

This Month in History

1st: first radio licences sold in 1922, first stretch of the M1 opened in 1959

2nd: first regular high-definition television service broadcast from the BBC in 1936, the Daily Mirror first published in 1903, **George Boole**, founder of pure mathematics and father of computer science, born in Lincoln in 1815

5th: the first Woolworth store in Britain opened in 1909, British and French troops landed in Port Said in 1956, 49 people killed and 78 injured in London train crash in 1967



7th: The *Mary Celeste* sailed out of New York for Genoa in 1872, to be found a month later with no one on board, **John Austin** the last convict to be hanged at Tyburn in 1783, the Russian 'October Revolution' started in 1917

9th: flogging abolished in the British Army in 1859, the death penalty abolished in the UK in 1965, demolition of the Berlin Wall started in 1989, **Ramsey MacDonald**, Prime Minister 1924, 1929-31, and 1931-35, died in

1937

10th: **Martin Luther**, reformer, born in 1483, **Leonid Brezhnev**, Soviet leader, died in 1982

11th: Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) declared independence from Britain in 1965, the Church of England voted to allow women to become priests in 1992, **Mary Mallon**, aka **Typhoid Mary**, died in 1938

12th: **King Canute**, King of England, Denmark and Norway, died in 1035

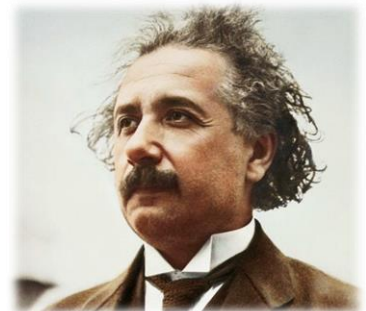
14th: **HRH Prince of Wales** born in 1948, the speed limit for horseless carriages raised to 14 mph (22.5 km/hour) in 1896

16th: **Frank Bruno**, boxer, born in 1961, **Sir Oswald Mosley**, Fascist leader, born in 1896

17th: **Elizabeth I** ascended to the throne in 1558, the computer mouse patented in 1970

18th: **Albert Einstein** presented his paper that explained gravity in 1915, St Peter's Church in Rome consecrated in 1626

19th: **President Lincoln** gave his Gettysburg Address in 1863, first National Lottery draw in 1994, **Sir William Siemens**, manufacturer, died in 1883, **Alfred, Lord Tennyson**, became Poet Laureate in 1850



20th: **Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip** married in 1947, Rolls Royce founded in 1906, **General Franco**, Spanish dictator, died in 1975

22nd: the first Biro ballpoint pens went on sale in Britain in 1946, England won the Rugby World Cup in 2003, **Thomas Cook**, travel agent, born in 1808, **Edward Leach** (Blackbeard), pirate, died in 1718, **John F Kennedy**, US President, assassinated in 1963

23rd: first pillar boxes introduced in Jersey in 1852, first episode of *Doctor Who* broadcast in 1963, **William Bonney**, aka **Billy the Kid**, outlaw, born in 1859, **Perkin Warbeck** pretender, died in 1499

24th: **Lee Harvey Oswald**, assassin, shot dead in 1963, **Freddie Mercury**, singer, died in 1991, **Dr Richard Smith**, Weltonian benefactor and founder of Christ's Hospital, died in 1602

26th: the Great Storm hit Britain, killing 8,000 people in 1703, interior of Tutankhamen's tomb seen for the first time in 1922, world's first tidal power station opened in France in 1966, **John McAdam**, road surface inventor, died in 1836

27th: the first two policewomen in Britain reported for duty in Grantham in 1914

28th: **Margaret Thatcher** resigned as Prime Minister in 1990

29th: **Revd William Farr** inducted as vicar of Welton in 1929, **Thomas Edison** first recorded sound in 1877, **Thomas Wolsey**, Cardinal and statesman, died in 1530

30th: the first soccer international match between Scotland and England in Glasgow in 1872 ended 0-0, **Gary Lineker**, footballer, born in 1960.

