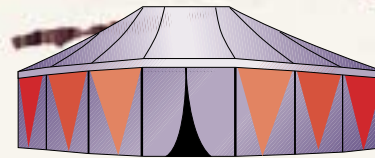


TIME LINE

THROUGHOUT HISTORY PEOPLE HAVE TRAVELLED EITHER TO OBTAIN WORK OR TO AVOID BEING PERSECUTED.



A group of Indians become **nomadic** craftsmen and entertainers.
(These were later called "Egyptians" or "Gypsies".)
400 A.D.



King Henry VII
First record of Gypsies in Scotland.
1505

King Edward VI
Edward VI passes a Law, Gypsies have to be branded and made into slaves for 2 years. If they escape and are caught they are made slaves for life.
1547

Queen Elizabeth I
Elizabeth I passes a law. If Gypsies do not give up their way of life then they will be put to death and their belongings taken away.
1562
First record of Gypsies in Wales.
1579

King George III
First modern circus held in London.
1768
Most English laws against Gypsies are gradually **repealed** from this date onwards.
1780

King William IV
First wooden, horse-drawn covered wagons used by Gypsies in England.
1830s

**King George V
King Edward VII
King George VI
Queen Elizabeth II**
Roma arrive in Great Britain from Europe.
1930s-1960s

**King George VI
Queen Elizabeth II**
Gypsies begin to use motor-drawn trailers and some start to buy their own land for stopping places in England.
1945-60

Some people who were living in houses start to live in trailers. The media call them "New Age Travellers".
1970s

Criminal Justice Act **abolishes** Caravan Sites Act. This leaves at least 5,000 families with no legal home.
1994

First record of Travelling groups in Ireland.
1100s

53 B.C.
Romans invade Britain. Fairs can be traced back to this period.

1000s
Romany Gypsies reach the Byzantine Empire, what is now called Greece and Turkey.

1514
First record of Gypsies in England.
1530
Henry VIII forbids Gypsies to be transported into England.
King Henry VIII

1300s
Romany Gypsy groups arrive in Western Europe.

1554
Mary passes first law in England making it a crime, punishable by death, to enter the country as a Gypsy.
Queen Mary I

1650s
Last known execution for the crime of being a Gypsy in England (Suffolk). Gypsies are banished to America.
Oliver Cromwell

1800s
Rides first appear in fairs.
**King George III
King George IV
King William IV**
1820
Tents used for circuses.
King George IV

1939-1945
2nd world war
British Government builds caravan sites for Gypsies in the army, and for Gypsies engaged in farm labour. (These are shut after the war.)
The Holocaust
Millions of people, including Gypsies, are systematically killed.
King George VI



1889
"Showmen's Guild" formed in England. They become a group distinct from Travellers and Gypsies.
Queen Victoria

1968
Caravan Sites Act states, that from 1970, councils should provide caravan sites for Travellers in England.
Queen Elizabeth II

1986
Because of the large numbers of "New Age" Travellers stopping in trailers at Stonehenge, the government passes the Public Order Act. Only 12 vehicles are allowed to park on an unofficial site at a time.

1997
Romany refugees arrive in Dover, Kent, from Eastern Europe, needing somewhere to live.

