



The name of March comes from Latin Martius, the first month of the earliest Roman calendar. It was named for Mars, the Roman god of war who was also regarded as a guardian of agriculture and an ancestor of the Roman people through his sons Romulus and Remus. His month Martius was the beginning of the season for both farming and warfare

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1: First day of March is [celebrates](#) in Wales as St David's Day. Girls wear the Welsh national costume, a

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2: In 1780; Pennsylvania [became the first US state to abolish](#) slavery. Well done Pennsylvania: More de

2nd

[Howard Carter](#) English Egyptologist who discovered Tutankhamen's tomb died today in 1939 of lymph

3rd

The British House of Commons [The Wild Man of the Sea Bill](#) in 1895, that would have prohibited a

4th

It's 1861 in America, and [Abraham Lincoln](#) was sworn in as the 16th president of the USA.

5th

English engineer [Robert Stephenson's](#) tubular bridge was opened, linking Anglesey with mainland Wales

6th

Cyrano de Bergerac, French [Spoke Notes on Cyrano de Bergerac](#) today in 1619:

7th

[Alexander Graham Bell](#) patented the telephone in 1876 and coined the immortal phrase 'you can ring my bell'.

8th

[The February Revolution](#) began in today in 1917 at Petrograd (St Petersburg), Russia, heralding the rise of their t

9th

In 1074 [Pope Gregory VII](#) excommunicated all married priests which was another step back in

10th

1987 and the Vatican document [Instruction on respect for human life](#) ' in its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation

11th

The first successful English newspaper, the [Daily Courant](#), was published in London today [History 1702: Etymology](#) for early pa

12th

[Anne Frank](#) , Dutch Jewish diarist, died in a Nazi concentration camp in 1945:

13th

Its 1996 an American style [The Columbian](#) arrived at a school in Dunblane, Scotland: Sixteen children aged five a

14th

Queen Isabella of Castile ordered the [expulsion of Jews](#) from Spain in 1492, unless they accepted Christian baptism.

15th

[Julius Caesar](#) , Roman emperor, assassinated before the ides of March in 44 BC

16th

A Pakistani judge convicted [Javed Iqbal](#) , Pakistan's most notorious serial killer, of murdering 100 children and sentenced him to hang.

17th

National Day of Ireland. Feast of [St Patrick's](#) and a time when all self-respecting Irish people world-wide (and others) parade with their flags.

18th

In 1834, six farm labourers [The Tolpuddle Martyrs](#), were sentenced to transportation to Australia for forming a trade union.

19th

[Sir Richard F. Burton](#) , English explorer and scholar, translator of 'The Karma Sutra' and 1001 Arabian nights, fir

20th

1852: US author Harriet Beecher Stowe's [Cabin](#) ' was published.

21st

Irish theologian and archbishop [John Henry Newman](#) died this day in 1846. Best remembered for being the first creationist wh

22nd

[Johann Wolfgang Goethe](#) , German poet, novelist, and playwright died today in 1832:

23rd

In 1983 President Reagan proposed the [Star Wars](#) ' defense system for the USA, using satellites to detect enemy missiles and

24th

The crowns of England and Scotland were united in 1603 when King James VI of Scotland succeeded to the English throne.

25th

1807 and the the British parliament abolished the slave trade in what became known as The 'Abolition Act'.

26th

[Raymond Chandler](#) , US novelist who created private eye Philip Marlowe died today in 1959.

27th

In 1871, England and Scotland played their first rugby international, in Edinburgh; Scotland won and you can find out more about it [here](#).

28th

In 1939, [The Spanish Civil War](#) came to an end as Madrid surrendered to General Franco.

29th

The last US troops left Vietnam in 1973 as reported by the [BBC](#).

30th

[Vincent van Gogh](#) , Dutch painter born today in 1853.

31st

1959 saw Tibetan Buddhist leader [Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama](#) flee from Chinese-occupied Tibet. F

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