



*"Remember, Remember the Fifth of November..."*

## Bonfire night / Guy Fawkes Day in the UK

On 5<sup>th</sup> November 1605, a group of men tried to blow up parliament and the king. Their plan was discovered; Guy Fawkes was found in the cellars of Westminster Palace together with 36 barrels of gunpowder and matches, was arrested and executed. In that very night, people in London lit bonfires to thank for the king being saved, which has been a tradition ever since.

Today, ...

... some language experts think that the word "guy" might go back to this Guy Fawkes.

... bonfires are lit everywhere, people make an effigy of "the guy", burn it on top of the bonfire, have fireworks, and celebrate.

... children carry their "guy" through the streets, ask people for "a penny for the guy", and spend the money on fireworks.

... every child learns about the gunpowder plot very early by the nursery rhyme "Remember, remember the fifth of November..."

..., still, the cellars of Westminster Palace are searched in a traditional ceremony before the Queen enters parliament for its opening.

... you can use this link to learn more about the Gunpowder Plot and find a nice quiz game: <http://www.bonfirenight.net/>