

## Bonfire Night



November 5th is **Bonfire Night** in the UK. Bonfire Night is also known as *Guy Fawkes Night*. People in the UK celebrate Bonfire Night because of the Gunpowder Plot. Bonfire Night is also celebrated in some other countries that used to be British colonies, such as New Zealand and parts of the Caribbean.

### What Was The Gunpowder Plot?

On November 5th, 1605, Guy Fawkes and his friends tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Their plan was known as **The Gunpowder Plot**. They failed, and Guy Fawkes and his friends were arrested. They were found guilty, and sentenced to death.

### Bonfire Night Customs and Traditions

Many people in the UK build bonfires for Bonfire Night. They make life-sized Guy Fawkes dolls, dress them in old clothes, and throw them onto bonfires. Large firework displays are held in towns and cities.

Because fireworks can be very dangerous, it is against the law in the UK to sell fireworks to children.





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