

# Traditions and Customs in Great Britain

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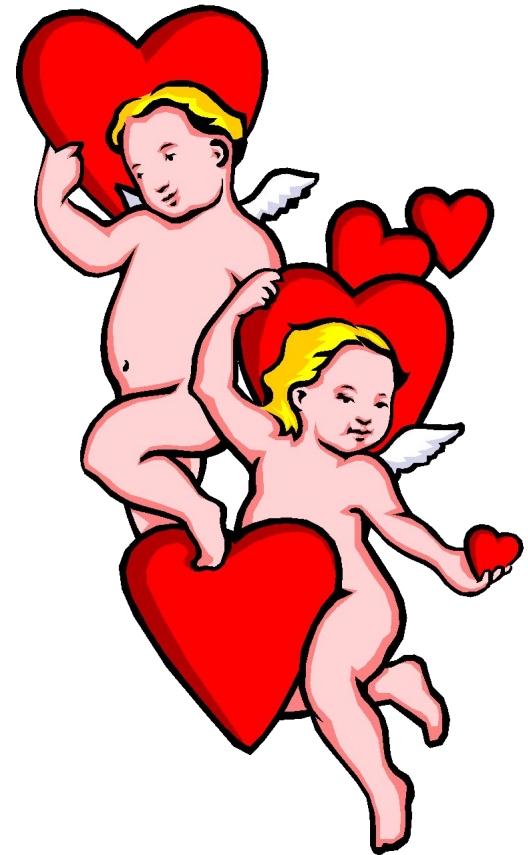
# Crufts Dog Show

- In February.
- Valuable dogs from all over the world compete in Birmingham.
- The best dog gets the title Crufts Supreme Champion.



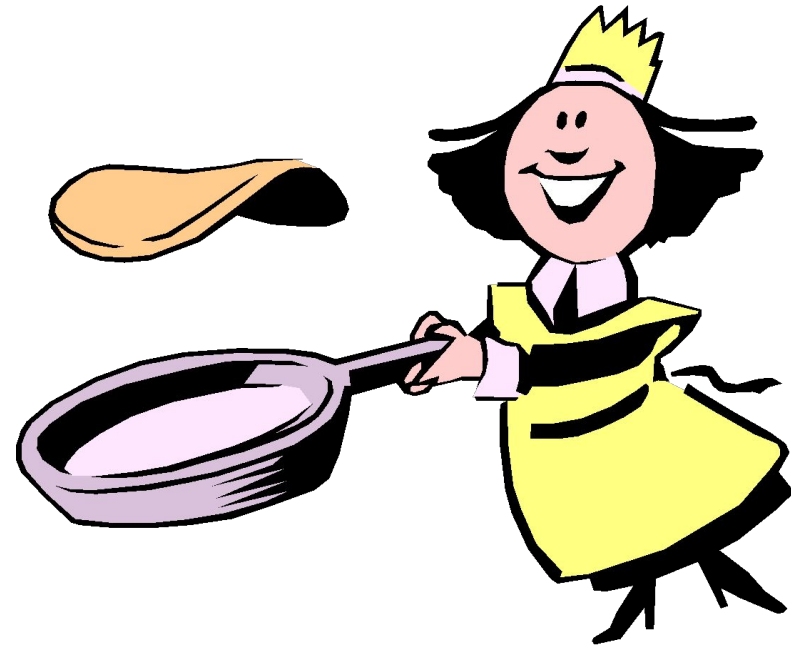
# Saint Valentine's Day

- 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.



# 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.



# 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.



# May Day

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



# 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.



# 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.





# 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 pumpkins.



# 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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