

## *This Month in History*

### *Anniversaries and events in January include:*

**2nd:** 66 people killed at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, in 1972.

**3rd:** **Martin Luther** excommunicated in 1521, **Michael Schumacher**, racing driver, born in 1969, **Clement Attlee**, Prime Minister 1945-1951, born in 1883, **William Joyce (Lord Haw-Haw)** executed in 1946.

**4th:** Burma became a republic in 1948, Chinese and North Korean troops captured Seoul in 1951, **Rick Stein**, chef, born in 1947, **Sir Isaac Newton** born in 1643, **Donald Campbell** killed when his speedboat crashed on Coniston Water in 1967.



**6th:** **Harold II** crowned King of England in 1066, **Samuel Morse** introduced the telegraph in 1838, **Rowan Atkinson**, actor, born in 1955, **Nigella Lawson**, broadcaster, born in 1960, **St Joan of Arc**, French patriot, born in 1412, **Gregor Mendel**, botanist, died in 1884.

**7th:** **Lewis Hamilton**, racing driver, born in 1985.

**8th:** Wartime rationing began in 1940, **Shirley Bassey**, singer, born in 1937, **Elvis Presley** born in 1935.

**9th:** Income tax introduced in 1799, **Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge**, born in 1982.

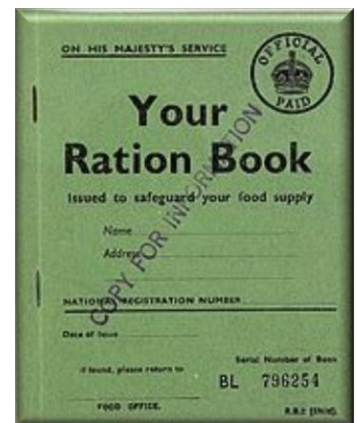
**10th:** The Penny Post introduced in 1840, the first stretch of the London Underground opened in 1863, **Rod Stewart**, singer, born in 1945, **William Laud**, Archbishop of Canterbury, beheaded in 1645.

**13th:** **Wyatt Earp**, gunfighter, died in 1929, **James Joyce**, writer, died in 1941.

**14th:** First demonstration of the telephone given to Queen Victoria in 1878, **Sir Anthony Eden**, Prime Minister 1955-1957, died in 1977.

**16th:** Prohibition began in the USA in 1920.

**17th:** **Benjamin Franklin**, statesman and scientist, born in 1706, **David Lloyd George**, Prime Minister 1916-1922, born in 1863.



**18th:** **Oliver Hardy**, comedian, born in 1892, **Archibald Alec Leach** (Cary Grant) born in 1904, **Hugh Gaitskell**, politician, died in 1963.

**19th:** **Dolly Parton**, singer, born in 1946.

**21st:** Taxi cabs first recognised in Britain in 1907, the first Monte Carlo rally in 1911, **Placido Domingo**, tenor, born in 1941.

**23rd:** Tripoli captured by British Forces in 1943, **William Pitt the Younger**, Prime Minister 1783-1801 and 1804-1806, died in 1806.



**24th:** **Jools Holland**, musician, born in 1958, **Gaius Caesar (Caligula)**, Roman Emperor AD37-AD41, died in AD41, **Sir Winston Churchill**, statesman, died in 1965.

**26th:** Australia Day.

**27th:** **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**, composer, born in 1756, **Lewis Carroll**, writer, born in 1832, **Giuseppe Verdi**, composer, died in 1901.



**28th:** Pall Mall became the first street to be lit by gaslight in 1807, the first speeding fine given to a motorist for exceeding 2mph in 1896, the Challenger space shuttle exploded, killing the crew of seven in 1986, **Charlemagne**, King of the Franks, died in 814, **Henry VIII** died in 1547.

**29th:** **Tony Blackburn**, broadcaster, born in 1943, **Germaine Greer** born in 1939, **Sir Stamford Raffles** landed in Singapore in 1819 to set up a trading post, **Karl Benz** patented the first automobile in 1886, **WC Fields**, actor, born in 1880, **King George III** died at Windsor in 1820.

**30th:** **Adolf Hitler** sworn in as German Chancellor in 1933, 'Bloody Sunday' in Londonderry in 1972, **Vanessa Redgrave**, actress, born in 1937, **Franklin D Roosevelt**, American President 1933-1945, born in 1882, **King Charles I**, reigned 1625-1649, executed in 1649, **Mahatma Gandhi**, Indian leader, assassinated in 1948.

**31st:** Front seat belts made compulsory in the UK in 1983, **Guy Fawkes**, conspirator, executed in 1606, **Charles Edward Stuart** (Bonnie Prince Charlie) died in 1788.

