

# HARVEST FESTIVAL





It is widely celebrated throughout Great Britain, especially in the country. The main feature is usually a display of seasonal fruit and vegetables which is arranged in the church for the Sunday service. After the services have been held, the produce is distributed to the needy.



# Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land. This is the time of year when all the crops have been harvested. Harvest festivals are traditionally held on the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. This is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox (about 23 September).

Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient. In England, they have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times. Harvest Festival reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them. This makes them want to share with others who are not so fortunate.



They celebrate this day by singing, praying and decorating their churches with baskets of fruit and food. In schools and in Churches, people bring food from home to a Harvest Festival Service. After the service, the food that has been put on display is usually made into parcels and given to people in need.

# Halloween

Halloween is a festival that takes place on October 31. The main Halloween activity for children is trick-or-treating. Children dress in costumes and masks and go from door to door saying "trick or treat".



The neighbours give children such treats as candy, fruit and pennies so that children do not play tricks on them. Fortunetelling is an important part of Halloween.



# Halloween

Today, people do not believe in ghosts and witches but they like to tell stories about them on Halloween.



**On the 31st of October in Great Britain there is a nice holiday for children – Hallowe'en**



**People put pumpkins on the windowsills. They draw eyes, noses and mouths on the pumpkins and put candles into them. So the pumpkins look like a face.**





Skyline

# Halloween

From the 19th Century to the present day, **31st October** has increasingly acquired a reputation as a night on which ghost, witches, and fairies, are especially active. Halloween celebrations include costume parties where people dress as witches, ghosts, and animal figures associated with Halloween



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# Halloween

October 31st is Hallowe'en, and you can expect to meet witches and ghosts that night. A long time ago people were afraid and stayed at home on Hallowe'en. But now in Britain its a time for fun. There are always a lot of parties on October 31st. At these parties people wear masks and they dress as ghosts and witches, or as Dracula or Frankenstein's monster. And some people make special Hallowe'en lamps from a large fruit the pumpkin. First they take out the middle of the pumpkin. Then they cut holes for the eyes, nose and mouth. Finally they put a candle inside the pumpkin.





*Traditional Halloween symbols are bats, black cats (and white ones in England), spiders, ghosts and images of Jack O'Lantern.*



# GUY FAWKES NIGHT NOVEMBER 5

Guy Fawkes Night is one of the most popular festivals in Great Britain. It commemorates the discovery of the so-called Gunpowder Plot, and is celebrated throughout the country.





# Common information



Guy Fawkes Night is celebrated in the UK on November 5th.

Four hundred years ago, a man called Guy Fawkes planned to kill King James by blowing up the Houses of Parliament. It was called the **Gunpowder Plot**. It failed and to mark the event rag doll 'Guys' are burnt on the bonfire and fireworks are set off.



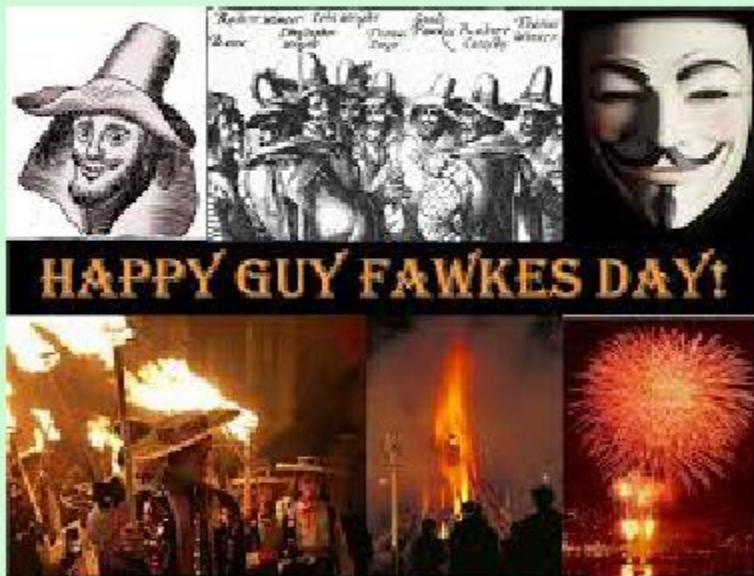






# Guy Fawkes Night

Bonfire Night is on November 5th. On that day in 1605 Roman Catholics made a plan to blow up the Houses of Parliament. One of them was Guy Fawkes. The King discovered the plan, his soldiers found Guy Fawkes and executed him. Since then British people mark this day by burning a dummy made of straw and old clothes on a bonfire. This dummy is called «guy» (like Guy Fawkes).







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