

**Sunday, October 31**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ Originally a Celtic observance to mark the new year and welcome the dead, this day is now celebrated as All Hallows Eve, or Halloween

**1921:** The Rudolf Valentino film classic, *The Sheik*, created an instant sensation when it opened in New York

**1940:** The Battle of Britain was officially declared at an end

**1984:** Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated while walking in the garden of her home

**2007:** Twenty-one people were found guilty and jailed for up to 40 years for the Madrid train bombings in March 2004 which killed 191 people