

GUYFAWKES NIGHT

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The start of November announces the arrival of Bonfire Night. Also known as Firework Night or Guy Fawkes Night, the event is celebrated all over the country on 5th November each year and draws its roots from an event that took place in London many centuries ago. The celebration is named after the villain Guy 'Guido' Fawkes, who in 1605 plotted with a group of conspirators to blow up the Houses of Parliament and kill King James I and his ministers. Unfortunately for Guy Fawkes, while he waited to light the barrels of gunpowder hidden in the cellar of the House of Lords, he was discovered, arrested and later executed along with his friends. To celebrate the failure of the Gunpowder Plot, the day was made a national day of thanksgiving. The popular rhyme about the failing of Guy Fawkes – '**remember, remember, the fifth of November/ Gunpowder, treason and plot**' – is still recited today. Figures of Fawkes were created using straw, paper or old clothes and were then thrown onto a huge bonfire to begin the festivities.

Today it has not only become custom to see guys on the bonfire, but also modern political figures as a contemporary satirical twist.



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