

**Tuesday, August 12**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1964:** English author Ian Fleming died; he is best remembered as the creator of fictional spy *James Bond*, portrayed above by Roger Moore

**1851:** Isaac Singer was granted a patent on his sewing machine

**1928:** More than 3,000 competitors from 46 countries took part in the Olympic Games in Amsterdam

**1978:** China and Japan signed an historic treaty of peace and friendship in Beijing

**2007:** Fossilised remains of an eight million year-old cypress forest were discovered in an open cast coal mine in Hungary