

THIS MONTH

The Romans originally called the month Quintus meaning fifth, but it was renamed in honour of Julius Caesar. The Saxon name was Maed-monath which comes from their word for meadow. The month's flower is the larkspur.

Dates and Anniversaries:

1st: Welton beck ran dry in July 1995; **Diana**, Princess of Wales, born in 1961, **Trevor Eve**, actor, born in 1951

2nd: Battle of Marston Moor in 1644, **Peter Kay**, comedian, born in 1973, **Lord (David) Owen**, politician, born in 1939, **Nostradamus**, astrologer, died in 1566, **Jean-Jacques Rousseau**, philosopher, died in 1778

3rd: first colour television transmission in 1928, **John Clare**, poet, born in 1793, **Tom Stoppard**, playwright, born in 1937

4th: London's first regular bus service introduced in 1829, **Keir Hardie** became the first Socialist MP in 1892, **Thomas Barnardo**, founder of Barnardo's, born in 1845

5th: Dolly, the first cloned sheep, born in 1997, a speed limit of 2mph in towns and 4mph in the countryside was introduced for 'self-propelled' vehicles in 1865

7th: sliced bread sold for the first time in 1928, bombs killed 52 people in London in 2005, **King Edward I** (reigned 1272-1307) died in 1307, **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**, writer, died in 1930

8th: special council meeting in 1958 in response to major flooding in Welton, **Percy Bysshe Shelley**, poet, died in 1822

9th: first lawn tennis championship at Wimbledon in 1877, **David Hockney**, artist, born in 1937, **Edmund Burke**, philosopher, died in 1797

12th: Orangeman's Day in Northern Ireland, Battle of the Boyne in 1690 when William (of Orange) III defeated King James (the battle was fought on 1st July in the [old] Julian calendar), the US Public Health service announced a direct relationship between smoking and lung cancer in 1957

13th: **Harrison Ford**, actor, born in 1942, **Ian Hislop**, editor of *Private Eye*, born in 1960, **Tommy Simpson**, cyclist, died climbing Mont Ventoux, in 1967

14th: ice made for first time by refrigeration in 1850, the Bastille in Paris stormed in 1789, the Matterhorn climbed for the first time in 1865 by **Edward Whymper** (a Brit)

15th: **Robert Winston**, scientist and broadcaster, born in 1940

16th: the first atomic bomb exploded in New Mexico in 1945, **Michael Flatley**, impresario, born in 1958, **Anne of Cleves**, fourth wife of Henry VIII, died in 1557

17th: **Joseph Smith**, leader of the Mormon Church, declared that God had conveyed to him the permissibility of polygamy in 1831, **Alun Armstrong**, actor, born in 1946, **Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall**, born in 1947, **Angela Merkel**, Chancellor of Germany, born in 1954, **Tsar Nicholas II** and his family murdered by the Bolsheviks in 1918

21st: **Sirima Bandaranaike**, became the world's first female prime minister (of Sri Lanka) in 1960, **Cat Stevens (Yusuf Islam)**, singer, born in 1948, **Alan Shepard**, first American in space, died in 1998

22nd: Gregor Mendel, geneticist, born in 1822

23rd: David Essex, singer, born in 1947, **Haile Selassie**, Emperor of Ethiopia, born in 1892, **Isaac Singer**, inventor of the sewing machine, died in 1875

25th: the first test tube baby, Louise Brown, born in 1978, **Queen Mary I and Philip II of Spain** married in 1554, **Arthur Balfour**, Prime Minister 1902-1905, born in 1848

26th: Lance Corporal Johnson Beharry VC born in 1979

27th: the FBI founded in 1908, **President Nasser** nationalised the Suez Canal in 1956, **Eva Peron**, died in 1952, **George Bernard Shaw**, dramatist, born in 1856, **Terry Scott**, comedian, died in 1994

28th: Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia in 1914, **Beatrix Potter**, writer, born in 1866, **Maximilien de Robespierre**, revolutionary, guillotined in 1794, **Harry Kane**, footballer, born in 1993

29th: William Wilberforce, politician, died in 1833

30th: England won the World Cup in 1966.