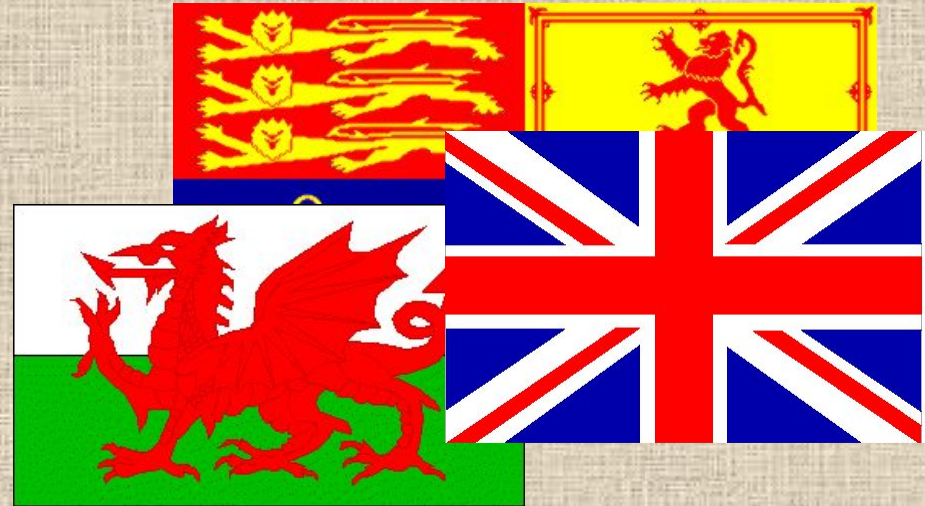


British Symbols



The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



Britain and
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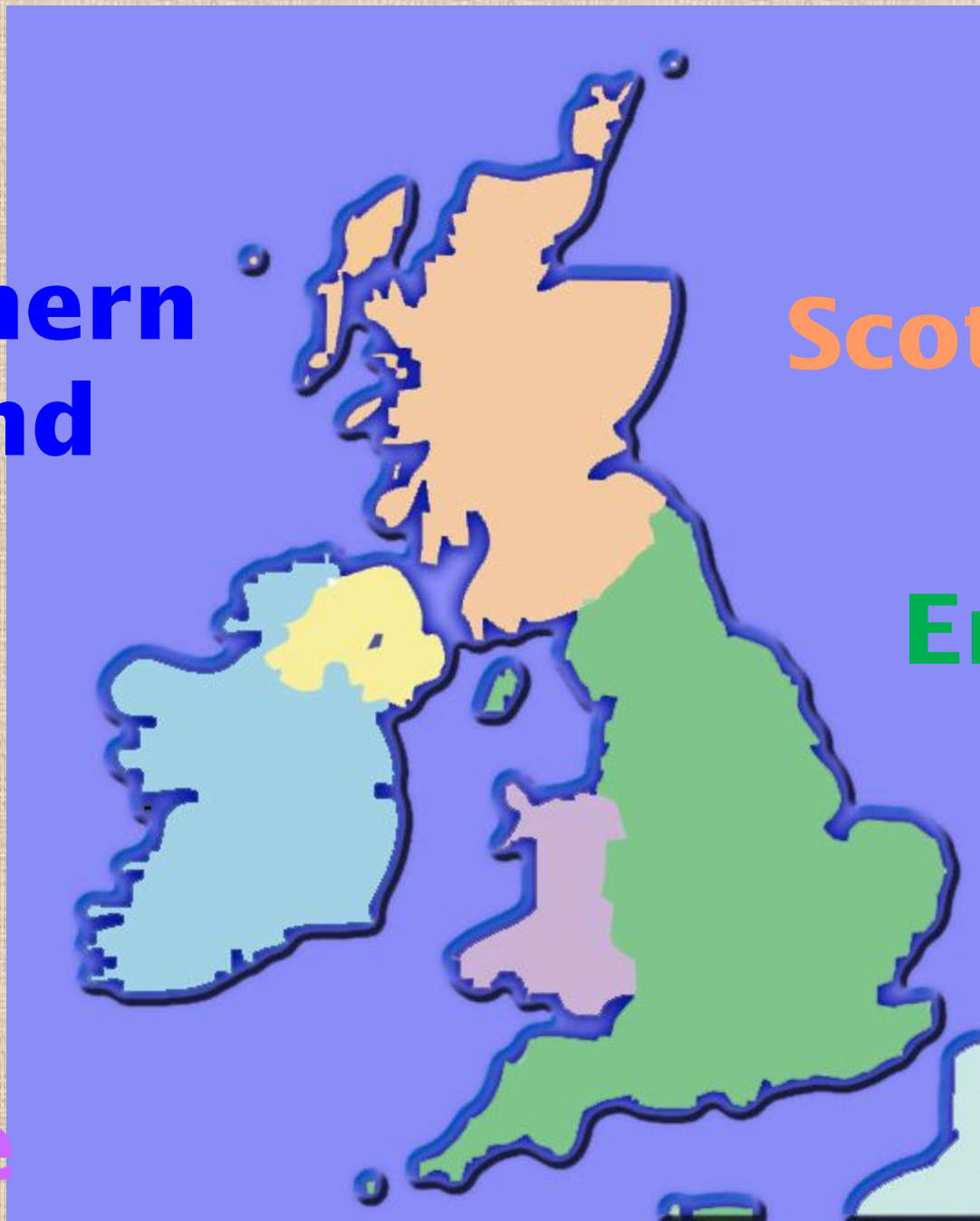


**Northern
Ireland**

Scotland

England

Wales





Each country in Britain has
its own patron saint and
floral emblem



Red rose

Emblem of Lancaster



White rose - emblem of York



Emblem of Scotland – thistle



According to the legend the thistle saved the country from the enemies during the war.



Leek

Symbol of Wales

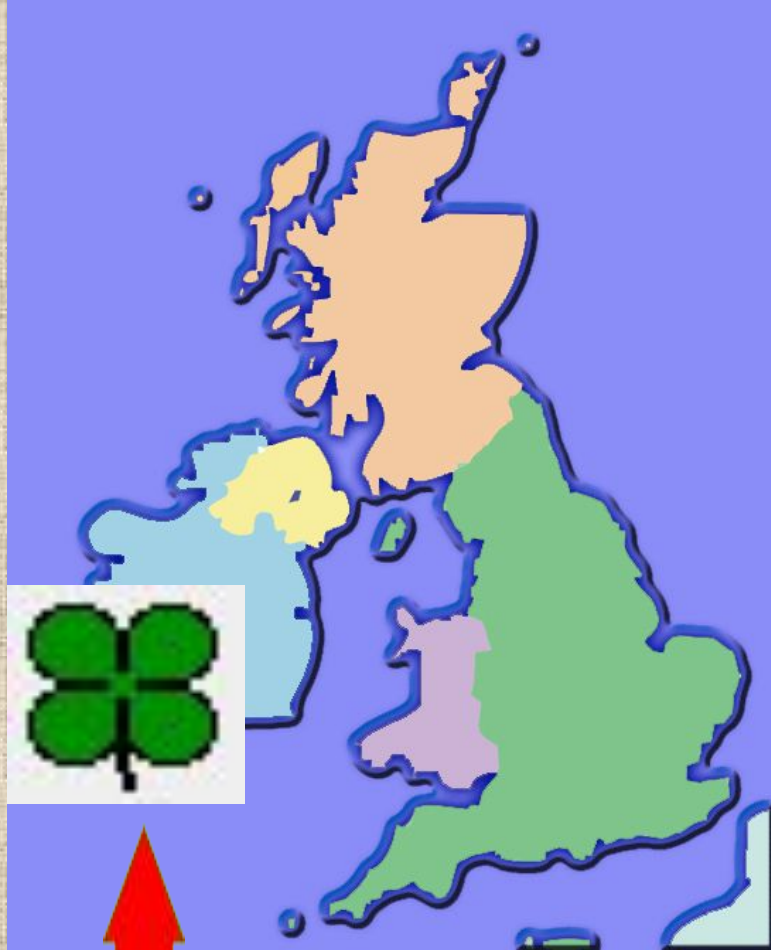
Welsh people think that the leek deals with the legends about St. David. According to the legend this Christian ascetic ate only bread and leek.



Daffodil - emblem of Wales



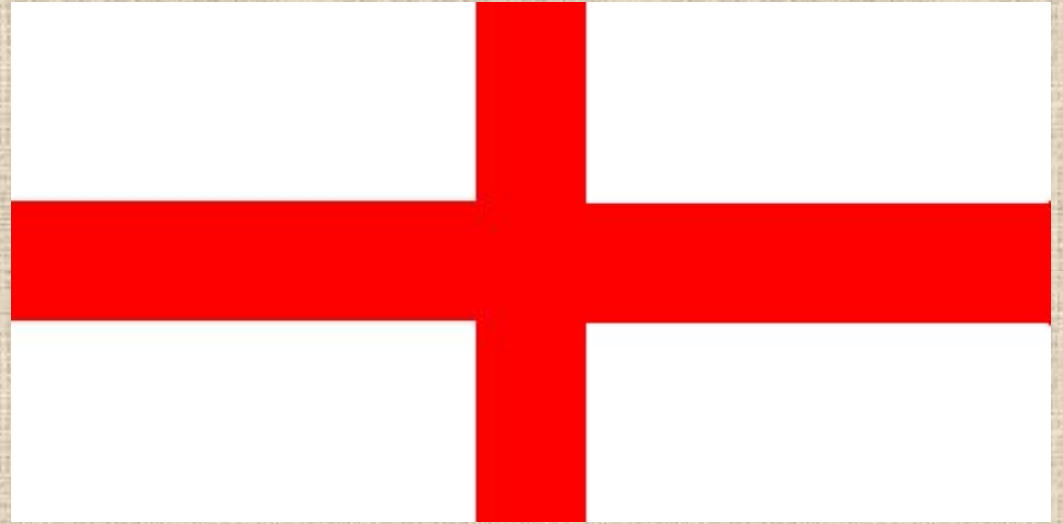
Welsh people are convinced that daffodils opens as a sign of their love to St. David



**Northern
Ireland**

The national flower of Northern Ireland is the shamrock, a three-leaved plant similar to clover. It is a symbol of trinity

St. George's flag



It is the first flag of England.
St. George is a patron of England. He
won the dragon.

St. Andrew's flag

St. Andrew is one of the 12 apostles, which is known as the patron of Scotland. He advocated Christianity.



St. Patrick's flag



St. Patrick is the first bishop of the Irish Christian church. This red cross is the «part» of Ireland which is represented on the flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

The flag of the UK is a combination of the flags of England (the cross of St. George), Scotland (the cross of St. Andrew), and Ireland (the cross of St. Patrick).



Cross of St. George
(England)

+



Cross of St. Andrew
(Scotland)

+



Cross of St. Patrick
(Ireland)

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Union Jack
(United Kingdom)

The British flag
UNION JACK



UK Royal Coat of Arms





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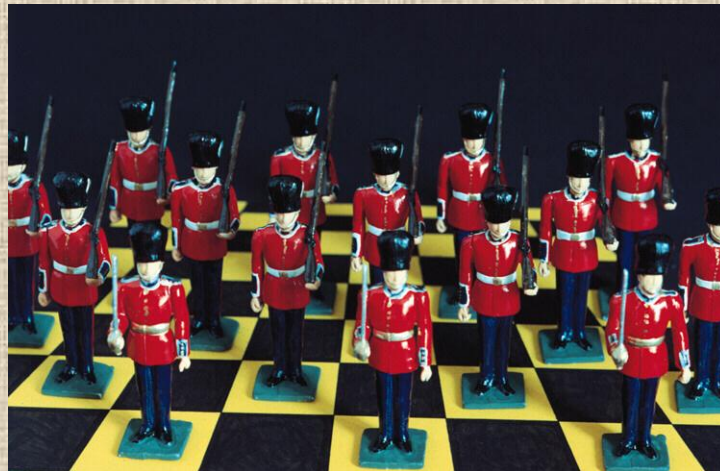
On the coat of arms you see three yellow leopards on the red background (coat of arms of England), a red lion on the yellow background (coat of arms of Scotland), a yellow harp on the blue background (coat of arms of Ireland)

England has a leading role.

Other British symbols



British souvenirs



The national anthem of Great Britain

The author of the anthem is Henry Carry.

People sang it first in 1740.



**Strike down her enemies,
And make them fall:
Confound their politics,
Frustrate their knavish
tricks,
On thee our hopes we fix:
God save us all!**

**God save our gracious Queen
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen!
O Lord our God arise,**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
on her be pleased to pour;
long may she reign;
may she defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice
"God save the Queen!"**

Глава государства – королева Елизавета II



Свадьба принцессы Елизаветы и графа Эдинбургского в 1947 году.



Королева Елизавета II на свое 80-летие в 2006 году.



Коронация Елизаветы II в 1953 году.