



## Today in History

*August 12, 1977*

▲ The space shuttle made its first test flight, landing safely at Edwards Air Force Base in California after gliding off the back of a modified Boeing 747

**1865:** Joseph Lister, pioneer of antiseptic surgery, first used carbolic acid dressings to treat a broken leg

**1908:** The first ever mass-produced car, the Model T Ford, rolled off the production line in Detroit

**1944:** The first pipeline supplying petrol from Britain to the Allied forces in France went into operation

**2007:** Trunks from 8 million year-old unfossilised trees were discovered encased in sand in Hungary