



# Guy Fawkes' Night



Every year, on 5<sup>th</sup> November Guy Fawkes Night or Bonfire Night is celebrated in England.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1605 a man called Guy Fawkes attempted to

destroy the Houses of Parliament in London with 36 barrels of gunpowder placed in the basement. The king's guards discovered the plot and put Guy Fawkes in prison.



Nowadays boys and girls get an old suit or a pair of trousers and an old jacket, and stuff it with straw to make a strawman, that looks like Guy Fawkes. They put a hat on his head. This figure is called the *Guy*. It looks like a scarecrow.

The children take the *Guy* door to door saying: "A penny for the *Guy*, please."

When they have collected enough pennies, they go and buy fireworks.

When it's dark, children and adults make a big bonfire with wood and

sticks, and they throw the *Guy* on it.. As the straw *guy* burns up, they say the rhyme:

*Remember, remember  
The 5<sup>th</sup> November:  
Gunpowder, treason and plot,  
We know of no reason  
Why gunpowder, treason  
Should ever be forgot!*

