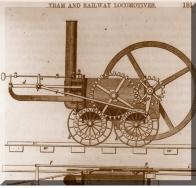
Tuesday, April 13

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1771: British inventor Richard Trevithick, who was instrumental in the development of the railway steam engine, was born

1848: Sicily declared its independence from Naples

1945: Allied firebombing raids devastated much of Tokyo, Japan

1994: The last foreigners were evacuated from Kigali as tribal bloodshed ravaged Rwanda's capital

2009: Islamic Sharia law was implemented in the Swat region of Pakistan, a deal agreed by President Zardari's government in return for an end to the Taliban insurgency