

WELCOME TO HILL HOUSE

NOVEMBER

NEWSLETTER



Everyone expects to hear the distinct whizz and bang of fireworks at this time of year, and many of us will be grabbing ourselves a toffee apple and heading to our nearest firework display on November 5.

But the history of why we light fireworks on the same date every year goes back over four centuries.

The origin of Bonfire Night dates all the way back to 1605, and marks the anniversary of a failed attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

November 5 often goes by another name: Guy Fawkes Night. Guy (Guido) Fawkes was part of a group of men behind the Gunpowder Plot - a plan to kill the King at the time, James I, and his government using barrels of gunpowder.

The group were Catholics while England was Protestant-run, and hoped that their plot to kill everyone in Parliament would lead to a Catholic monarch taking the throne.

Fawkes and his gang rolled 36 barrels of gunpowder into the cellars beneath the Houses of Parliament, ready to light them on November 5 and cause an almighty explosion that would completely destroy the buildings above.



The arrest of Guy Fawkes at the Houses of Parliament on November 5

However, their plan was foiled when one of the lords who worked in Parliament received an anonymous letter, warning him to steer clear on the day.

King James' people were alerted, authorities searched the cellars to find Fawkes guarding the explosives, and the plan was foiled.

The date has been celebrated ever since. King James I's Parliament officially declared November 5th as a day of thanksgiving to celebrate the monarch's survival.

The public marked the occasion by igniting gunpowder to represent the explosives that were never used in Guy Fawkes' failed plot, a tradition that carries on today with our colourful firework displays.

The tradition of lighting bonfires that lends November 5 its name dates all the way back to the very first celebrations too. Children would make life-size effigies of Guy Fawkes, usually made out of straw and dressed in old clothes like a scarecrow, to burn on the bonfires.

They would parade their "Guy" through the streets and ask passers-by for a penny to spend on Bonfire Night sweets, which is where the saying "Penny for the Guy" comes from. Although the tradition is now a rare sight, it was very popular up to the 1960s.



Toffee apples are a popular choice on Bonfire Night

The night is also marked with delicious food, the sweet and stodgy treats which have been traditionally eaten at the start of winter for generations have become synonymous with November 5, due to the night falling at the same time as the seasons change.

No Bonfire Night would be complete without a toffee apple, which is said to originate from the annual apple harvests falling at this time of year.

Some regions even have their own traditions when it comes to Bonfire Night food, which are closely linked to the arrival of the colder months.

Parkin cake is a favourite in Yorkshire, a gingerbread cake traditionally made with oats and black treacle. The origins of parkin cake are unclear, but are thought to date back to the long-held tradition of eating special cakes at the start of winter.

In Lancashire, black peas are commonly eaten on the night, while warm baked potatoes - originally baked in the hot ashes of a bonfire - are a popular choice nationally.

In recent years Bonfire Night has become a bit of a smaller affair, especially with Halloween the week before having grown to one of the biggest celebrations in the UK calendar.

Fireworks are also now commonly used to celebrate other occasions, such as New Year. But the popularity of the original Guy Fawkes Night persists, with the occasion still marked with public firework displays across the country.

Bonfire Night Celebrations in the 1950s and 1960s

The night before Bonfire Night is traditionally known as Mischief Night, particularly in the north of England. In the 1960s this was a night when the local children would play pranks: knock-and-run on neighbour's front doors, letting down car tyres, tying metal dustbin lids to door knockers – even changing the numbers on gates to confuse the postman!

English Folk Verse – 1870: The Fifth of November

Remember, remember!

The fifth of November,

The Gunpowder treason and plot;

I know of no reason

Why the Gunpowder treason

should ever be forgot!

Guy Fawkes and his companions

Did the scheme contrive,

To blow the King and Parliament

All up alive.

*Threescore barrels, laid below,
To prove old England's overthrow.*

*But, by God's providence, him they catch,
With a dark lantern, lighting a match!*

*A stick and a stake
For King James's sake!*

*If you won't give me one,
I'll take two,
The better for me,
And the worse for you.*

*A rope, a rope, to hang the Pope,
A penn'orth of cheese to choke him,
A pint of beer to wash it down,
And a jolly good fire to burn him.*

Holloa, boys! Holloa, boys! make the bells ring!

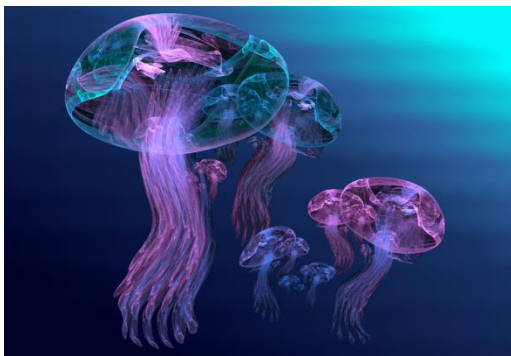
Holloa, boys! Holloa boys! God save the King!

Hip, hip, hoor-r-r-ray!

IN HOUSE NEWS

Julie and Denise are busy organising Christmas at Hill House hopefully this year it can be a little less restrictive. We will be having our usual Christmas Raffle and any donations would be gratefully received. We hope to see Eden Park school children on the lead up to Christmas carolling in the corridors. Samantha Montini will be here by popular request on Christmas Eve @ 2pm.

NOVEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



1ST NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS DAY
3RD NOVEMBER – NATIONAL JELLYFISH DAY
5TH NOVEMBER – GUY FAWKES DAY/ BONFIRE NIGHT
10TH NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
11TH NOVEMBER – ARMISTICE DAY
18TH NOVEMBER – BBC CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL
20TH NOVEMBER – UNIVERSAL CHILDRENS DAY
21ST NOVEMBER – WORLD HELLO DAY
WEEK OF 27TH NOVEMBER – NATIONAL TREE WEEK
30TH NOVEMBER – ST ANDREWS DAY.

ENTERTAINMENT IN NOVEMBER

9th – SIMON and HIS ANIMALS – 10:30am

10th – LUK AND HIS HARP – 2pm IN THE LOUNGE PLUS CORRIDOR PERFORMANCE

14th – SHARON AND HER VIOLIN – 2pm IN THE LOUNGE

16th – ANDY – 2pm IN THE LOUNGE

21st – LUK AND HIS HARP – 2pm IN THE LOUNGE PLUS CORRIDOR PERFORMANCE



23rd – SIMON and HIS ANIMALS – 10:30am

24TH – MAC – 2PM IN THE LOUNGE

30TH – PATRICK – 2pm IN THE LOUNGE

And Vicar Elizabeth visits when required.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Barrie W – 1st November

Denise – 27th November



ACTIVITIES

Hill House is sharing its caddy and interactive Dementia table with our 2 sister homes.

JULIE AND DENISE ARE VISITING RESIDENTS IN THEIR ROOMS OFFERING 1 TO 1'S

WHERE PRACTICABLE THE FOLLOWING -

REMINISCENCE AND DISCUSS, QUIZZES,

MANICURES, READING NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS,

ANAGRAMS, SINGALONGS, CHOICE OF GAMES,

ONE TO ONES, KARAOKE, CRAFTS, PAINTING,

THE ENTIRE USUAL ACTIVITIES ARE BACK TO TAKING

PLACE IN THE SUN LOUNGE DAILY NOW RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN LIFTED.

WE ARE HOWEVER NOW HAVING ENTERTAINERS IN THE LOUNGE AGAIN FOR RESIDENTS ONLY AT THE MOMENT.

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO GO OUT AROUND THE AVENUE TO LOOK AT THE GARDENS PLEASE ASK JULIE OR DENISE

Money and valuables

Upon admission there is a property list completed and then this is entered onto the Care Control Electronic Monitoring System. All jewellery will be photographed. Monies will be counted and a sheet completed to keep a tally of monies coming in and out. A small request is that if families are bringing in or sending money then the home is kept informed so this can be added to the balance. Monies will be locked away in either the medication cupboard in the resident's room or in the office safe if this would be the preferred option for residents deemed as lacking capacity. For residents that have capacity they have the option of keeping their money on their person, in the medication cupboard or locked drawer in their bedroom

CORNY JOKES SECTION



Q: Why are balloons so expensive?

A: Inflation.

Q: Why can't you send a duck to space?

A: Because the bill would be astronomical.

Q: What side of a tree grows the most branches?

A: The outside!

Q: What happened when the world's tongue-twister champion got arrested?

A: They gave him a tough sentence.

Q: What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?

A: A stick.

Q: What breed of dog can jump higher than a skyscraper?

A: Any breed of dog. Skyscrapers can't jump.

Q: Why are elevator jokes so good?

A: They work on many levels.

Q: Why did the computer get mad at the printer?

A: Because it didn't like its toner voice.

Q: Why is Peter Pan always flying?

A: Because he Neverlands.

Q: What did the three-legged dog say when he walked into a saloon?

A: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."

Q: What's the best way to watch a fly-fishing tournament?

A: Live stream it.

Q: Why did the broom decide to go to bed?

A: It was very sweepy.

Q: Why are nurses always running out of red crayons?

A: Because they often have to draw blood.

Q: Did you hear about the square that got into a car accident?

A: Yeah, now he's a rect-angle!

Q: Why was the woman afraid for the calendar?

A: She said its days were numbered.

Bonfire Night

Bonfire Night Word Search

Words to
find

rocket
bonfire
guy
firework
smoke
bang
safety
flame
burn
ash

a	r	e	d	o	l	p	x	e	k	f
e	r	e	l	k	r	a	p	s	r	l
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Words to
find

explode
sparks
sparkler
fire
whiz
stars
haze
glow
flicker
november

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