

Friday, February 19

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: The World Health Organisation said that Zimbabwe's cholera epidemic had infected 80,000 people and killed more than 3,700**

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

1940: Motown singer Smokey Robinson was born in Detroit, Michigan. Today is his 70th birthday

1951: French author Andre Gide, Nobel literature laureate in 1947, died

2009: A Russian court acquitted three men of aiding the 2006 murder of investigative journalist Anna Politkovskaya