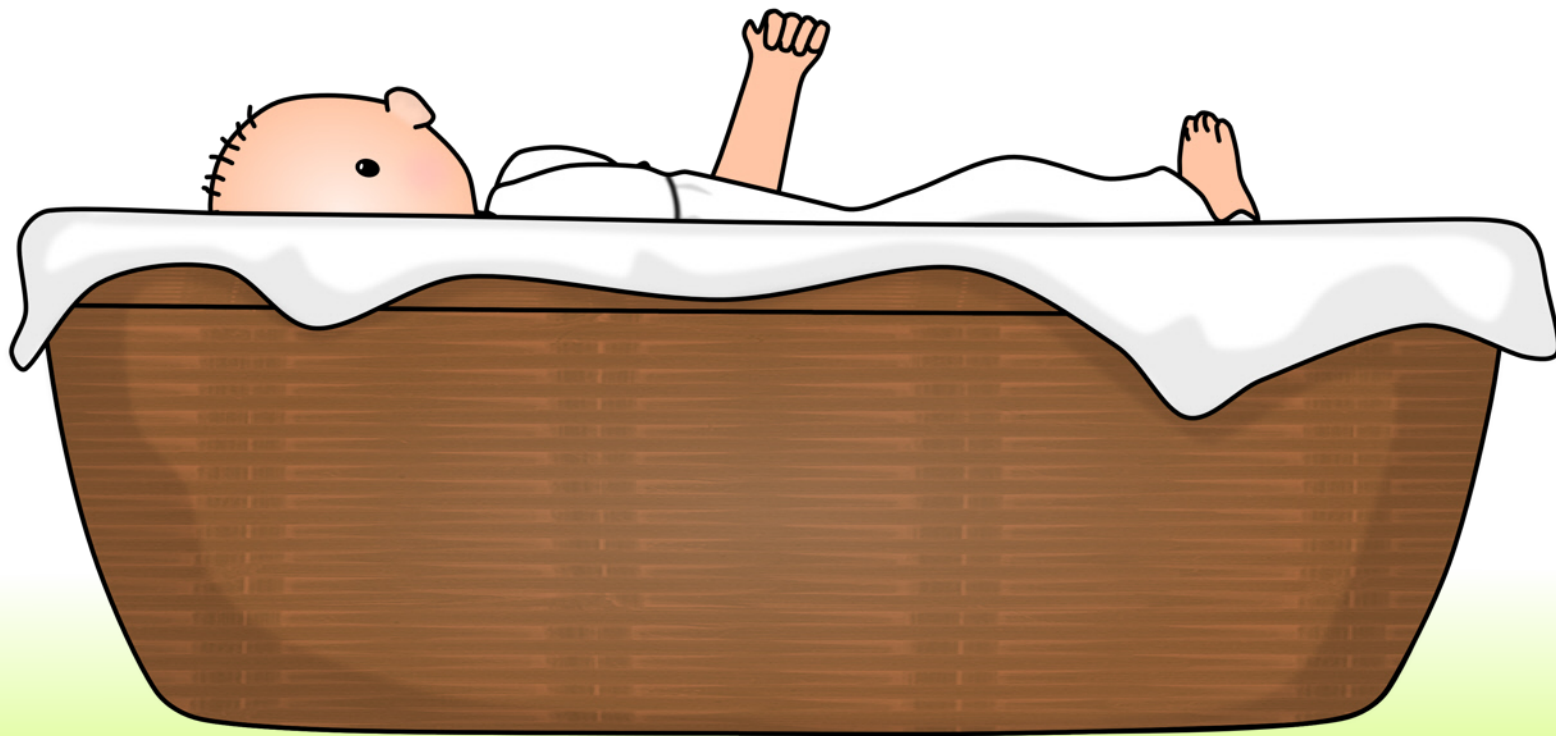




The life of
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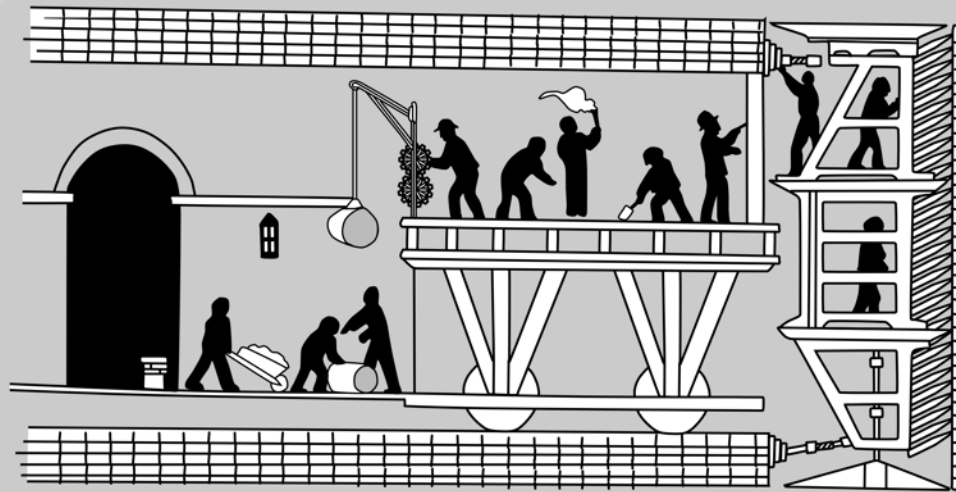
1806

Isambard Kingdom Brunel is born 9th April to parents Marc and Sophia in Portsmouth, UK.



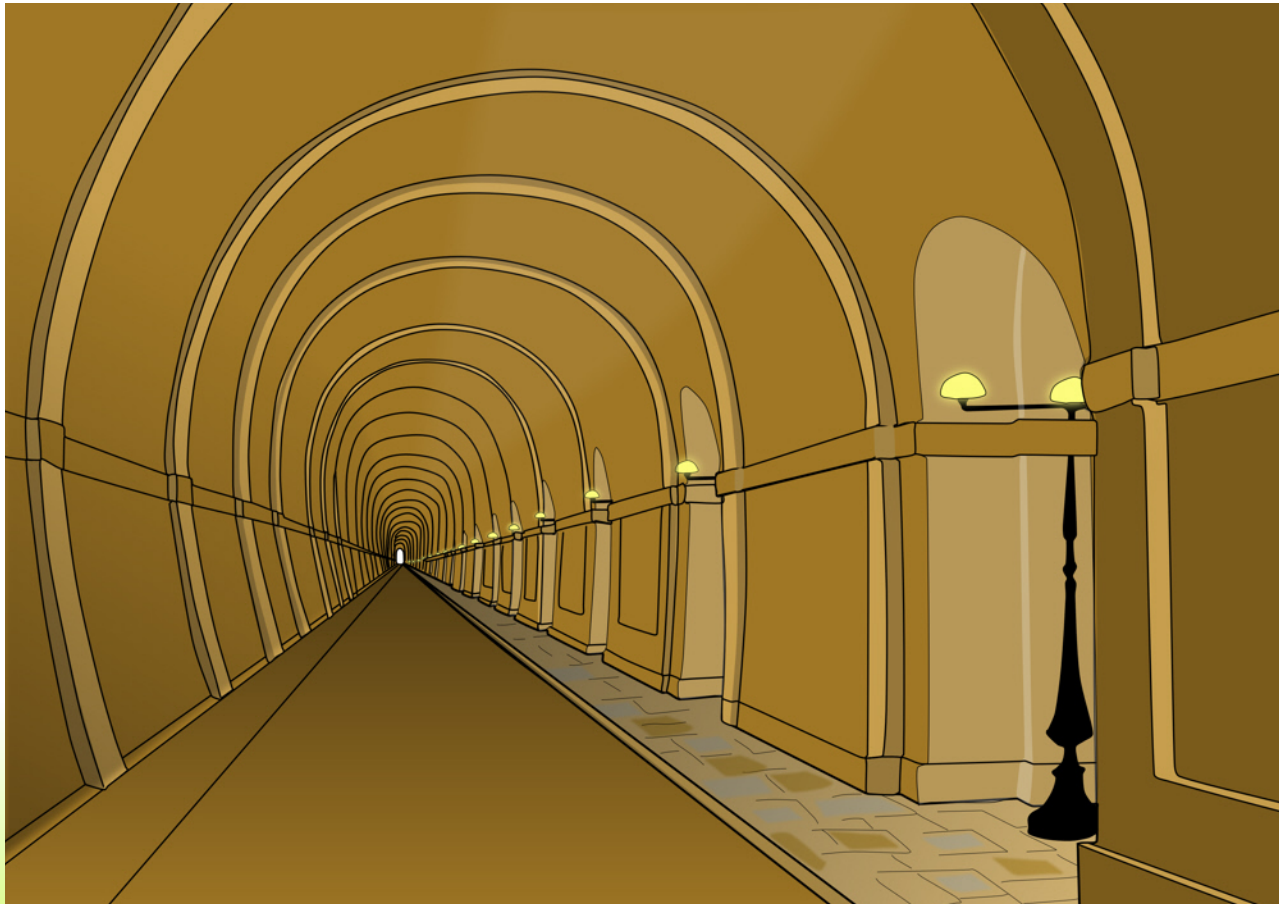
1818

Isambard's father, Marc, invents the tunnelling shield.



1825

Building work begins on the Thames Tunnel.



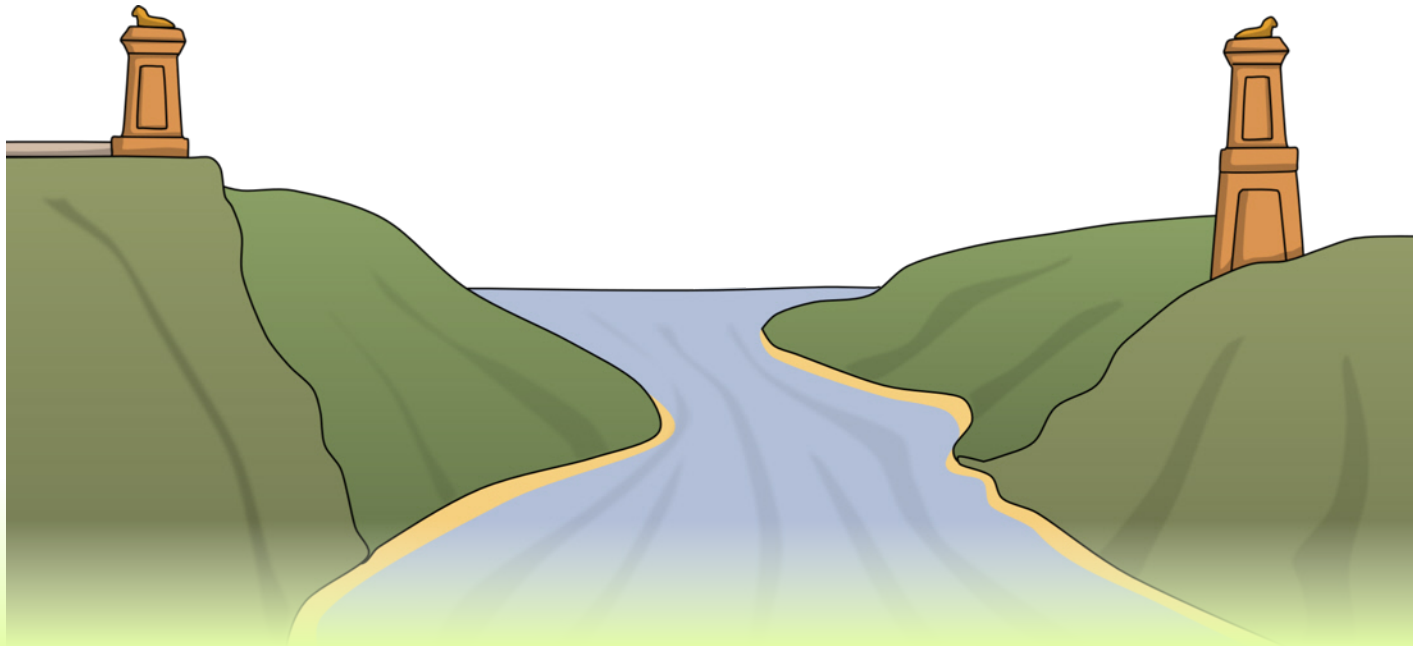
1827

Isambard takes over from his father as Resident Engineer on the Thames Tunnel project.

Brunel almost loses his life when the tunnel roof collapses. He later holds a feast in the tunnel to convince people it is now safe.

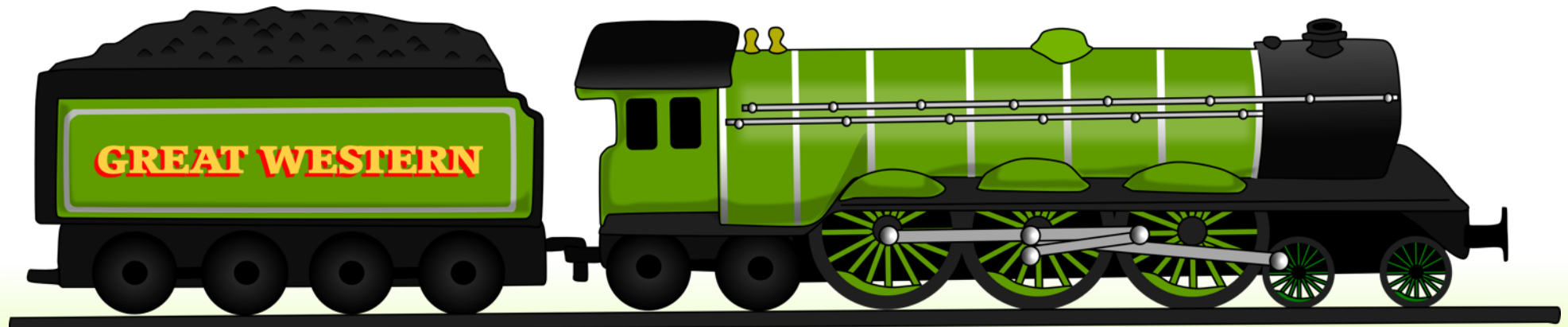
1831

Brunel wins a competition to build a bridge across the River Avon at Bristol. Building is later abandoned in 1843.



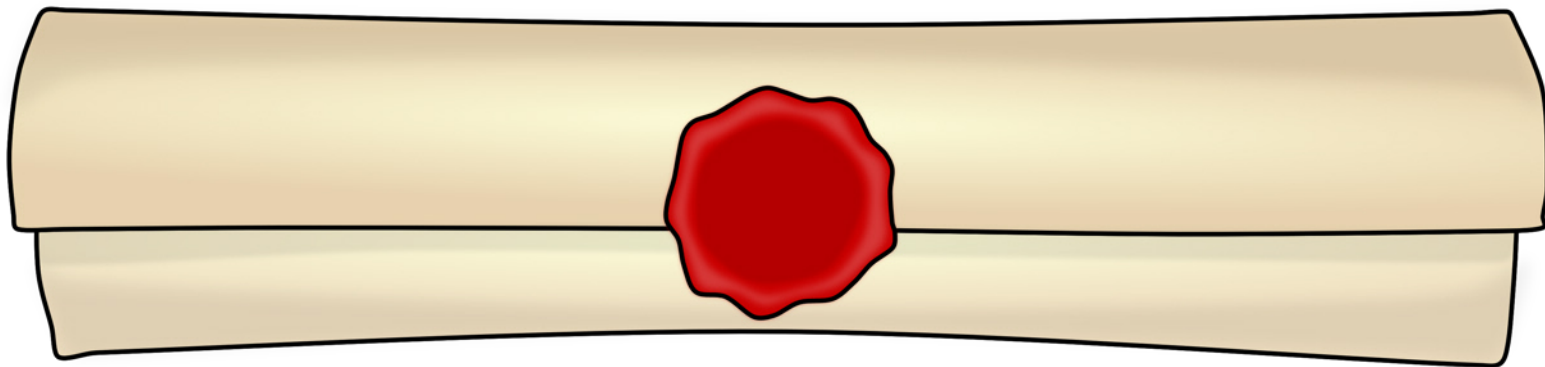
1833

Isambard is appointed as Chief Engineer for Great Western Railway and begins studying the future route.



1835

Parliament passes the Great Western Railway Bill and GWR accept Brunel's proposal for a broad gauge railway.



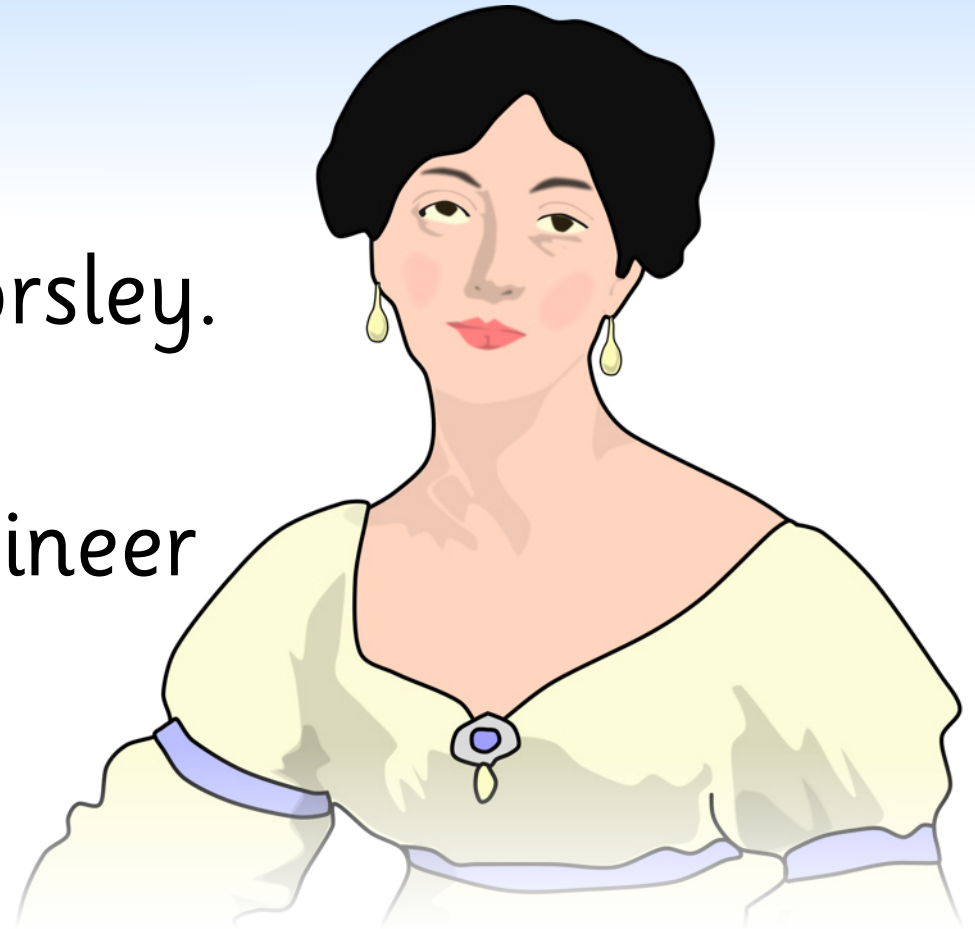
Work also restarts on the Thames Tunnel.

1836

Brunel marries Mary Horsley.

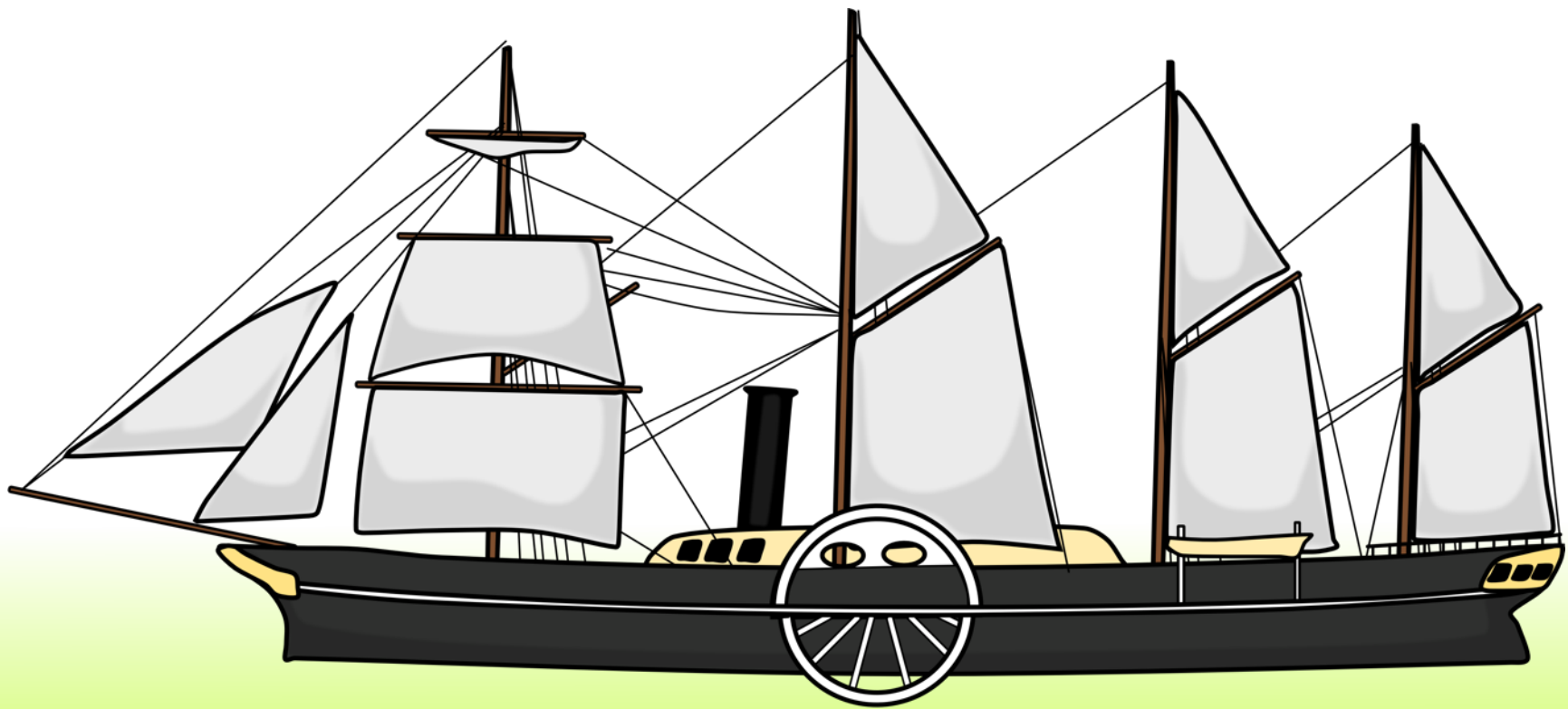
He is also made the engineer
for The Great Western
Steam Ship Company.

Construction of the Box Tunnel
begins.



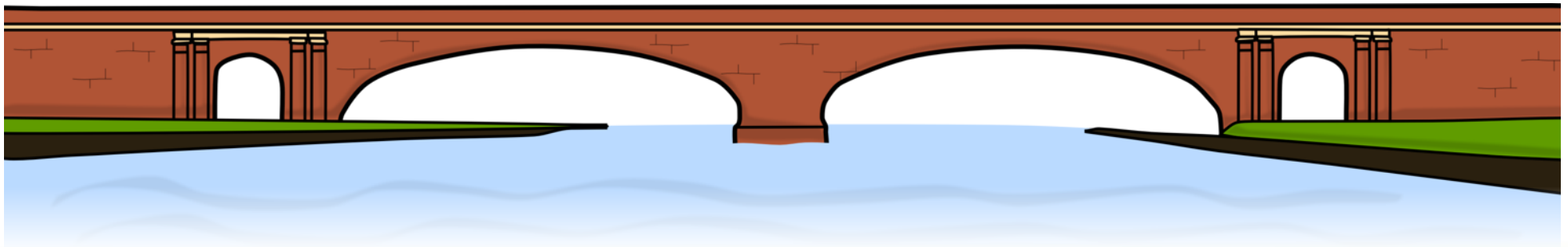
1838

The SS Great Western ship sails from Bristol to New York in just 15 days.



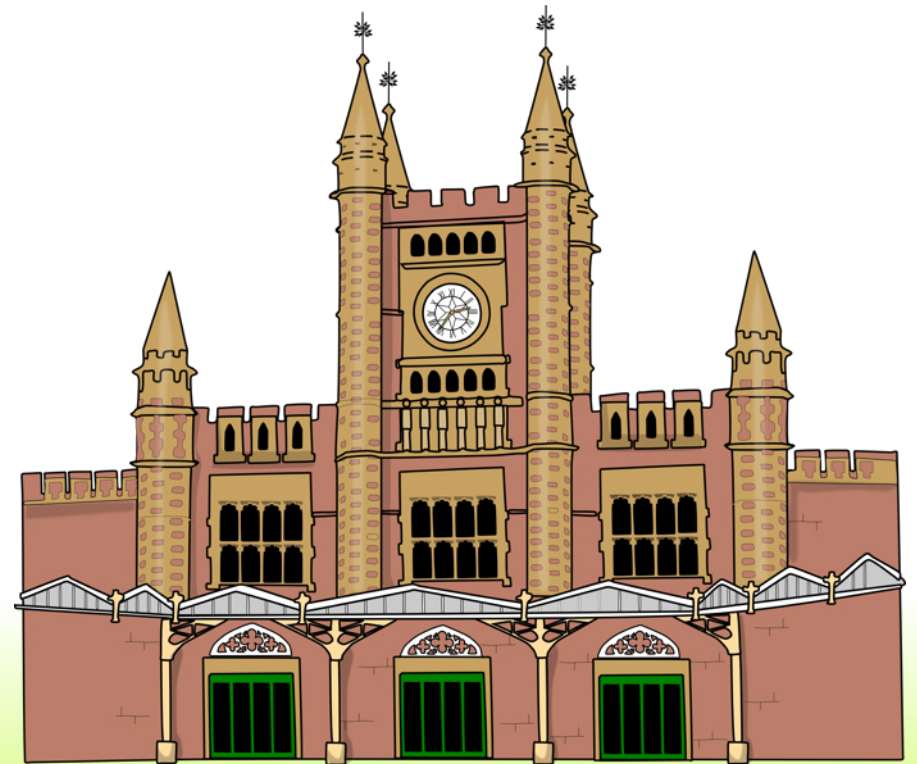
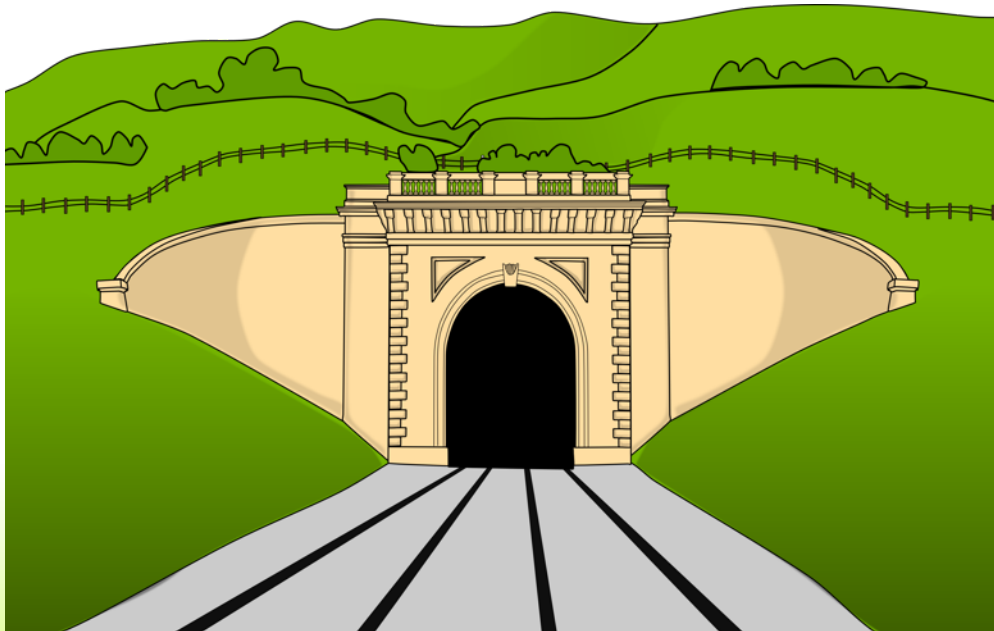
1839

The construction of Maidenhead Bridge is completed.



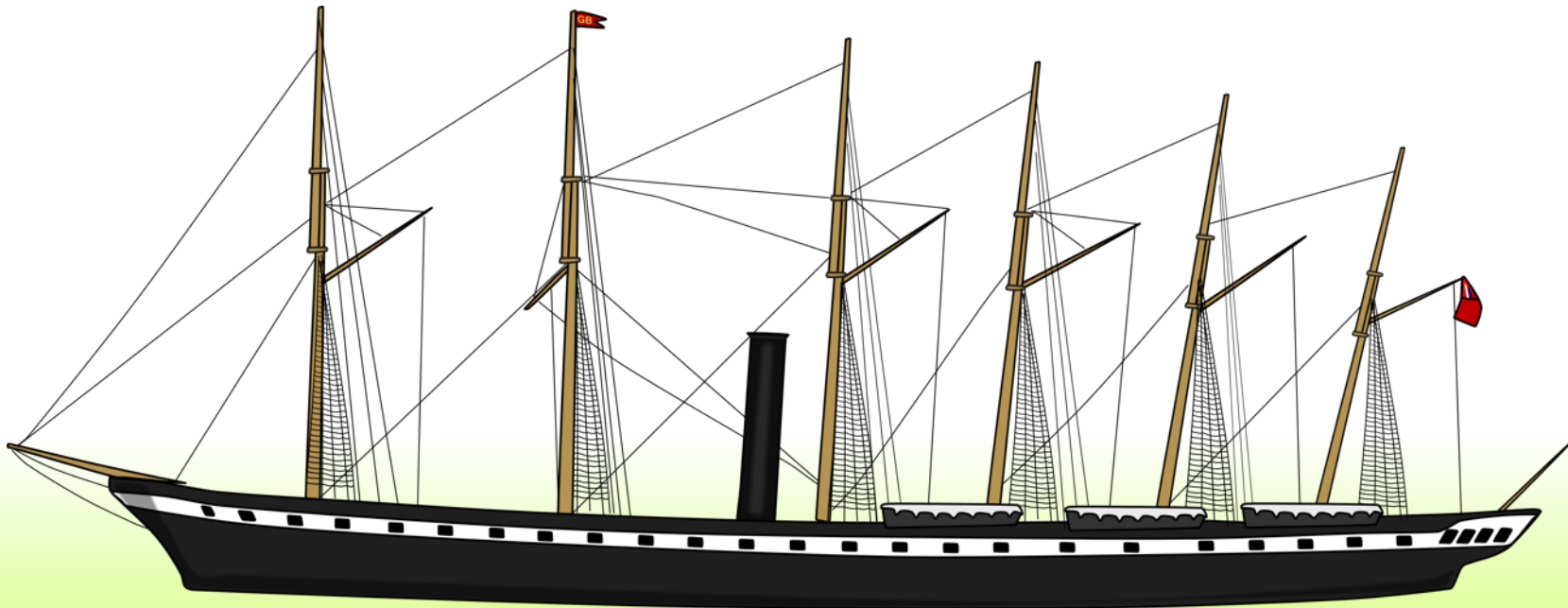
1841

The Box Tunnel and Temple Meads Station in Bristol are completed.



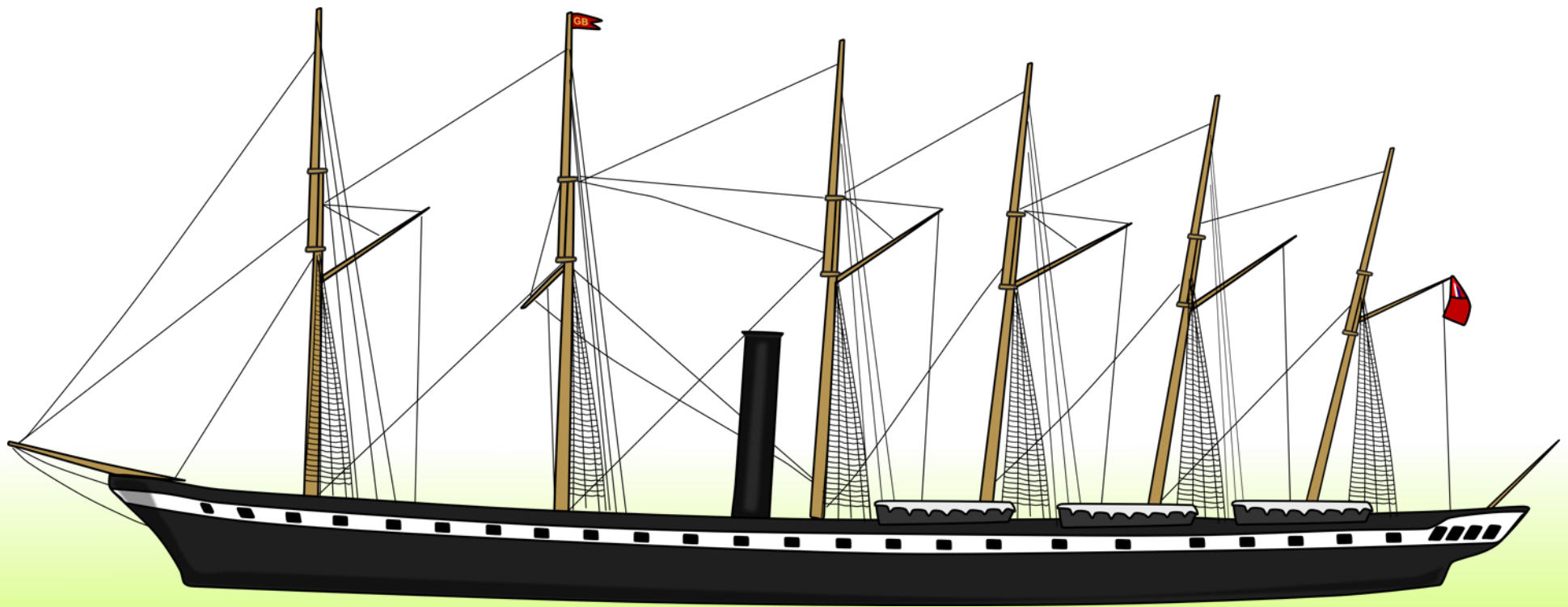
1843

The Thames Tunnel is opened to the public on 25th March and the SS Great Britain ship is launched on 19th July.



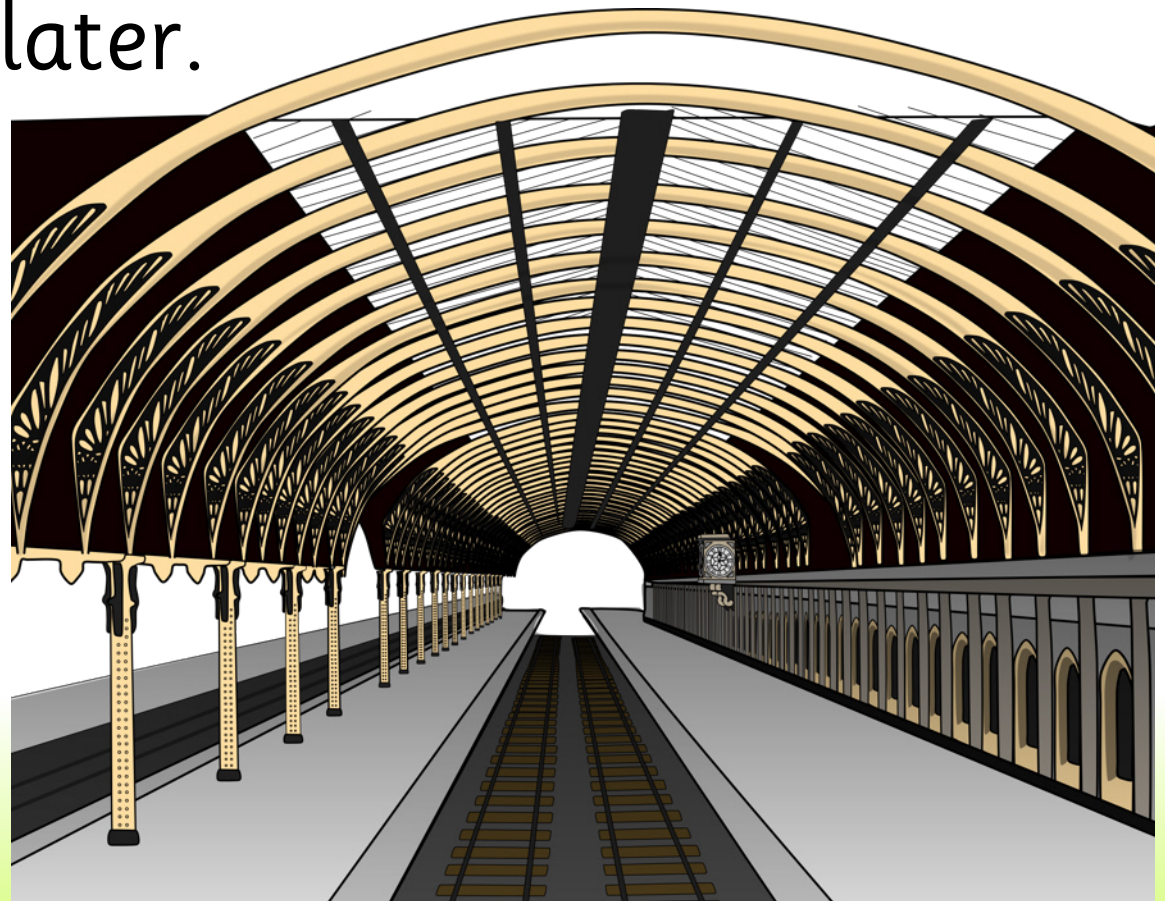
1845

The SS Great Britain makes its maiden voyage from Liverpool to New York.



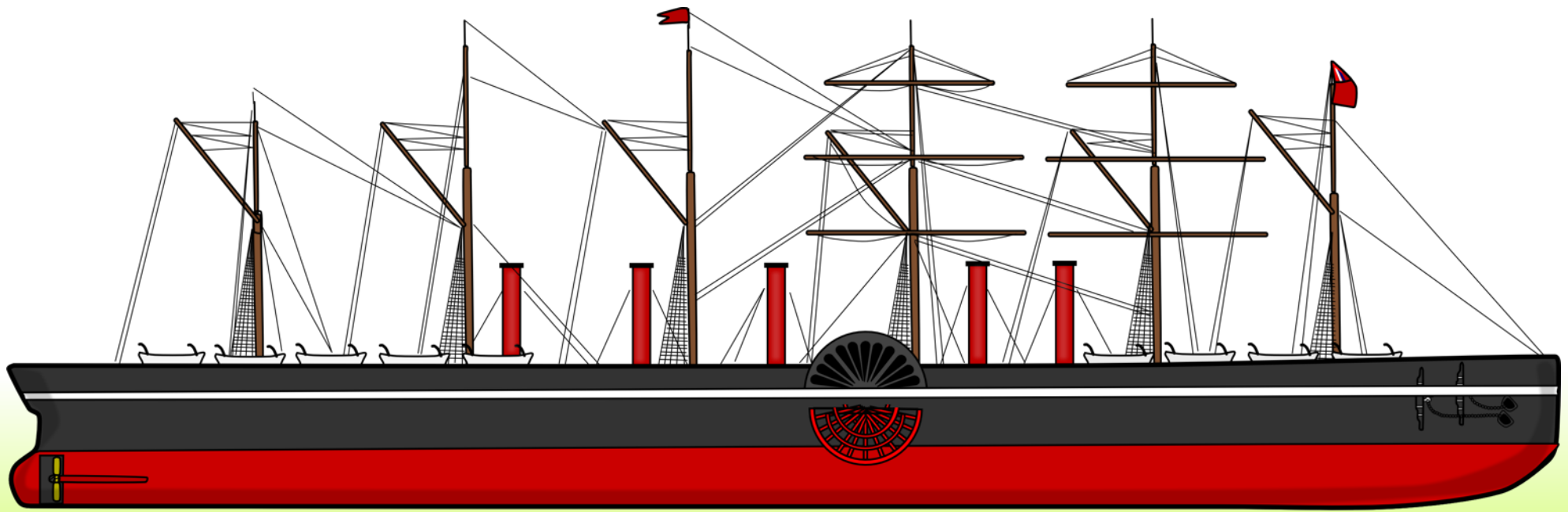
1852

Building of Paddington Station begins and is completed 2 years later.



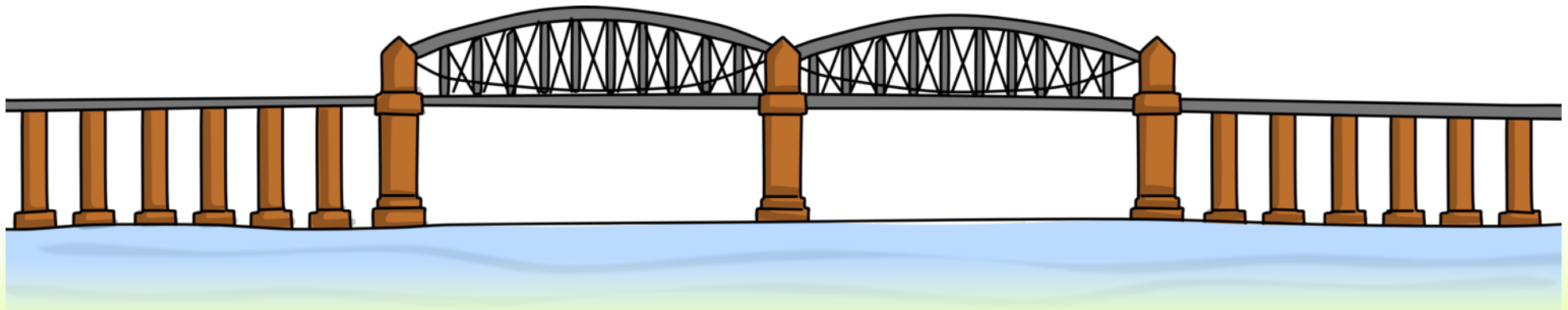
1858

The SS Great Eastern steam ship is finally launched after two previous failed attempts.



1859

In May, the Royal Albert Bridge at Saltash is completed and opened by Prince Albert.



1859

Brunel dies on 15th
September, after
suffering a stroke.



1864

The Clifton Suspension Bridge is finally finished by the Institute of Civil Engineers in tribute to Brunel.

