

# Bonfire Night





**In the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, the UK and all its former colonies celebrate Guy Fawkes Night. This traditional holiday is also called Bonfire Night and Fireworks, because on this day the streets are filled with thousands of lights, and the sky break off hundreds of firecrackers.**

# A little history of the celebration of the Bonfire Night

It was a very difficult time. Catholics were persecuted and lived in fear, submitting to unimaginable order.

No longer willing to put up with this life, Catholics led by Robert Catesby organized conspiracy, known in history as "Powder". The idea was simple: on 5 November 1605, James I was to speak before the British Parliament, and the attackers decided to hide in the basement of the house of Lords 36 barrels of gunpowder to blow them up when the king and all the representatives of the Chambers will be inside.

The explosion was supposed to be so powerful that it would carry not only all the buildings of the Parliament, and would destroy all nearby buildings. The plan of this action was to awaken the people and then rule Protestants would be terminated.

Fortunately, this was not to be. One of the conspirators decided to warn the Lord Montengro, that he did not come to the session of Parliament that day by writing him a letter. And the Lord handed the letter to the members and personally to James I. Then king decided to retaliate. He gave no sign that he did not know about the impending plot, and prepared a trap for Catholics.

On the day of execution of criminals who plot against the Crown, the joyful inhabitants of London, whose house was not far from Parliament, decided to celebrate their salvation. They lit in the streets bonfires and burned it in effigy of guy Fawkes.

The authorities of Britain relished this idea, and the 5th day of November quickly turned into a celebration of "guy Fawkes Night", symbolizing loyalty to the king and the monarchy.

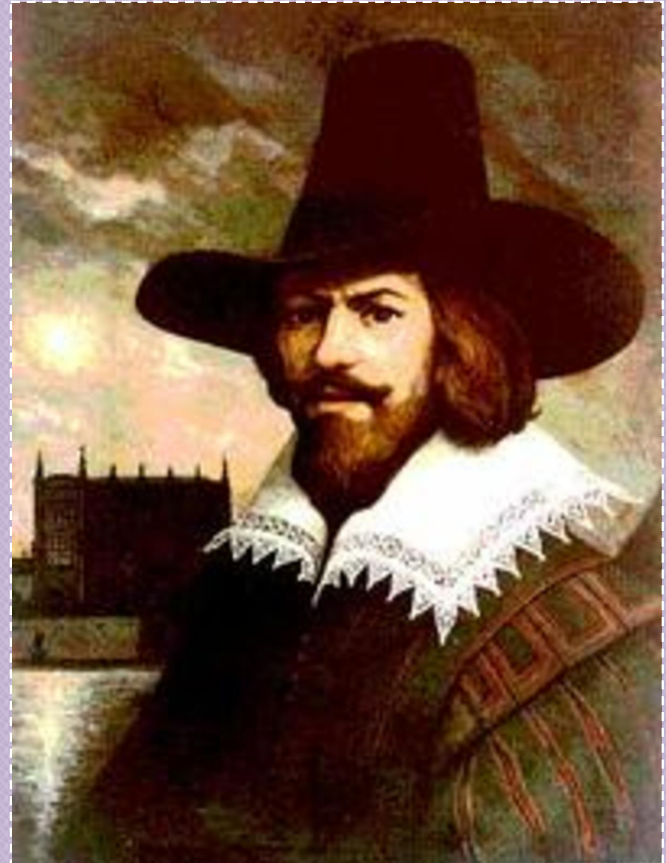


# A few facts about the Night of guy Fawkes

From 1605 to 1959 "guy Fawkes Night" was an official state holiday, and participation was mandatory.



Guy Fawkes was the only member of the conspiracy who knew how to handle gunpowder.



3) Now before the Parliament session be sure to check all the cellars of the building.



4) The word "guy" (the guy in the vernacular) happened just from the name Guy Fawkes. Originally, it meant the effigy, which was burned during the festival, then it became a poorly-dressed man, and now in speaking of "guy" is any young man.



The guy Fawkes mask created by artist David Lloyd, known throughout the world for its characteristics: thin mustache and pointed goatee. It is the main character of the movie "V for Vendetta".



Some families in the guy Fawkes Day bake cookies with a surprise in one of them add hot peppers.





# The celebration of guy Fawkes today

- "Guy Fawkes night" is celebrated every year in our days. The day is filled with lights, joy and bright colors of fireworks. People take to the streets in carnival costumes, hide their faces behind masks and exploding firecrackers. And in the night from 4 to 5 November in London organized a real costume show. People in vintage outfits the guards scouring the basement in search of the conspirators, marching with torches through the streets, dancing around bonfires and launch into the sky with thousands of fireworks.

