

Bonfire Night

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On November 5th it's the 400th anniversary of the gunpowder* plot* when guards* discovered Guy Fawkes in the cellar of Parliament with gunpowder. We bust the myths about Bonfire Night.

IS IT TRUE THAT ...

1

Guy Fawkes tried to blow up* Parliament on Bonfire Night?

NO!

He tried to blow up Parliament on the night of November 4th – one night before Bonfire Night.

2

The guards stopped a terrible explosion* when they discovered* Guy Fawkes?

NO!

They stopped Guy Fawkes, but the gunpowder was old – too old to blow up anything.

3

People started to celebrate Bonfire Night started in 1605?

NO!

There weren't Bonfire Night celebrations across Britain until 1752.

4

Guy Fawkes wanted to kill King James I, but no one wants to blow up the Queen?

NO!

When the Queen is in Parliament, guards still look in the cellars for gunpowder.

* Words

gunpowder – poudre à canon – polvere – Schießpulver, das – buiskruitthee – proch strzelniczy
plot – conspiracy – congiura – Verschwörung, die – complot, geheim plan – spisek
guard – garde – guardia – Wache – bewaker – strażnik
to blow up – faire sauter – far saltare in aria – sprengen – laten ontploffen – wysadzić
explosion – explosion – esplosione – Explosion – ontploffing – wybuch
to discover – découvrir – scoprire – entdecken – ontdekken – odkryć