

## *This Month in History*

**1st**, East India Company's rule of India ended as the Crown took over its territories in 1858, **James (Gentlemen Jim) Corbett**, boxing champion, born in 1866, **Nicholas Breakspear** (Pope Adrian IV), only English Pope, died in 1159.

**2nd**, the Second World War ended with the surrender of Japan in 1945\*, **Thomas Telford**, engineer, died in 1834.

[\*This is the date of the signing of the surrender document although the UK denotes 15th August as Victory Over Japan Day, commemorating the announcement of the formal surrender.]



**3rd**, Cromwell defeated a Royalist army at the Battle of Worcester in 1651, Britain introduced the Gregorian calendar in 1752 so that 3rd September became 14th September, Allied forces invaded Italy in 1943.

**5th**, Palestinian terrorists killed two and took nine Israeli athletes hostage at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games (all the hostages were later killed).

**8th**, first V2 rocket hit London in 1944, **King Richard I** (the Lionheart) born in 1157.



**9th**, **Henri Toulouse-Lautrec**, painter, died in 1901.

**10th**, American Express cards launched in the UK in 1963.

**11th**, terror attacks on the World Trade Centre, New York in 2001.

**13th**, **Roald Dahl**, writer, born in 1916, **James Wolfe**, general, died in 1759.

**14th**, **Napoleon** entered Moscow in 1812, **Princess Grace of Monaco** (aka Grace Kelly) died in 1982.

**15th**, tanks were used for the first time in the Battle of Flers-Courcelette in 1916, **Alexander Fleming** discovered penicillin in 1928, **Titus Oates**, Protestant plotter, born in 1649, **Dame Agatha Christie**, novelist, born in 1890, **Isambard Kingdom Brunel**, engineer, died in 1859, **William Seward Burroughs**, adding machine pioneer, died in 1898, **Willy Messerschmitt**, aircraft designer, died in 1978.

**16th**, Post Office Savings Bank established in 1861, Britain's first Women's Institute formed in 1915 in Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch, **Lauren Bacall**, actress, born in 1924, **Lloyd Grossman**, broadcaster, born in 1950, **King Henry V** (reigned 1413-1422), born in 1387, **Maria Callas**, soprano, died in 1977.

**17th**, foundation stone laid for the new William Farr School building by Mrs William Farr in 1958, Soviet Army invaded Poland in 1939, Camp David agreement between Israel and Egypt signed in 1989, **Damon Hill**, racing driver, born in 1960.

**18th**, **Lance Armstrong**, cyclist, born in 1971, **Samuel Johnson**, writer, born in 1709, **Greta Garbo**, actress, born in 1905.



**19th**, **George Cadbury**, chocolate manufacturer, born in 1839, **William Lever**, soap manufacturer, born in 1851, **Thomas Barnardo**, philanthropist, died in 1905.

**20th**, in 1519 Magellan set sail on a voyage around the world and in 1522 one of the ships made it back to become the first to circumnavigate the globe, **Attila** and his **Huns** defeated at the Battle of Chalons in 451, Britain came off the gold standard in 1931.

**22nd**, the first TV commercial (for Gibbs SR toothpaste) broadcast on ITV in 1955, **Anne of Cleves**, fourth wife of Henry VIII, born in 1515, **Michael Faraday**, chemist, born in 1791.

**23rd**, **Julio Iglesias**, singer, born in 1943, **Bruce Springsteen**, singer, born in 1949, **Sigmund Freud**, psychoanalyst, died in 1939.

**25th**, first blood transfusion performed in Guy's Hospital in 1818.

**26th**, **Olivia Newton-John**, singer, born in 1948, **Bryan Ferry**, musician, born in 1945, **Sir Barnes Wallis**, engineer, born in 1887, **James Keir Hardie**, founder of the Labour Party, died in 1915.



**27th**, Society of Jesus (Jesuits) formed in 1540, **Gracie Fields**, singer, died in 1979.

**28th**, twinning agreement with Moncé en Belin signed in Welton in 1974, **Gamal Abdel Nasser**, Egyptian leader, died in 1970.

**29th**, the London police began duty in 1829, **Richard II** (1377-1399) deposed by **Henry Bolingbroke** (Henry IV) in 1399, **Gwyneth Paltrow**, actress, born in 1973, **Lech Walesa**, President of Poland 1990-1995, born in 1943, **Miguel de Cervantes**, writer, born in 1547, **Horatio Nelson**, naval commander, born in 1758, **Billy Butlin**, holiday camp pioneer, born in 1899.

**30th**, *Peace in our Time* declaration by Neville Chamberlain in 1938.