

British festivals



Who is this and what is happening in this picture?



What is this person doing and why?



What is this?





When do British people sing this song?

***Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?***

***We take a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne***

***For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.***



At which British festival can you see this?



Connect the verbs on the left with the nouns on the right:

- to put up
- to blow up
- to arrest
- to light
- to sign
- to celebrate
- to see
- to give
- a criminal
- a card
- a ghost
- a festival
- decorations
- a present
- a building
- a firework

- **to put up decorations**
- **to blow up a building**
- **to arrest a criminal**
- **to light a firework**
- **to sign a card**
- **to celebrate a festival**
- **to see a ghost**
- **to give a present**

Match the festivals to the date:

Guy Fawkes' Night

31st October

Pancake Day

14th February

Halloween

Some time in February

St. Valentine's Day

5th November



Make notes in the table.

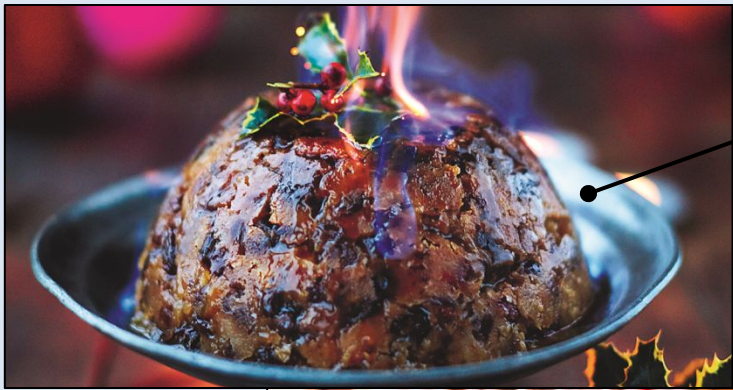
Festival	What do people do?
Guy Fawkes' Night	
Pancake Day	
St. Valentine's Day	
Halloween	<i>People often make parties.</i>



What present do Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Robinson get?

- Complete the sentences:

- a. The important festivals are _____
- b. People put up _____
- c. They keep their present under _____
- d. They spend Christmas with _____
- e. They give _____



Christmas pudding

roast potatoes

peas

wine

stuffing



roast turkey

Brussel sprouts

Answer the questions:

- Where do people go with their family?
- What do you find in a cracker?
- What do you sometimes find in a pudding? Why?



Answer the question:

What is the last festival of the year?

What do Scottish people call it?

What do people do?

Where is there a really big party?



Discuss the following questions:

- Which festival do you celebrate?

Pancake Day

Easter

St. Valentine's Day

Christmas

Halloween

New Year

- What do you do differently from the British?
- What do you do differently from other people in your class?
- What other festivals do you celebrate?
- Do you wear special clothes or eat special food at these festivals?
- When do you give people presents?
- Who do you give presents to?



May Day



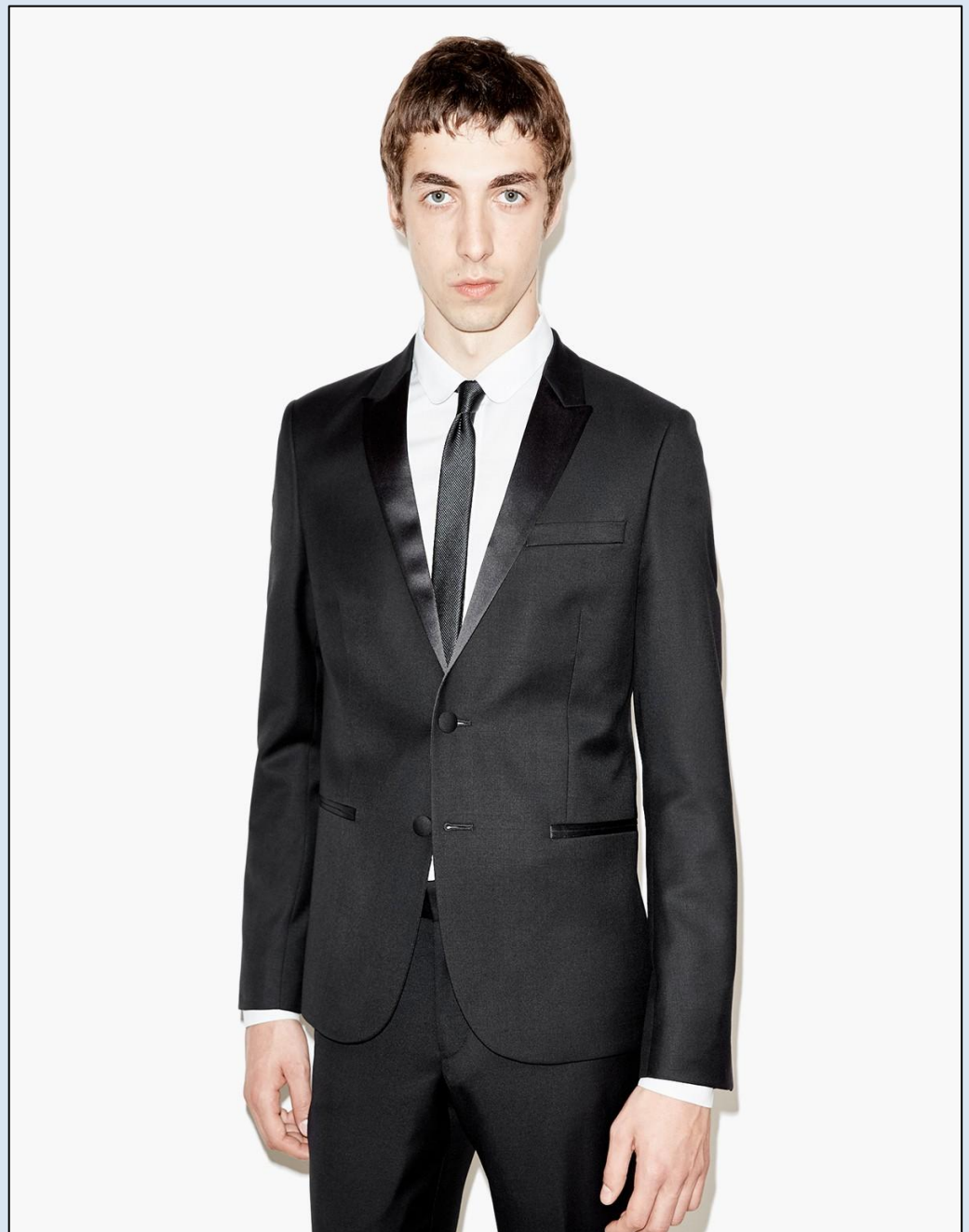
The first of May, May Day, is not a big festival for most of Britain. But for the students and the people of Oxford it is an important celebration.



Pubs and cafes open early all over the city. The festival goers are hungry and need some breakfast.



Many people, especially the students, stay up all night at parties before the celebrations. They often dress up in smart clothes – such as dinner jackets – for these parties.



The focus of the celebration is the tower of Magdalen College at six o'clock in the morning. The college choir stands at the top of the tower and sings a hymn to spring.



There are other celebration all around the city. Groups of morris dancers perform traditional English dances in the streets.



Some students celebrate in more unusual ways. They are not always popular with the police.

