

A Spark of History: The Story of Bonfire Night

Light up your imagination and explore the history behind the fifth of November!

- The Gunpowder Plot took place in 1605, when a group of men attempted to conceal barrels of gunpowder beneath the House of Lords.
- Guy Fawkes was the man discovered guarding the gunpowder, leading to the event often being called Guy Fawkes Night.
- Across the UK, communities gather to watch magnificent firework displays that represent the spark of the original plot.
- Traditional treats eaten on this night include toffee apples and parkin, a sticky ginger cake made with oatmeal and treacle.
- Bonfire Night is a commemoration of safety and history, reminding us of the importance of the rule of law in our society.

Did you know? Did you know? The tradition of lighting bonfires on 5th November has been celebrated in Britain for over 400 years. It began as a way for the public to celebrate that King James I had survived a plot to destroy the Houses of Parliament!

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