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Boffins discover the dulllest day of 20th Century

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EXPERTS have worked out the dulllest day of the 20th Century - April 11, 1954.

There were no big news events, births or deaths that day, according to research.

The most significant event of that Sunday were the Belgian general elections, the birth of a Turkish academic and the death of footballer Jack Shufflebotham.

Every other day had at least one major birth, death or happening.

The creators of a new internet search engine, True Knowledge, made the discovery after feeding in 300 million facts.

Founder William Tunstall-Pedoe said: "Nobody significant died that day, no major events apparently occurred and, although a typical day in the 20th Century has many notable people being born, for some reason that day had only one who might make that claim - Abdullah Atalar, a Turkish academic.

"The irony is, though, that the day is interesting for being exceptionally boring.

"Unless, that is, you are Abdullah Atalar." The other dull events that had the dubious honour of occurring that boring day include the fourth post-war Belgian general elections.

Jack Shufflebotham, who played a handful of games at centre-half for Oldham Athletic and Notts County, died that day aged 69.

Plans for the coup d'etat in Yanaon, a French colony in India, are also believed to have been agreed on this day although nothing eventful actually happened.

The day was only weeks away from slightly more interesting events such as Sir Roger Bannister breaking the four-minute mile in May and the end of food rationing in July.

:: IF you were doing something that wasn't boring on April 11, 1954, write to us at Your View, 1 Central Quay, Glasgow, G3 8DA or email letters@dailyrecord.co.uk

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