



## Today in History

*September 2, 1666*

▲ **The Great Fire of London began in a bakery in Pudding Lane. The four-day inferno destroyed much of the city but, remarkably, claimed only a few lives**

**1930:** French aviators Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellonte completed the first non-stop flight from Europe to the United States

**1945:** Japanese leaders signed the act of unconditional surrender, ending World War II

**1973:** J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the classic fantasy works *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, died aged 81

**2010:** The ICC charged three Pakistan cricketers with corruption