



Holidays in the United Kingdom

- 1) Swan Upping
- 2) Guy Fawkes Day
- 3) The Trooping of the Colour

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Swan Upping

- Swan upping is an annual ceremony in Britain which takes place in the third week of July, and in which mute swans on the River Thames are rounded up, caught, ringed, and then released.



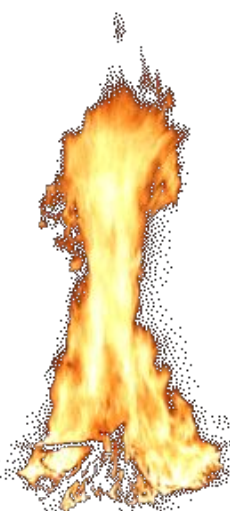
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- In the 12th century the Crown owned all Mute Swans. The ownership was shared with two of London's livery companies, the Worshipful Company of Vintners and the Worshipful Company of Dyers who were granted rights of ownership in the 15th century.



Guy Fawkes Day

- Guy Fawkes Night, also known as Guy Fawkes Day, Bonfire Night and Firework Night, is an annual commemoration that takes place on November 5th in Great Britain.



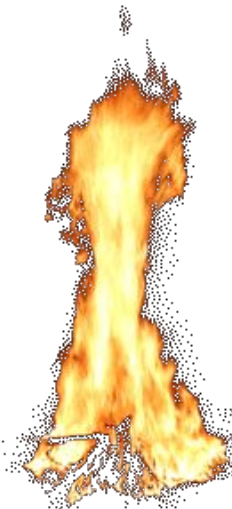
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- Its history begins with the events of November 5th, 1605, when Guy Fawkes, a member of the Gunpowder Plot, was arrested while guarding explosives the plotters had placed beneath the House of Lords.



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- Celebrating the fact that King James I had survived the attempt on his life, people lit bonfires around London. Later November 5th became an annual public day of thanksgiving for the plot's failure.



The Trooping of the Colour

- The Trooping of the Colour is an annual ceremony that takes place in the UK since the 18th century. The Colour was trooped in front of the soldiers in order to make them recognize their flag during the battle. Since 1805, the birthdays of the sovereigns are celebrated with such parades.





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