

The History of Bonfire Night: A Spark of the Past

Step into the past with Ellie the Elephant as we uncover the secrets of the 1605 Gunpowder Plot!

- The Gunpowder Plot took place in 1605, when a group of conspirators attempted to destroy the Houses of Parliament in London.
- Guy Fawkes was discovered guarding barrels of gunpowder in the cellars beneath Parliament on the night of 4th November.
- To celebrate the King's safety, people lit bonfires across London, a tradition that continues to this day every 5th November.
- Modern celebrations often feature firework displays, which represent the gunpowder that was never ignited during the plot.
- Safety is paramount during these celebrations; always remember the Firework Code: never return to a lit firework and keep pets indoors.

Did you know? Did you know? The tradition of burning a 'Guy' on a bonfire is a reference to Guy Fawkes. In the UK, it has been a custom for over 400 years to mark the failure of the plot to blow up the House of Lords, ensuring the monarch's safety.

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