
THIS MONTH

1st: the first postcards issued in Austria in 1869, **Jimmy Carter**, US President 1977-1981, born in 1924

2nd: the first Royal Navy submarine launched in 1901, **Sting**, singer, born in 1951

3rd: Britain's first atom bomb tested in 1952, postcodes first introduced in the UK in 1959

4th: Russian leader, **Boris Yeltsin**, faced down a communist military coup in 1993, Belgium declared independence from the Netherlands in 1830

5th: **Leonard Rossiter**, actor, died in 1984

6th: **Mohamed Anwar El-Sadat**, President of Egypt 1970-1981, assassinated in 1981, **Melvyn Bragg**, writer, born in 1939, **Alfred Lord Tennyson**, poet, died in 1892

7th: **Vladimir Putin**, Russian President, born in 1952, **Desmond Tutu**, archbishop, born in 1931, **Jayne Torvill**, ice skater, born in 1957

8th: The Post Office Tower opened in 1965, **Clement Atlee**, Prime Minister 1945-1951, died in 1967

9th: **David Cameron**, Prime Minister 2010-2016, born in 1966, **Brian Blessed**, actor, born in 1936, **Che Guevara**, revolutionary, killed in 1967

11th: **Sir Bobby Charlton**, footballer, born in 1937, Jodrell Bank telescope began operating in 1957

12th: **James Ramsey MacDonald**, first Labour Prime Minister, born in 1866, **Elizabeth Fry**, reformer, died in 1845, **John Denver**, singer, died in 1997

13th: **Edwina Currie**, politician, born in 1946, **Margaret Thatcher**, Prime Minister 1979-1990, born in 1925, **Lillie Langtry**, actress, born in 1853

14th: **King James II** born in 1633, **William Penn**, founder of Pennsylvania, born in 1644, **Dwight D Eisenhower**, US President 1953-1961, born in 1890, **Bing Crosby**, singer, died in 1977

15th: **Chris de Burgh**, singer, born in 1948, **PG Wodehouse**, writer, born in 1881, **Mata Hari**, dancer, died in 1917

17th: a steel making process patented by Sir Henry Bessemer in 1855

18th: **Martina Navratilova**, tennis player, born in 1956, **Charles Babbage**, computer pioneer, died in 1871, **Thomas Edison**, inventor, died in 1931

19th: **Jonathan Swift**, writer, died in 1745, **Jacqueline du Pre**, cellist, died in 1987

20th: **George I** crowned in 1714 (more than 50 people had a better claim to the throne but were disqualified on account of being Roman Catholics), **Timothy West**, actor, born in 1934, **Sir Christopher Wren**, architect, born in 1632, **Colonel Muammar Gaddafi**, Libyan dictator, killed in 2011

21st: **Sir Geoffrey Boycott**, cricketer, born in 1940, **Peter Mandelson**, politician, born in 1953, **Alfred Nobel**, chemist, born in 1833

22nd: Welton Amateur Dramatic society formed in 1931, first parachute jump in 1797, **Derek Jacobi**, actor, born in 1938, **Sarah Bernhardt**, actress, born in 1844, **Franz Liszt**, composer, born in 1811, **Paul Cezanne**, painter, died in 1906

24th: Black Thursday on Wall Street in 1929, **Wayne Rooney**, footballer, born in 1985, **Bill Wyman**, musician, born in 1937, **George Cadbury**, chocolate manufacturer, died in 1922;

25th: Battle of Agincourt in 1415, **Johann Strauss the Younger**, composer, born in 1825, **Pablo Picasso**, painter, born in 1881, **Geoffrey Chaucer**, poet, died in 1400, **King George II** died in 1760, **Sir Charles Hallé** conductor, died 1895, **Helen Reddy**, singer, born in 1941

27th: Battle of Grosvenor Square (anti-Vietnam War violent protest march) in 1968, **John Cleese**, actor, born in 1939, **Glenn Hoddle**, footballer, born in 1957, **James Cook**, navigator, born in 1728, **Theodore Roosevelt**, US President 1901-1909, born in 1858, **Isaac Merritt Singer**, inventor of the sewing machine, born in 1811, **Dylan Thomas**, poet, born in 1914, **Athelstan**, King of the English 924-939, died in 939, **Charles Hawtrey**, actor, died in 1988

28th: *Gulliver's Travels* first published in 1726; **29th:** *The Red Cross* founded in 1863, **Jack Shepherd**, actor, born in 1940, **Sir Walter Raleigh** executed in 1618

30th: Yeomen of the Guard formed in 1485, Orson Welles' radio production of *The War of the Worlds* panicked listeners in 1938, **Andrew Bonar Law**, Prime Minister 1922-1923, died in 1923, **Sir Barnes Wallis**, engineer, died in 1979

31st: an IRA bomb damaged the Post Office Tower in London in 1971, **Indira Gandhi**, Indian Prime Minister, assassinated in 1984, **Martin Luther** nailed an announcement of proposed points for an academic discussion to a church door in Wittenberg in 1517 and set in motion the world-changing Reformation.