

Wednesday, November 18

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2008: Cartoon favourite Mickey Mouse turned 80 years old

1789: French painter and photography pioneer Louis Daguerre was born

1936: The leaders of Germany and Italy, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, both recognised General Francisco Franco's provisional government in Spain

1970: West Germany and Poland initialled a treaty recognising the Oder-Neisse line as a common border

1996: The Channel Tunnel was closed after a section was badly damaged by a fire on a lorry aboard a freight train