



Today in History

December 31, 1999

▲ Russian president Boris Yeltsin stunned the world by announcing his immediate resignation and appointing premier Vladimir Putin as acting president

1759: Irish entrepreneur Arthur Guinness began brewing ales in Dublin

1994: The World Trade Organisation succeeded the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

2019: In Wuhan, China, 27 cases of pneumonia were reported, the start of the Covid-19 pandemic

2022: Former Pope Benedict XVI died at the age of 95, almost a decade after he stood down due to his ailing health