

Sunday, August 16

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2008: Britain's Rebecca Adlington won the 800m freestyle at the Beijing Olympics, breaking the 19-year-old world record by over two seconds

1933: The Australian state of Victoria paid £800 for a Yorkshire cottage, once the childhood home of Captain Cook

1948: Legendary baseball player Babe Ruth died in New York City

1974: Turkish and Greek Cypriot forces declared a ceasefire, leaving about one-third of Cyprus in Turkish hands

1991: England's 22 First Division clubs resigned en masse from the Football League to join the newly-formed Premier League