

The center of mass is in Great Britain

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January



February



March



April



May



June



July



August



September



Twelfth Night is an annual seasonal celebration held on the Bankside by Shakespeare's Globe, in London. It is a celebration of the New Year, mixing ancient Midwinter seasonal customs with contemporary festivity.



The Holly Man

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Twelfth Night



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Twelfth Night (5th January) is when all Christmas Decorations should be removed so as not to bring bad luck upon the home.



Straw Bear Festival

The people playing the bears either dress in costumes made of straw, or are actually wrapped in straw.





The abiding influence of the Vikings, who arrived in Shetland just over 1000 years ago, is celebrated on the last Tuesday of January every year, by the largest fire festival in Europe - "Up Helly Aa".





After a torch-light procession of up to a thousand "guizers" through the streets of Lerwick a full-size replica Viking longship is ceremonially burned. The "guizers" and onlookers then repair to local halls for a night of revelry, dancing and partying.



Summer visitors can get a flavour of this mid-winter extravaganza at the Up Helly Aa exhibition in Lerwick where the regalia, props, costumes and a replica longship are on display

АПХЕЛИО (конец января)



*В IX веке Шетландские острова подверглись нападению викингов. Этому событию и посвящен знаменитый традиционно шотландский праздник **Up Helly aa** в главном городе Шетландских островов Лервикке (**Lerwick**). Жители делают **30-футовую** модель корабля викингов, переодеваются в наряды викингов, берут в руки факелы и через весь город несут корабль к морю. На побережье его сжигают – таков обычай викингов, принятый для похорон воинов и вождей. Надо сказать, что Шотландская земля довольно долго подвергалась набегам викингов, поэтому многие традиционные для этой территории праздненства несут в себе отпечаток скандинавской культуры. Сегодня шетландцы гордятся подобной историей и связью со знаменитыми скандинавскими пиратами.*



Pancake Day

Pancake Races

Pancake races are held all over England on or near Shrove Tuesday. The object of the race is to get to the finishing line first whilst flipping a pancake in a frying pan a pre-decided number of times.

The most famous pancake race takes place at Olney. The Olney pancake race is world famous. Competitors have to be local housewives and they must wear an apron and a hat or scarf.





The first day of the month of May is known as May Day. It is the time of year when warmer weather begins and flowers and trees start to blossom. It is said to be a time of love and romance. It is when people celebrate the coming of summer with lots of different customs that are expressions of joy and hope after a long winter.



Traditional English May Day celebrations include Morris dancing, crowning a May Queen and dancing around a Maypole.





The official birthday of the Queen Elizabeth II

It's an amazing fact, that for more than 50 years her Majesty celebrates her birthday twice a year. The Queen's actual birthday is on 21 April, 1926.

BUT it has long been customary to celebrate the Sovereign's birthday publicly on a day during the summer, when better weather is more likely.





Since 1805, the Sovereign's 'official' summer birthday has been marked by the Trooping the Colour ceremony, which is also known as the Queen's Birthday Parade, and is normally held on the second Saturday in June.



The list of Birthday Honours is also announced at the time of the UK Official Birthday celebrations.

The day is also marked by the flying of the Union flag on government buildings



Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling and Wake

The Cooper's Hill

Cheese-Rolling and Wake is an annual event held on the Spring Bank Holiday at Cooper's Hill, it is traditionally by and for the people who live in the local village of Brockworth, but now people from all over the world take part in it. The event takes its name from the hill on which it occurs.







The Notting Hill Carnival



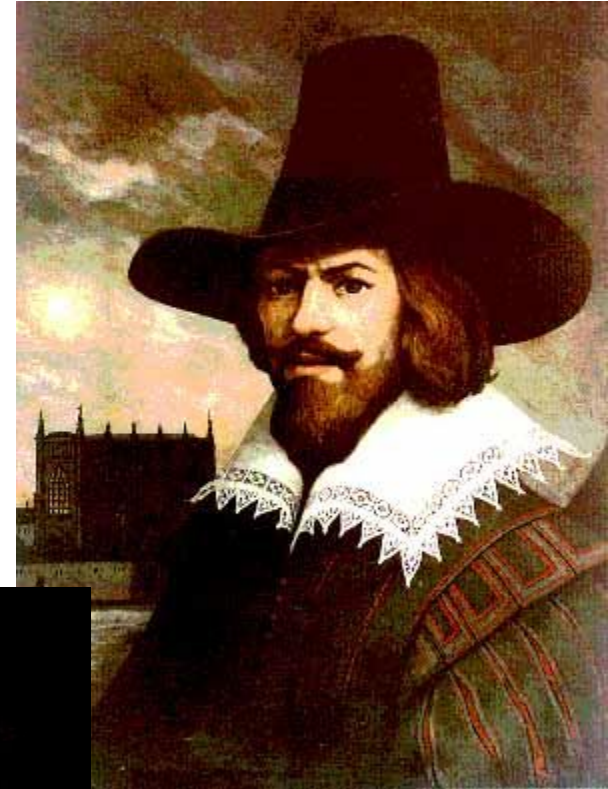
The Notting Hill Carnival is an annual event which **since 1964** has taken place on the streets of **Notting Hill**, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea , London, UK each **August**, over **two days** (the August bank holiday Monday and the day beforehand).

It is led by members of the **West Indian community**, many of whom have lived in the area since the 1950s.

The carnival has attracted up to **2 million people**, making it *the second largest street festival in the world* after the Rio Carnival held in Brazil.



Guy Fawkes Night, also known as Guy Fawkes Day, **Bonfire Night** and Firework Night, is an annual commemoration observed on **5 November**, primarily in **England**. Its history begins with the events of 5 November 1605, when *Guy Fawkes*, a member of **the Gunpowder Plot**, was arrested while guarding explosives the plotters had placed beneath the House of Lords.



Remember, remember the 5th of November



Boxing Day



Boxing Day is traditionally a day following Christmas when wealthy people in the United Kingdom would give a box containing a gift to their servants. Today, Boxing Day is better known as a bank or public holiday that occurs on **December 26**, or the first or second weekday after Christmas Day, depending on national or regional laws. It is observed in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and some other Commonwealth nations.





