

SEPTEMBER



Michaelmas Day, 29 September, is one of the Quarter Days, when rents are due.

The mastermind behind the Great Western Railway, **Isambard Kingdom Brunel** is widely regarded as the greatest ever British engineer. The Clifton Suspension Bridge was his first major

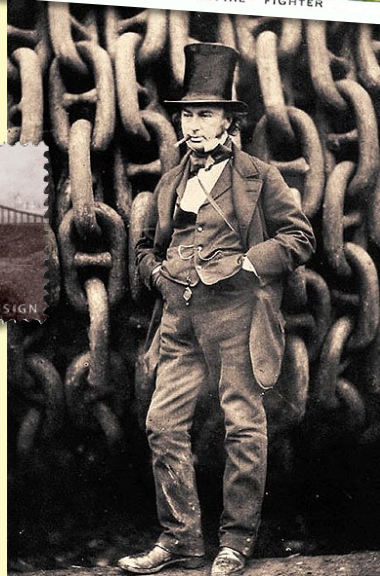


The Battle of Britain, fought in the skies over southern England in the summer and autumn of 1940, was a decisive turning point of the Second World War. Thwarting



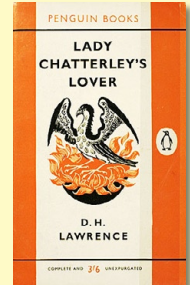
Named from the Latin *septem*, September was the seventh month of the Roman year until the calendar reforms of 153BC. The later calendar of 365 days introduced by Julius Caesar in 45BC

commission – at the age of 24. His cable layer **Great Eastern**, at the time the world's largest ship, was launched shortly before his death, aged 53, on 15 September 1859.



the Luftwaffe's attempt to gain air supremacy over the south of England, Royal Air Force Fighter Command saved Britain from German invasion. **Battle of Britain Day**, 15 September, marks the climax of the struggle.

Now best known for the novel *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, **DH Lawrence**, was born on 11 September 1885. The 1960 trial of Penguin Books under the Obscene Publications Act was a major public event of the decade.



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Born at Greenwich on 7 September 1553, **Elizabeth I** brought much needed stability and a sense of national identity during her 44 years on the throne after the chaotic short reigns of her brother Edward VI and sister Mary.



Having missed its planned landfall at the Hudson river, **Mayflower** finally delivered its cargo of 106 passengers – the Pilgrims – to the



New World 66 days after leaving Plymouth in Devon on 6 September 1620. The ship initially anchored inside the hooked tip of Cape Cod before moving on to Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Thought to have been born during September 1386/87 in Monmouth, **Henry V** is best remembered for his victory over the French at Agincourt. The French rather sportingly use the English longbow as the architectural motif of the battle-field museum, while



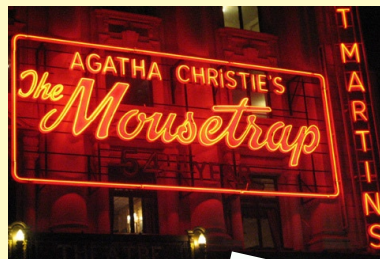
Agincourt Square forms the focus of Monmouth's town centre.

gradually drifted out of alignment with the solar year. By the time Britain belatedly adopted the **'New Style' Gregorian calendar** in 1752 it was necessary to correct the date by 11 days – Wednesday, 2 September was followed by Thursday, 14 September. Having previously started on Lady Day, 25 March 'Old Style', the United Kingdom tax year still begins on 6 April 'New Style'...

Often called the greatest driver never to win the



World Championship, **Stirling Moss**, born on 17 September 1929, raced from 1948 to 1962, winning 194 of the 497 races he contested.



Opening on 25 November 1952, and still running after more than 23,000 performances, *The Mousetrap*, written by **Agatha Christie** – born on 15 September 1890 – is a permanent fixture in London's theatreland.

