

Holidays and traditions in the UK (some of them)

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Christmas Day in United Kingdom



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Christmas Day is celebrated in the United Kingdom on December 25.

It traditionally celebrates Jesus Christ's birth.

Christmas is a time for many people to give and receive presents (gifts) and prepare special festive meals.

People decorate their homes and gardens with Christmas trees, colored lights, leaves and berries from holly trees (остролист) and mistletoe /'mɪsltəʊ/ омела белая) bushes.

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- **Trick or treat!** - кошелек или жизнь
- **go trick or treating-** ходить по домам в канун дня всех святых
- **treat** - подарок, угощение
- **trick** - обманывать, надуть
- **pagan** /'peɪɡən/ - языческий

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Halloween or the eve of All Saints' Day is a holiday annually celebrated on October 31.

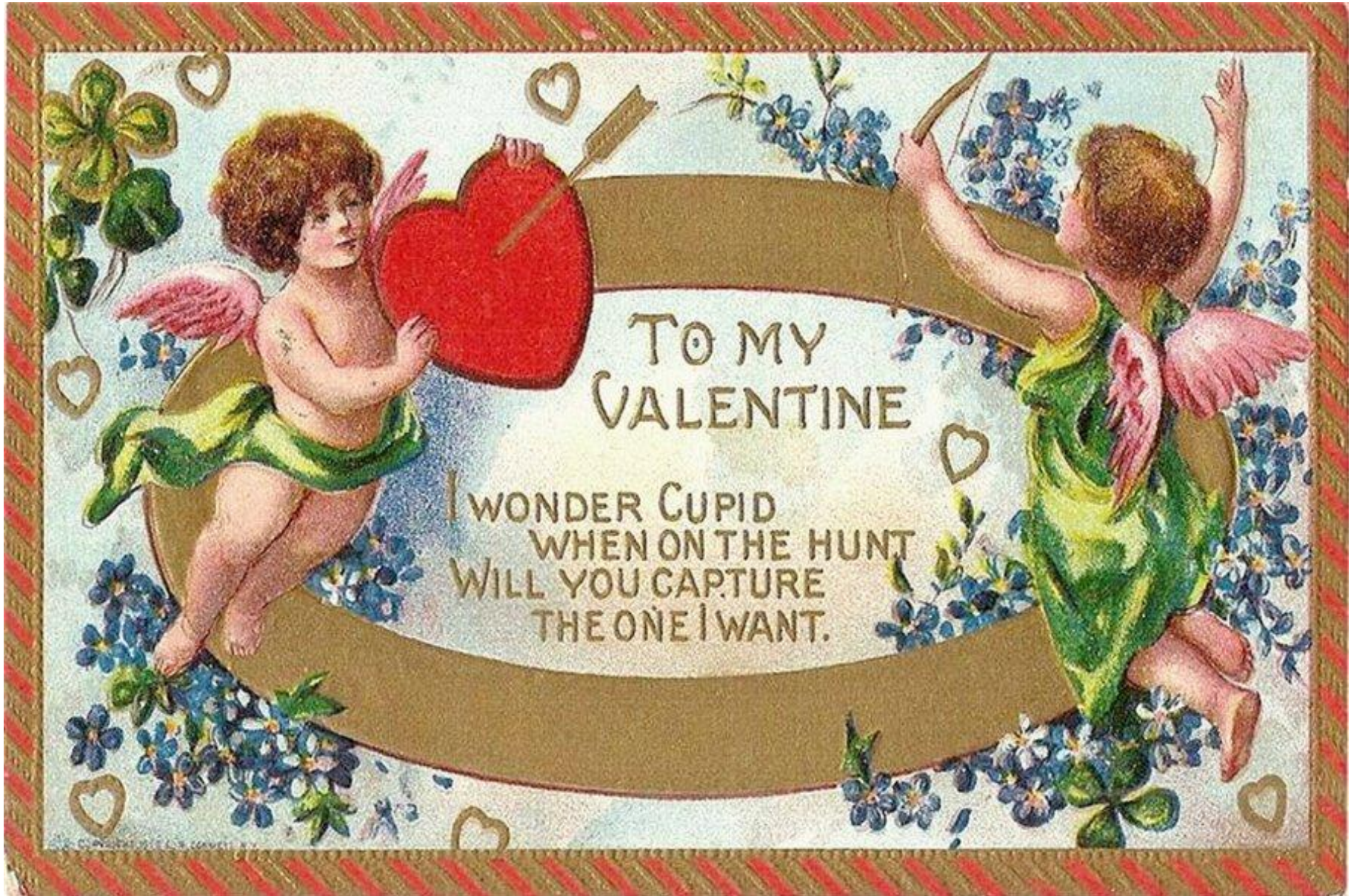
Common symbols of Halloween include pumpkins, bats and spiders.

Some people hold Halloween parties on this date, where the hosts and guests often dress up as skeletons and ghosts.

Other people gather together to watch horror films, either at home or at a cinema.

Some children go trick-or-treating. This means that they dress up and go to other peoples' houses, knocking on the door for treat of sweets. Those who do not give out a treat may be tricked with a joke instead.

St Valentines Day



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St. Valentine's Day comes on February 14. It is widely celebrated among people of all ages. Valentine's Day is a time when people in love express their feelings to those whom they love or adore. Some people give greeting cards, flowers, chocolates, perfumes or jewelry /'dʒu:əlri/ to their admirers while others take their loved ones for a romantic dinner at a restaurant or even propose to get married. Valentine's Day cards are the most popular gifts. They can be ready-made or hand-made. They can be pink or red-coloured and some of them can be heart-shaped. Some valentines are very fancy; they are decorated with ribbons, paper lace and images of cupids.

The Rochester Sweeps Festival



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In May of each year, over the national bank holiday, a huge festival for chimney sweeps (трубочист) in Rochester, England called the Rochester Sweeps Festival takes place.

Hundreds of years ago when chimneys (труба) were cleaned by young boys, the profession had one day off each year! This was on May 1st. To celebrate, the boys ran through the streets singing and dancing.

The modern day festival reenacts (repeats) this every year. Dance teams from all over the UK come together in Rochester for the Sweeps Festival. The modern day festival is the biggest traditional May festival in England.

The Woolsack of the Lord Chancellor in the House of Lords



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The Woolsack is the seat of the Lord Speaker in the House of Lords, the Upper House of the Parliament of the United Kingdom. In the 14th century King Edward III commanded that his Lord Chancellor should sit on a wool bale (ТЮК), now known as "The Woolsack", in order to symbolise the huge importance of the wool trade to the economy of England in the Middle Ages. The Woolsack is a large, wool-stuffed cushion covered with red cloth.

In 1938, it was discovered that the Woolsack was, in fact, stuffed with horsehair. When the Woolsack was remade it was re-stuffed with wool from all over the Commonwealth as a symbol of unity.

Find the right date for every holiday:

January, 1

Christmas

October, 31

New Year

February, 14

Hallowe'en

December, 25

St. Valentine's Day

Write four sentences using these prompts:

The British celebrate(New Year) on(the 1st of January)

.... is celebrated on (the 26th of November).

.... is celebrated in ... (April)

....is held on/ in