

# Notable Dates and Anniversaries

Extras



A list of notable dates and anniversaries which could be used to provide a theme night and the basis of talks, devotions and activities.

## January

|    |      |                                 |
|----|------|---------------------------------|
| 1  |      | New Year's Day                  |
| 8  | 1935 | Birth of Elvis Presley, singer  |
| 15 | 1929 | Birth of Martin Luther King     |
| 17 | 1942 | Birth of Muhammad Ali, boxer    |
| 18 | 1882 | Birth of AA Milne, author       |
| 19 | 1978 | Last VW Beetle made             |
| 20 | 1892 | First game of basketball played |
| 25 |      | Burns Night                     |

## February

|    |      |                                             |
|----|------|---------------------------------------------|
| 4  | 1953 | Sweet rationing ended                       |
| 6  | 1952 | Accession of Queen Elizabeth II             |
| 7  | 1812 | Birth of Charles Dickens, author            |
| 11 | 1969 | Birth of Jennifer Aniston, actress          |
| 14 |      | St. Valentine's Day                         |
| 15 | 1971 | Decimal coinage introduced                  |
|    | 1564 | Birth of Galileo, inventor of the telescope |
| 17 | 1923 | The inner tomb of Tutankhamen opened        |
| 19 | 1985 | 'EastEnders' first broadcast                |
| 27 | 1831 | Captain John Briscoe discovered Antarctica  |
| 29 |      | Leap Year Day                               |

## March

|    |      |                                                  |
|----|------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1  |      | St. David's Day                                  |
| 4  | 1890 | Forth Bridge opened                              |
| 6  | 1876 | Alexander Graham Bell invents the telephone      |
| 13 | 1935 | Driving test introduced in Great Britain         |
| 14 | 1879 | Birth of Albert Einstein, Mathematical Physicist |
| 15 | 44BC | Julius Caesar was assassinated                   |
| 17 |      | St. Patrick's Day                                |
| 25 |      | Until 1752 officially New Year's Day!            |
| 30 | 1853 | Birth of Vincent Van Gogh, artist                |
| 31 | 1889 | Eiffel Tower opened, Paris                       |

## April

|    |      |                                                                  |
|----|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  |      | April Fool's Day                                                 |
| 6  | 1896 | First modern Olympic Games inaugurated in Athens                 |
| 9  | 1969 | Maiden flight of Anglo-French built Concorde                     |
| 11 | 1929 | Popeye made his debut in a cartoon strip in a New York newspaper |
|    | 1961 | First flight in space                                            |
| 19 | 1987 | First Simpsons' episode broadcast on the Fox Network             |
| 21 | 1926 | Birth of Queen Elizabeth II                                      |
|    |      | St. George's Day                                                 |
|    | 1564 | Birth of William Shakespeare, writer                             |
|    | 1908 | Scout movement formed                                            |



## May

|    |      |                                                                          |
|----|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2  | 1975 | Birth of David Beckham, footballer                                       |
| 6  | 1954 | Roger Bannister became the first man to run a mile in under four minutes |
|    | 1994 | Channel Tunnel opened                                                    |
| 8  |      | World Red Cross Day                                                      |
| 10 | 1914 | Sir William Alexander Smith (Founder of The Boys' Brigade) died          |
|    | 1966 | Birth of Jonathan Edwards                                                |
| 18 | 1950 | First personal computer goes on sale called Simon                        |
| 26 | 1926 | First Grand Prix race run at Le Mans (France)                            |

## June

|    |      |                                                                  |
|----|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | 1938 | First Superman Comic on Sale                                     |
| 2  | 1953 | Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II                                 |
|    | 1953 | First ascent of Mount Everest, Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing |
| 5  |      | World Environmental Day                                          |
| 6  | 1944 | D-Day                                                            |
| 8  |      | World Ocean's Day                                                |
| 18 | 1815 | Battle of Waterloo                                               |
| 26 | 1896 | World's first cinema opened, New Orleans, USA                    |

## July

|    |      |                                                                      |
|----|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4  |      | Independence Day, USA                                                |
| 6  | 1866 | Birth of Beatrix Potter, author and Illustrator                      |
| 11 |      | World Population Day                                                 |
| 13 | 1837 | Queen Victoria became first sovereign to move into Buckingham Palace |
| 14 |      | Bastille Day, France                                                 |
| 19 | 1877 | First Wimbledon World Champion, Spencer Gore                         |
| 21 | 1969 | Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became first men to land on the moon  |
| 23 | 1903 | First production line car sold by Ford                               |
| 30 | 1966 | England won football World Cup                                       |
|    | 1947 | Birth of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Actor and Politician                 |
|    | 1886 | First BB camp at Tighnabruich                                        |
|    | 1909 | William Alexander Smith (Founder of The Boys' Brigade) knighted      |

## August

|    |      |                                                                                           |
|----|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4  | 1914 | Start of First World War                                                                  |
| 10 | 1969 | Internet revolution began, 4 computers connected together called 'ARPANET' by US military |
| 15 | 1769 | Birth of Napoleon Bonaparte                                                               |
| 22 | 1864 | Red Cross movement founded                                                                |



## September

|         |                                          |
|---------|------------------------------------------|
| 1939    | Start of Second World War                |
| 13 1916 | Birth of Roald Dahl, author              |
| 15 1940 | Start of Battle of Britain               |
| 19 1839 | Birth of George Cadbury, chocolate maker |
| 30 1965 | First episode of Thunderbirds            |

## October

|         |                                                                                  |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 2002  | Wayne Rooney becomes the Premiership's youngest ever goal scorer*                |
| 2 1909  | First rugby match played                                                         |
| 3 1922  | First public demonstration of the television                                     |
| 4 1883  | First BB company founded in Glasgow                                              |
| 5       | World Teachers' Day                                                              |
| 12 1492 | Christopher Columbus discovers New World                                         |
| 14 1066 | Battle of Hastings                                                               |
| 21 1805 | Battle of Trafalgar and death of Nelson                                          |
| 24      | United Nations Day                                                               |
| 27 1854 | William Alexander Smith (founder of BB) born (Pennyland House, Thurso, Scotland) |
| 28 1886 | Statue of Liberty dedicated by France                                            |

## November

|         |                                                           |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | All Saints' Day                                           |
| 2 1959  | First section of M1 opened to traffic                     |
| 5       | Guy Fawkes' Day                                           |
| 11 1918 | Armistice Day                                             |
| 14 1922 | First broadcast by BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) |
| 30      | St Andrew's Day                                           |

## December

|         |                                                                |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 1586  | Sir Francis Drake introduces the potato to Britain             |
| 4 1791  | The Observer (Britain's oldest Sunday newspaper) first printed |
| 5 1901  | Birth of Walt Disney                                           |
| 17 1903 | First powered flight by the Wright Brothers                    |
| 19 1905 | First emergency ambulance service began                        |
| 24      | Christmas Eve                                                  |
| 25      | Christmas Day                                                  |
| 26      | Boxing Day                                                     |
| 31      | New Year's Eve                                                 |

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