



Today in History

March 17, 2001

▲ The world's largest greenhouse opened at the Eden Project in Cornwall, England. Giant biomes recreate different climates and house thousands of plant species

461: According to tradition, St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, died in Saul, where he had built the first church

1921: Dr Marie Stopes opened Britain's first birth control clinic, offering free family planning advice

2006: Beijing's wealthiest millionaire was executed for the contract killing of a man who had tried to blackmail him

2011: The UN imposed a no-fly zone against the Gaddafi regime to protect Libyan civilians from threat of attack