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The 1970-year itch

Anarchy in the UK, a minority government, street protests and now the return of flared jeans. The 1970s are back, with Sir Elton John's memoirs rocking the bookshops and a Martin Scorsese gangster film starring Robert De Niro on our screens. The colour is avocado, the mood beige. And those flapping, puddle-prone jeans have reappeared along with the maxi skirt and knee-high boots.

Yes, we're stuck in the circle of life, even though academics at [Warwick](#)

[University](#) claimed last week that 1978 was Britain's unhappiest year.

Send out a distress flare before the Watneys Party Seven tins and cheese-and-pineapple sticks make a comeback. They only cost a few bob, though. A pair of Amiri flared jeans is on sale for £1,700 and designer Dr Martens could set you back more than £1,000.

Perhaps the 1970s weren't all bad, in retrospect. Another glass of Mateus Rosé, anyone?

