

Depending on which side of the fence you choose to sit, this Country is either in an exciting period of change, or it's in a mess. Those who regard it as a mess will drag up any specious argument to justify their case, regardless of their real knowledge. In the coming months we plan to give them the facts.

Like it or not, we are **going metric**

The History

- 1790 France invited Britain to join in establishing an international system of weights and measures. No action was taken.
- 1871 A bill to make the Metric System compulsory for all purposes was rejected in the House of Commons by 5 votes.
- 1904 A second bill to make the Metric System compulsory was passed by the House of Lords, but rejected by the House of Commons.
- 1907 Yet another bill to make the Metric System compulsory was rejected, this time by 32 votes.
- 1950 The Hodgson Committee on Weights and Measures Legislation, reported to Parliament, that the Metric System was better than the Imperial System, and that sooner or later its adoption was inevitable.
- 1965 The Government announced to Parliament, that the Metric System was to be adopted, and that the target date for completion was 1975.

During the 175 years of procrastination, Britain has lagged behind the rest of the world.
80% of the World's population lives in metric countries, another 10% live in countries that are going metric.

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Readers may already know that Howard has written a series of text books called 'Assignment Maths' published in April of this year. Each title is aimed at providing pupils with opportunities for preparing themselves for the metric situations they will face in the outside world.

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That 'plug' was your 'fee' for the year Howard!