



Today in History

October 31, 1888

▲ Scotsman John Boyd Dunlop patented his pneumatic (inflatable) rubber bicycle tyre, conceived to give his son a smoother ride over bumpy cobbled streets

1517: Martin Luther's 95 Theses marked the start of the Protestant Reformation in Germany

1958: Dr Ake Senning implanted the first internal heart pacemaker in Stockholm, Sweden

1992: The Vatican absolved Galileo Galilei of his 1633 heresy conviction for claiming the Earth orbits the Sun

2007: Spain's parliament approved a bill condemning the 40-year dictatorship of General Franco