

**Saturday, May 30**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1431: French heroine Joan of Arc was burned at the stake for heresy**

**1846:** Goldsmith Peter Carl Faberge, court jeweller to the Russian royal family, was born in St Petersburg

**1959: The first experimental hovercraft, the SR-N1, was launched**

**1989:** Pro-democracy protesters in Beijing erected a 30ft styrofoam statue, the Goddess of Democracy, in Tiananmen Square

**2008: British business airline Silverjet suspended all flights after going into administration due to rising fuel costs. It was the third all-business airline to fail in five months**