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# TRADITIONS AND HOLIDAYS OF GREAT BRITAIN

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## ГИПОТЕЗА ИССЛЕДОВАНИЯ

В ходе исследования темы мы выясним, как сберечь традиции???

Нужно ли это???

#### **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

the beginning of the new year. People make resolutions.



#### SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY

February 14

Was started in the time

of Roman Empire.

Is dedicated to St. Valentine.

People send a card to someone they love, like, fancy or admire.



#### THE BOAT RACE

- In March
- A rowing race between the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.
- On the riverThames in London (7,2 km).



#### PANCAKE DAY

- In March
- The last day before Lent.
- Pancake
   race-running while
   holding a pancake in
   a frying pan.
   Competitors have to
   throw it in the air and
   catch it again in the
   pan.



#### GOOD FRIDAY

- The Friday before Easter.
- The church marks the death of Christ.
- British usually eat hot-cross buns, which are marked on top with cross.



#### **EASTER**

- In April.
- The celebration of the Resurrection of Christ
- Schools are closed for two weeks.
- People give each other chocolate eggs that are wrapped in silver paper.



#### THE LONDON MARATHON

- One of the biggest marathons in the world.
- Each year about 30,000 people start the race and about 25,000 finish.
- Raise money for charity.



#### MAY DAY

- May 1
- A pagan festival to celebrate the end of winter and welcome summer.
- Children dance around the maypole and sing songs.



#### CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

- In May
- Britain's most important flower and garden show.
- Thousands of people come to see the prize flowers and specially built gardens.



#### MIDSUMMER DAY

- June 24
- Summer solstice.
- People stay up until midnight to welcome in midsummer day.
- When the fires die down, men run or jump through it to bring good luck.



#### TROOPING THE COLOUR

- The second Saturday in June.
- Celebrates the Queen's official birthday.
- Lots of marching, military music and the soldiers are dressed in colourful uniforms.



#### SAINT SWITHIN'S DAY

- July 15
- Saint Swithin was England's Bishop of Winchester.
- 40 days of bad weather will follow if it rains on this day.



#### WIMBLEDON

- The last week of July and the first week of June.
- At Wimbledon in South-West London.
- One of the four great world tennis championships and the only one which is played on grass.



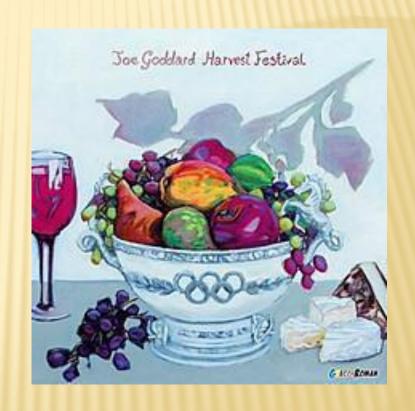
### NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL

- The last weekend in August.
- Takes place in Notting Hill.
- People dress up in fabulous costumes.
- Steel bands play
   African and
   Caribbean music.



#### HARVEST FESTIVALS

- In September.
- A Christian festival.
- It was held to say thank you to God for a good harvest.
- Churches are decorated with fruit, vegetables and flowers.



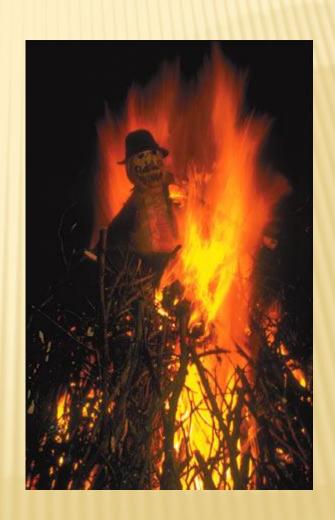
#### **HALLOWEEN**

- October 31
- A pagan festival celebrates the return of the souls that visit their former houses.
- People dress up as witches, ghosts etc.
- Houses are decorated with numbers



#### **GUY FAWKE'S NIGHT**

- November 5
- He was a terrorist.
- The day marks the discovery of a plot to blow up Parliament in 1605.
- People make models of him and burn them on big bonfires.



#### CHRISTMAS DAY

- December 25
- Religious ceremony commemorating the birth of Christ.
- Children wake up early to find presents in their stockings.
- Traditional Christmas tree and dinner



#### NEW YEAR'S EVE

- December 31
- Traditionally Scottish celebration.
- At midnight everybody joins hands and sings Auld Lang Syne.



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