

Thursday, February 19

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1878: Thomas Edison patented the phonograph**

1897: Mrs Hoodless founded the world's first Women's Institute at Stoney Creek in Ontario, Canada

1921: French engineer Etienne Oehmichen flew the first successful helicopter test flight

1959: The Prime Ministers of Britain, Greece and Turkey signed an agreement in London on the independence of Cyprus

2008: After 49 years in office, ailing Cuban leader Fidel Castro resigned as President and as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces