QC  
First Parliamentary Counsel

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NW,

Balmoral Dates:—

1985 — 7/8 September

1986 — 6/7 September

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1987

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10 DOWNING STREET

TUC

Week of 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sept.



Raymond Bell

D/R  
a/g.



10 DOWNING STREET

*Regence Street*

*7 - 8 - 9*

*Line*

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*Regents + Islands*

*None*

*Districts*

*None*

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MR. WICKS

William Fittall, Home Office, 'phoned to  
say that there would be non-metropolitan  
and metropolitan district council and parish  
council meetings on 7 May 1987\*. No County/  
London Borough elections are planned.

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\* in England & Wales

ANDY BEARPARK

16 September 1986



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Neil Ward said  
there are no  
planned elections  
in N. I in 1987.

N. L. W.

16 Sept.



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Conferences 1987

✓ SDP	29 Aug	-	4 Sept
✓ TUC	7 Sept	-	11 Sept
✓ Liberal	13 Sept	-	18 Sept
✓ Labour	28 Sept		2 Oct
✓ Conservative	6 Oct		9 Oct



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Dear Nigel,

As requested, I attach details of bank holidays in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland for 1987.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Ratcliffe

Stephen Ratcliffe  
Private Secretary



# Bank Holidays

□ Bank holiday dates, and substitute dates where weekends intervene, for 1986-89 are listed in the table below. Separate listings are shown for England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

● indicates Public and Bank Holidays

Date	Name	England and Wales	Northern Ireland	Scotland
<b>1986</b>				
Monday, August 4	Summer Bank Holiday	—	—	●
Monday, August 25	Summer Bank Holiday	●	●	—
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day	●	●	●
Friday, December 26	Boxing Day	●	●	●
<b>1987</b>				
Thursday, January 1	New Year's Day	●	●	●
Friday, January 2	New Year	—	—	●
Tuesday, March 17	St Patrick's Day	—	●	—
Friday, April 17	Good Friday	●	●	—
Monday, April 20	Easter Monday	●	●	—
Monday, May 4	May Bank Holiday	●	●	●
Monday, May 25	Spring Bank Holiday	●	●	●
Monday, July 13*	In lieu of Battle of the Boyne (Orangemen's Day)	—	●	—
Monday, August 3	Summer Bank Holiday	—	—	●
Monday, August 31	Summer Bank Holiday	●	●	—
Friday, December 25	Christmas Day	●	●	●
Monday, December 28	In lieu of Boxing Day	●	●	●
<b>1988</b>				
Friday, January 1	New Year's Day	●	●	●
Monday, January 4	In lieu of January 2	—	—	●
Thursday, March 17	St Patrick's Day	—	●	—
Friday, April 1	Good Friday	●	●	●
Monday, April 4	Easter Monday	●	●	—
Monday, May 2	May Bank Holiday	●	●	●
Monday, May 30	Spring Bank Holiday	●	●	●
Tuesday, July 12	Battle of the Boyne (Orangemen's Day)	—	●	—
Monday, August 1	Summer Bank Holiday	—	—	●
Monday, August 29	Summer Bank Holiday	●	●	—
Monday, December 26	Boxing Day (E. W & NI)	●	●	—
Monday, December 26	In lieu of Christmas Day (Scot)	—	—	●
Tuesday, December 27	In lieu of Christmas Day (E. W & NI)	●	●	—
Tuesday, December 27	In lieu of Boxing Day (Scot)	—	—	●
<b>1989</b>				
Monday, January 2	In lieu of January 1	●	●	●
Tuesday, January 3	In lieu of January 2	—	—	●
Friday, March 17	St Patrick's Day	—	●	—
Friday, March 24	Good Friday	●	●	●
Monday, March 27	Easter Monday	●	●	—
Monday, May 1	May Bank Holiday	●	●	●
Monday, May 29	Spring Bank Holiday	●	●	●
Wednesday, July 12	Battle of the Boyne (Orangemen's Day)	—	●	—
Monday, August 7	Summer Bank Holiday	—	—	●
Monday, August 28	Summer Bank Holiday	●	●	—
Monday, December 25	Christmas Day	●	●	●
Tuesday, December 26	Boxing Day	●	●	●

\* To be proclaimed by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.



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Mr ~~Nargrove~~,

I attach the release dates  
of money figures in  
1987.

Cathy Rydin

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Mr King

I gather you were looking for  
a list of money dates.

Michael Dickson  
4/18

TIMING OF PRESS RELEASES FOR MONTHLY MONEY FIGURES  
OCTOBER 1986-DECEMBER 1987

	<u>Provisional Press Release</u>	<u>Final Press Release</u>
1986		
October	Thursday 20 November	Monday 1 December
November	Thursday 18 December	Wednesday 31 December
December	Tuesday 20 January 1987	Thursday 29 January 1987
1987		
January	Thursday 19 February	Monday 2 March
February	Thursday 19 March	Monday 30 March
March	Wednesday 22 April	Friday 1 May
April	Wednesday 20 May	Monday 1 June
May	Thursday 18 June	Monday 29 June
June	Monday 20 July	Wednesday 29 July
July	Thursday 20 August	Tuesday 1 September
August	Friday 18 September	Tuesday 29 September
September	Tuesday 20 October	Thursday 29 October
October	Thursday 19 November	Monday 30 November
November	Friday 18 December	Thursday 31 December
December	Wednesday 20 January 1988	Friday 29 January 1988

Note: All press releases will be made at 11 am on the relevant date.

Mrs Ryding  
we now have these

Money  
4/9





MR. WICKS

1987 DATES

You asked for some key dates in 1987, on the foreign affairs side. They are:

EUROPEAN COUNCIL:	29-30 June
CHOGM :	October (exact dates not known)
ECONOMIC SUMMIT :	May (probably early May: exact date not known)
STATE VISITS :	King Fahd 24-26 March King Hassan 14-17 July President Cossiga October

There may be Northern Ireland Assembly elections in 1987.

CDP

C. D. POWELL

4 September 1986



10 DOWNING STREET

Nigel oh,

Below is the  
information available so far.  
It may be possible later to  
find out the dates of the  
other party conferences,  
and the ~~hand~~ <sup>hand</sup> ~~launched~~ <sup>launched</sup>  
Chief Whips  
office will do that when  
they can. They will  
announce he is September  
~~the~~ not October.

DES  
3/9



Dani

The only party conference dates  
I can get today (without  
arousing suspicion) are.

Labour      Monday 28 Sept →  
                Friday 2 Oct

Conservative      Tues 6 Oct →  
                        Friday 9 Oct.

Teresa



Mr Notgrove

RELEASE DATES OF  
STATISTICS IN 1987

I attach the best guess  
we can make at this  
stage .

Cathy Rydning  
2/9

MRS RYDING

12/2

Release dates of statistics in 1987

As I explained, release dates have not yet been decided for any of the statistics. In particular, I gather no decision has been taken as to whether the money figures are to be published on a calendar or breaking month basis, so we have not even hazarded a guess for them.

The dates given below are all our 'best guess' and could well change. In some cases, we simply have to give the week and cannot provide even a shot at a specific day.

MOR  
2/9



Labour market statistics

May 14

June 18

October 15<sup>+</sup>Trade figuresDuring 4<sup>th</sup> week  
of monthIndex of productionDuring 3rd week  
of month<sup>+</sup> Will include 1987 Q2 employmentInflation

May 15

June 12

October 16

PSBRDuring 3rd week of  
monthGDP (O) Preliminary

May 20 (1987 Q1)

GDP (A) Final

June 19 (1987 Q1)

