

BRITISH HOLIDAYS AND TRADITIONS



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Guy Fawkes Night

- also called Bonfire Night, or Firework Night
- celebrated on the 5th November
- People have parties, light bonfires and burn the figure of a “guy”.
- This figure represents Guy Fawkes, the leader of a group of men who tried to blow up the British House of Parliament in 1605. They wanted to replace protestant king James I with a catholic head of state.
- But ‘The Gunpowder Plot’ was discovered and G. Fawkes was arrested and executed.

- **Bonfire Night, which is another name for this feast, was originally Protestant demonstrations against Roman Catholics (because Guy Fawkes was a Catholic) but now it is a good occasion for funny celebration.**





GUY FAWKES



JAMES I



Guy Fawkes mask is also used by the hacktivist group Anonymous.

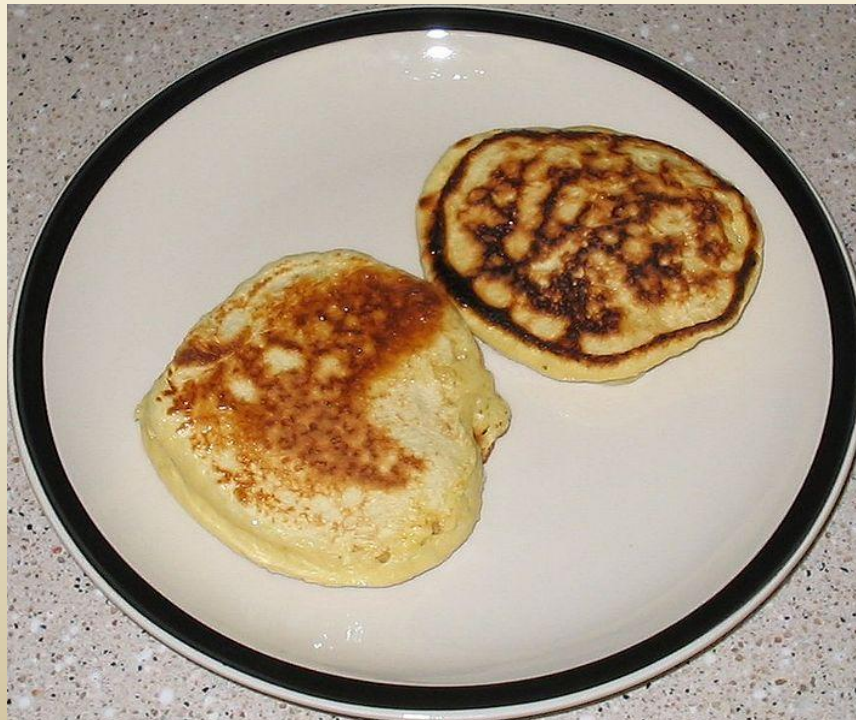
Remembrance Day

- also called Poppy Day
- Celebrated on 11th November, anniversary of the end of World War 1
- People remember soldiers who have died in all major conflicts since World war 1.
- At 11 o'clock there's two-minute silence.
- People wear emblems of red poppies due to the poem ,In Flanders Fields' written by John McCrae.
- These poppies bloomed across of some battlefields in Flanders (Belgium) during WW1.



Pancake Day

- on Shrove Tuesday
- It was traditionally a day to make pancakes and use up all the butter and eggs that would not be allowed during Lent which starts the following day, on Ash Wednesday
- Some families still make pancakes at home on Pancake Day.



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