

JANUARY



In Roman mythology **Janus** was the god of gates, doorways, beginnings and endings. Janus was frequently used to symbolize change and transition, such as the progression from past to future, hence his namesake, the month of January.

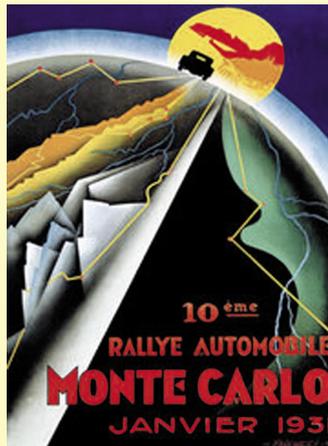
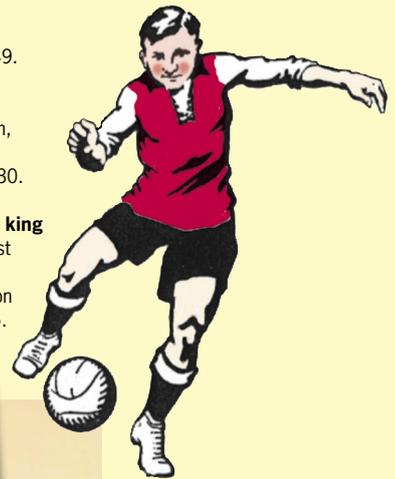


Twelfth Night (6 January) marks the coming of the epiphany, **the adoration of the Magi**. Shakespeare's comedy centres on mistaken identity at the court of Duke Orsino; in a comic sub plot Malvolio is wrongly persuaded that the lady Olivia loves him; as a token of his passion his friends advise him to wear cross-gartered yellow stockings (a fashion hated by the Duke) and to smile broadly at all times ...



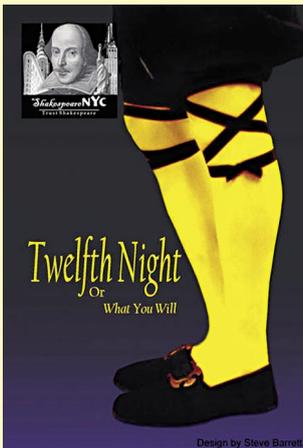
The king is dead... Charles I, convicted of treason, was beheaded on 30 January 1649. An experienced executioner, Richard Brandon, wielded the axe and was paid £30.

...long live the king Elvis Presley first donned his blue suede booties on 8 January 1935.



Since its inception in 1911 the **Monte Carlo Rally**, held in January each year, has been an important means of testing the latest improvements and innovations to automobiles. Winning the rally gives the car a great deal of credibility and publicity.

The Mini Cooper S won Monte Carlo Rally victories in 1964, 1965 and 1967. Minis were initially placed first, second and third in the 1966 rally as well, but were disqualified after a controversial decision by the French judges handed victory to a Citroën driven by a Paris based Finn.



The third round of the FA Cup, played during the first weekend of January, sees the arrival (and sometimes departure) of the big guns of the top two divisions.

The nation mourns... In 1992 Wrexham, who had finished the previous season bottom of Division Four, beat Arsenal, the reigning league champions, 2-1.

