

Festival: Bonfire Night

Vocabulary	Meaning
Traitor	People trust you but you lie to them and do something against them.
Gunpowder	This is black powder that can explode.
Plot	A plot is a secret plan to do something bad or illegal.
Laws	These say what you can do [legal], and what you can't do [illegal].
Catholics	These are people who believe in Jesus, the son of god, and follow the Pope in Rome.
Executed	You are put to death [sentenced to death] because you did something wrong.
Treason	Someone does something bad against their own country.
Arrested	You are taken to the police station by the police because you did something against the law.
Traditional	Something that has been done for a long time and belongs to a group of people. It's part of their culture and can involve art, music, food Etc.



King James I

Introduction

In November 1605, the '**Gunpowder Plot**' took place in which a group of **Catholics** planned to blow up the English government and King James I [First]. The attempt failed and the story is remembered every 5th November.

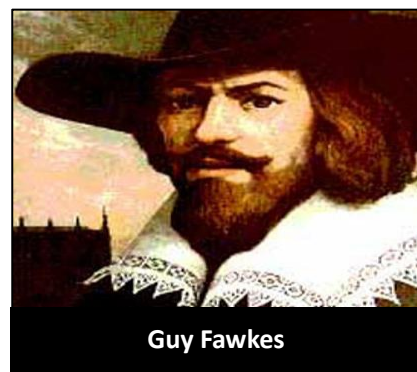
Why did Guy Fawkes want to kill King James I

When Queen Elizabeth 1st became queen of England she made some **laws** against the **Catholics**. Guy Fawkes was one of a small group of **Catholics** who felt the government was treating **Catholics** very badly.

They hoped that King James I would change the **laws**, but he didn't. In fact, King James I, made more **laws** which were also against **Catholics**. This made Guy Fawkes and the other **Catholics** very angry, which is the reason why they came up with the '**gunpowder plot**' in 1605 to kill the king.



The Houses of Parliament



Guy Fawkes



Barrel of gunpowder

**Guy Fawkes discovered just in time**

Guy Fawkes was given the job to look after the **36 barrels of gunpowder**, [see photos on the left], which were under the **Houses of parliament**. However, on the morning of 5th November, soldiers found Guy Fawkes just in time and **arrested** him.

He was taken to the **Tower of London** and questioned. He told the truth about what he and the other 12 men planned to do. The other men were **arrested** soon after, and all of them were **executed** on the order of the King. As a result, Guy Fawkes is known as the most famous **traitor** in England.

To remember the day

To celebrate the King not being killed, King James ordered that the people of England should have a **great bonfire** on the 5th November every year. So, since that day of November 5th 1605, bonfire night has been celebrated in England with **bonfires, fireworks** and **burning effigies** [see below] of Guy Fawkes.

Bonfire Night in England

Throughout England, people celebrate this event with events such as below:



There are **bonfires** all over England. We have bonfires because when people found out the King was saved in 1605, everyone in London lit bonfires to celebrate. So, we have kept this tradition.



We also **set off fireworks** as a way to celebrate this event. The fireworks represent the gunpowder that was used in the attempt to kill the king. They light up the sky and are great to watch.



The **Guy (effigy)** is made out of old clothes filled with paper. The effigy is meant to be Guy Fawkes. It is burned on top of the bonfire to show that he was executed for treason.

Funfairs around England



This is one of the best times to be in England as the atmosphere at this time is fantastic. Not only are there bonfires and fireworks everywhere, there are also funfairs for the whole family to **unwind**[relax] and enjoy.

And if you do go to these funfairs, make sure you try some of the **traditional** food. See below.

Traditional Bonfire Night Food

If you are feeling hungry and want to eat some **local grub** [Local food] while watching the **bonfires** and the **fireworks**, there are some **traditional foods** that are a must try!

The traditional cake eaten on bonfire night is '**Parkin Cake**', a very sweet cake with **syrup** [sweet sauce]. Other foods include **sausages**, **baked potatoes**, **toffee apples** and **marshmallows**. All of it is **divine** [delicious]!

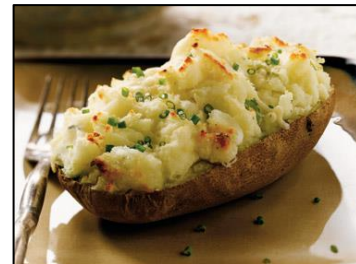
It is a great festival that is full of **history**, **culture** and **fun**!



Parkin cake



Sausages



Baked potato with cheese on top



Marshmallows cooked over an open fire



Toffee apples



Hot chocolate with marshmallows

Remember, Remember the 5th of November. Gunpowder, treason & plot!



Guy Fawkes



Let the journey of discovery begin

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