



Today in History

August 26, 1346

▲ **The Battle of Crécy established the military supremacy of the English infantry's longbow over the French combination of crossbow and armoured knights**

1936: The BBC transmitted the first high-definition television pictures

1978: Cardinal Albino Luciani of Venice was elected as Pope John Paul I. He died just 33 days later

2001: A diplomatic crisis erupted when Australia refused to accept 400 refugees rescued by a Norwegian ship from a crippled Indonesian ferry

2003: The report into the Columbia shuttle disaster sharply criticised the "broken safety culture" of NASA