



Today in History

December 25, 800

▲ **Charlemagne, King of the Franks, was crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Leo III, uniting most of Western Europe for the first time since the Roman Empire**

1800: Queen Charlotte, German-born wife of George III, erected Britain's first Christmas tree at Windsor

1866: The American yacht *Henrietta* won the first transatlantic yacht race, reaching England in 13 days

1990: The World Wide Web came into being, implemented by British computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee

1995: The annual Christmas party on Sydney's Bondi Beach ended in a mass punch-up of tipsy revellers