

British Culture, Customs and Traditions



Guy Fawkes Night

Guy Fawkes Night is an annual commemoration observed on 5 November, primarily in Great Britain.

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.



St. George's Day

Saint George's Day is the feast day of Saint George and the National Day for England, although it is not an official national holiday in England.

It is celebrated by various Christian churches and by the several nations, kingdoms, countries, and cities of which Saint George is the patron saint.



Easter

In the UK Easter is one of the major Christian festivals of the year. It is full of customs, folklore and traditional food.

However, Easter in Britain has its beginnings long before the arrival of Christianity.

Many theologians believe Easter itself is named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess of the dawn and spring - Eostre.



May Day

First day of the month of may,
warmer weather begins and
trees start to blossom.

Traditional English may day
celebration include

dancing
around
a maypole.



Halloween

Trick-or-treating harks back to the Middle Ages, when poor people in Britain would beg for a sweet-bread treat, and pray for dead relatives in return.



Christmas

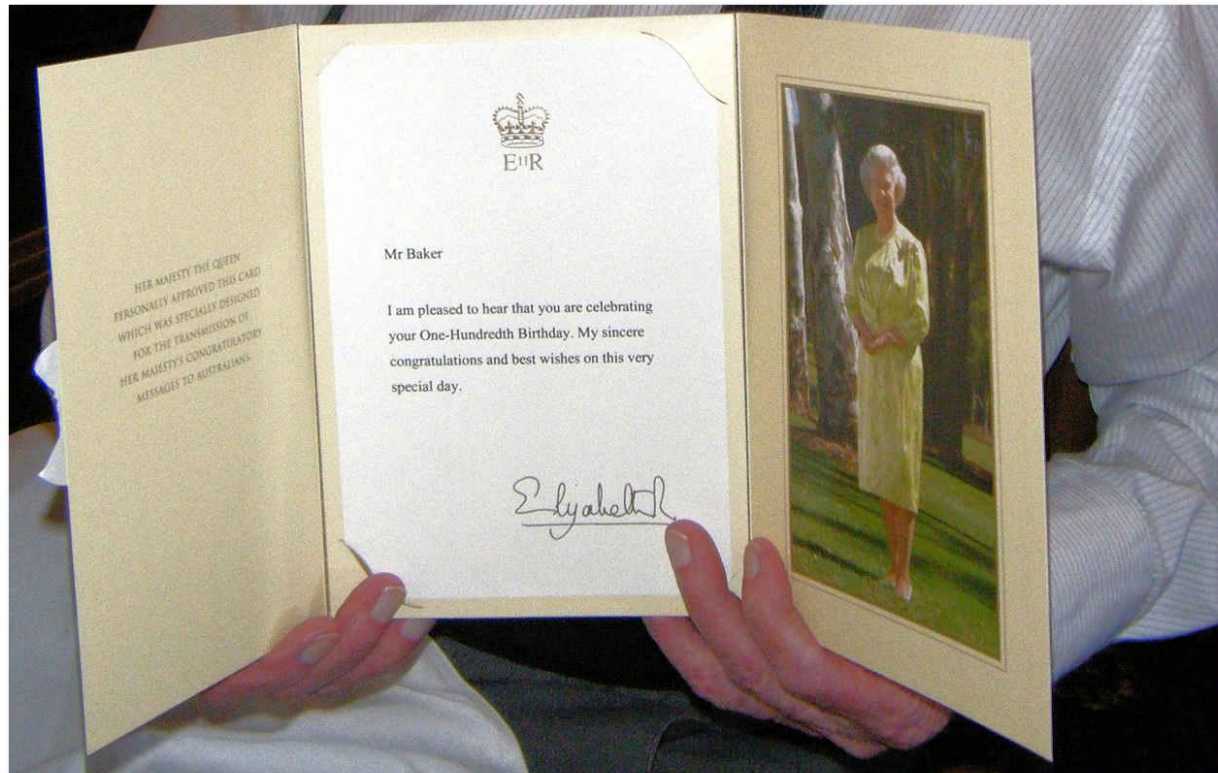
Santa Claus is referred to as Father Christmas in Britain.

The first Christmas card was posted in England in 1840.



Queen's telegram

On his or her hundredth birthday, a British person gets a telegram from the Queen.



House of Lords

In the House of Lords, Chancellor sits on the sack of wool. This tradition comes from the old times when sheep wool made England rich and powerful.



Windsor Castle

Windsor castle is the oldest and largest royal residence in the world still in use.



Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is the day before Good Friday. On that day the Monarch ceremonially distributes small silver coins known as “Maundy money” to a group of old people.

Shaking Hands

Hundreds of years ago soldiers shook hands to show that they didn't have a sword.



165 Million Cups of Tea

British people drink 165 million cups of tea every day.



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