

# GUNPOWDER PLOT

Discover the daring plot behind Bonfire Night!

5th  
of November



Facts, fun and  
loads of cool  
things to do!



# London 1605

The rats in the cellars of the Houses of Parliament witness some strange goings on.

In 1603, James I became the new King of England. Many people hoped for more freedom for Catholics. They were disappointed. Robert Catesby was a Catholic from Warwickshire. In 1605, he plotted to blow up the new king and the Houses of Parliament and make England safe for Catholics. Catesby recruited a Catholic soldier called Guy Fawkes to help.



Meanwhile at Ashby St Ledgers, near Rugby, Robert Catesby and his plotters are making plans.

We'll blow up Parliament and when we know the king is dead and we are safe, our people at Dunchurch will make his daughter, Elizabeth, queen



Then we shall rule England through her... a safe Catholic England

I hate to shed blood



It's the only way for Catholics to be free

We must warn the Catholics in Parliament



Too dangerous. We might get found out

But later that week in London, Catholic sympathizer Lord Monteagle receives a letter warning him not to attend the State Opening of Parliament on 5 November. It tells him to burn the letter immediately but he doesn't.

Doesn't say who it's from



We'll pretend we know nothing, wait till November 4th and then catch the traitors red-handed



4 November 1605,  
soldiers search the  
House of Lords



Ow!  
Shhh!

Idiot!

Ssshhh!

Traitor! You will tell us  
everything you know  
about this evil plot



Never!

Guy has  
been caught.  
We must escape  
from London to  
Dunchurch



After days of torture, Guy Fawkes reveals the plotters' names

Meanwhile, the  
plotters meet in the  
Red Lion Inn at  
Dunchurch



We need  
fresh horses

I say we  
continue



It's not the  
easiest place to  
steal horses,  
but...

Warwick  
Castle?!



No one helps the plotters as  
they ride across England and  
so Catesby leads a group to  
hide at Holbeche House.

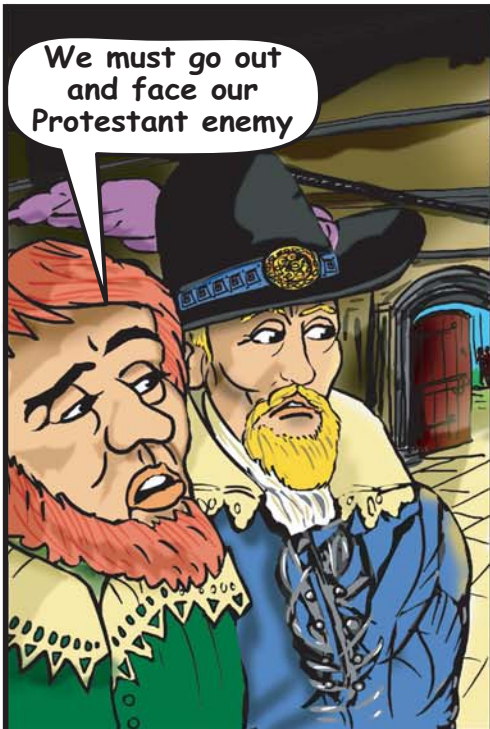


Oh no!  
Soldiers are  
surrounding  
the house

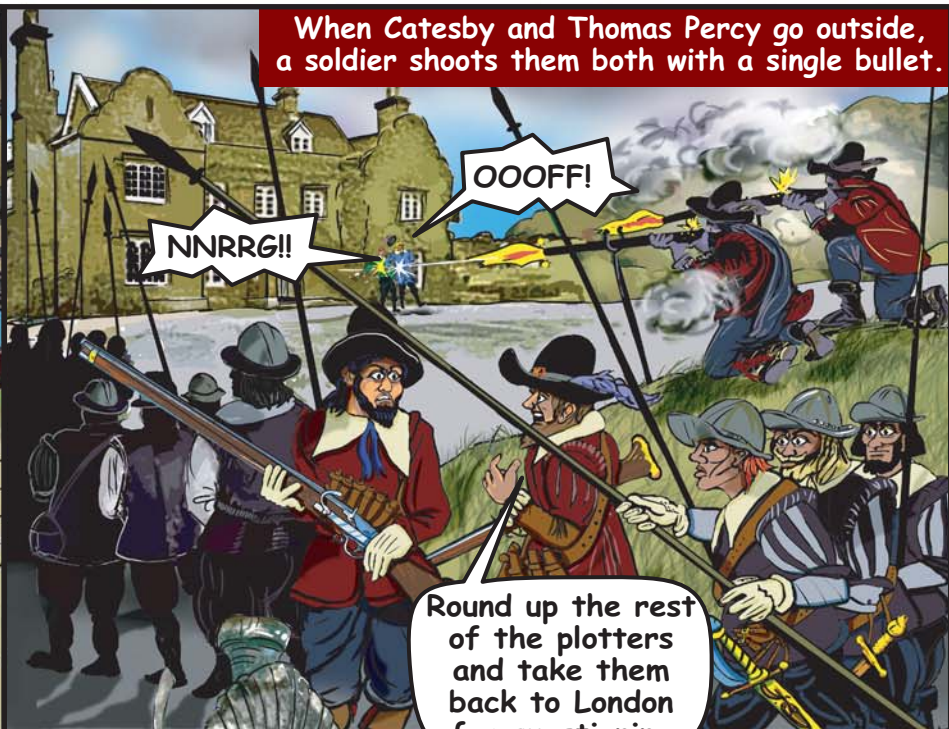
Quick  
hide!

This is no  
time to  
hide





We must go out  
and face our  
Protestant enemy



When Catesby and Thomas Percy go outside,  
a soldier shoots them both with a single bullet.

OOOFF!

NNRRG!!

Round up the rest  
of the plotters  
and take them  
back to London  
for questioning

**T**he remaining gunpowder plotters were  
convicted of high treason and executed in  
front of large crowds in London in 1606.



Their heads were displayed on poles as a  
lesson to all England to obey the king.

The king ruled that 5 November  
every year should be a day of  
thanksgiving and celebration  
for 'the joyful day' when  
Parliament was saved from  
the gunpowder plotters'  
explosion. People lit bonfires  
in the streets and had parties.  
And we still do today!





**R**emember, remember the fifth of November  
 the gunpowder, treason and plot  
 I see no reason why gunpowder  
 treason should ever be forgot  
 Guy Fawkes, 'twas his intent  
 to blow up King and Parliament  
 Three score barrels were laid below  
 to prove old England's overthrow  
 By God's mercy he was caught  
 with a dark lantern and a lighted match  
 Holler boys, holler boys, let the bells ring  
 Holler boys, holler boys, God save the King.



**King James I**  
 (1566-1625)

**fact**

James VI of Scotland became King James I of England too in 1603, when Elizabeth I died. As king, he was automatically head of the Protestant Church of England.

**fact**

The gunpowder plotters were Catholics who were fed up with being persecuted and not allowed to practise their faith. English Catholics hoped the new King James I of England would make life easier for Catholics. They were wrong.

**fact**

The gunpowder plotters were convicted of treason. Treason means a crime against the king.



**fact**

Clever Guy Fawkes jumped from the executioner's platform and died before his horrible punishment began.

**WORDSEARCH**

BARRELS  
 BONFIRE  
 CATESBY  
 CATHOLIC  
 CELLAR  
 DISCOVER  
 DUNCHURCH  
 GUY  
 KING JAMES  
 PARLIAMENT  
 POWDER  
 PROTESTANT  
 RAT  
 TREASON

C	A	T	H	O	L	I	C	K	N	P
Z	R	E	D	W	O	P	I	R	R	A
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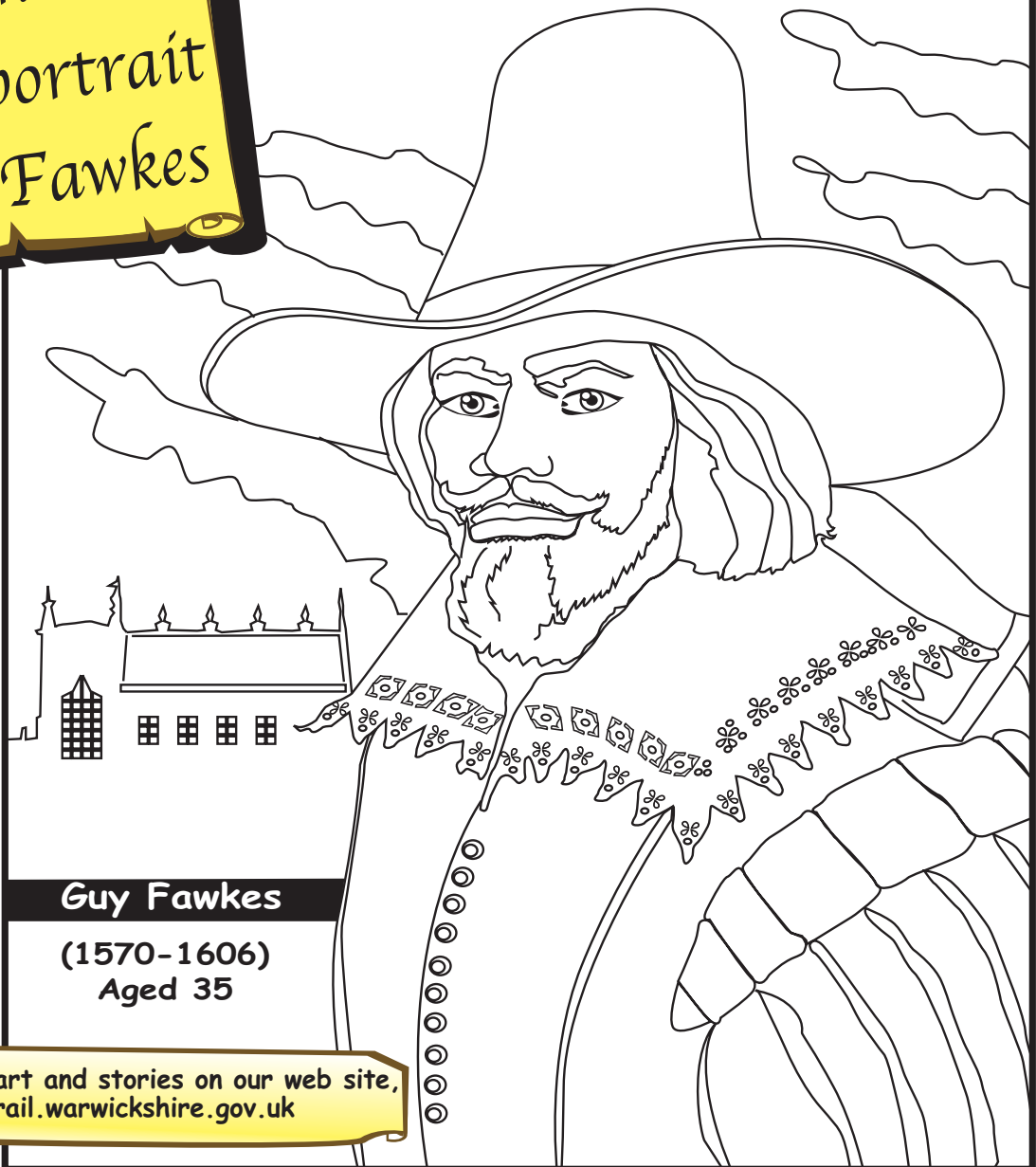
★ Will you sparkle or bomb? Good luck! ★

# Colour in this famous portrait of Guy Fawkes

See your own artwork online!

We'd love to see your drawings and read your stories and poems too. They can be about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot or Bonfire Night. Send them to us at: Historic Environment Record, Museum Field Services, The Butts, Warwick, CV34 4SS

We will display your art and stories on our web site, <http://timetrail.warwickshire.gov.uk>



## Aging Paper

Why not age some paper and make your own Montague Letter or write a tortured confession and send it in to us to display on our web site. Aging paper involves a hot oven, so you will need to ask an adult to help you.

1. Put your paper on a baking tray.



2. Make a cup of strong tea or coffee, and pour it onto the paper.



3. Let the paper soak, then tip away the extra water.



4. Ask an adult to put the paper in a very hot oven to dry it out. Don't go away in case it catches fire!



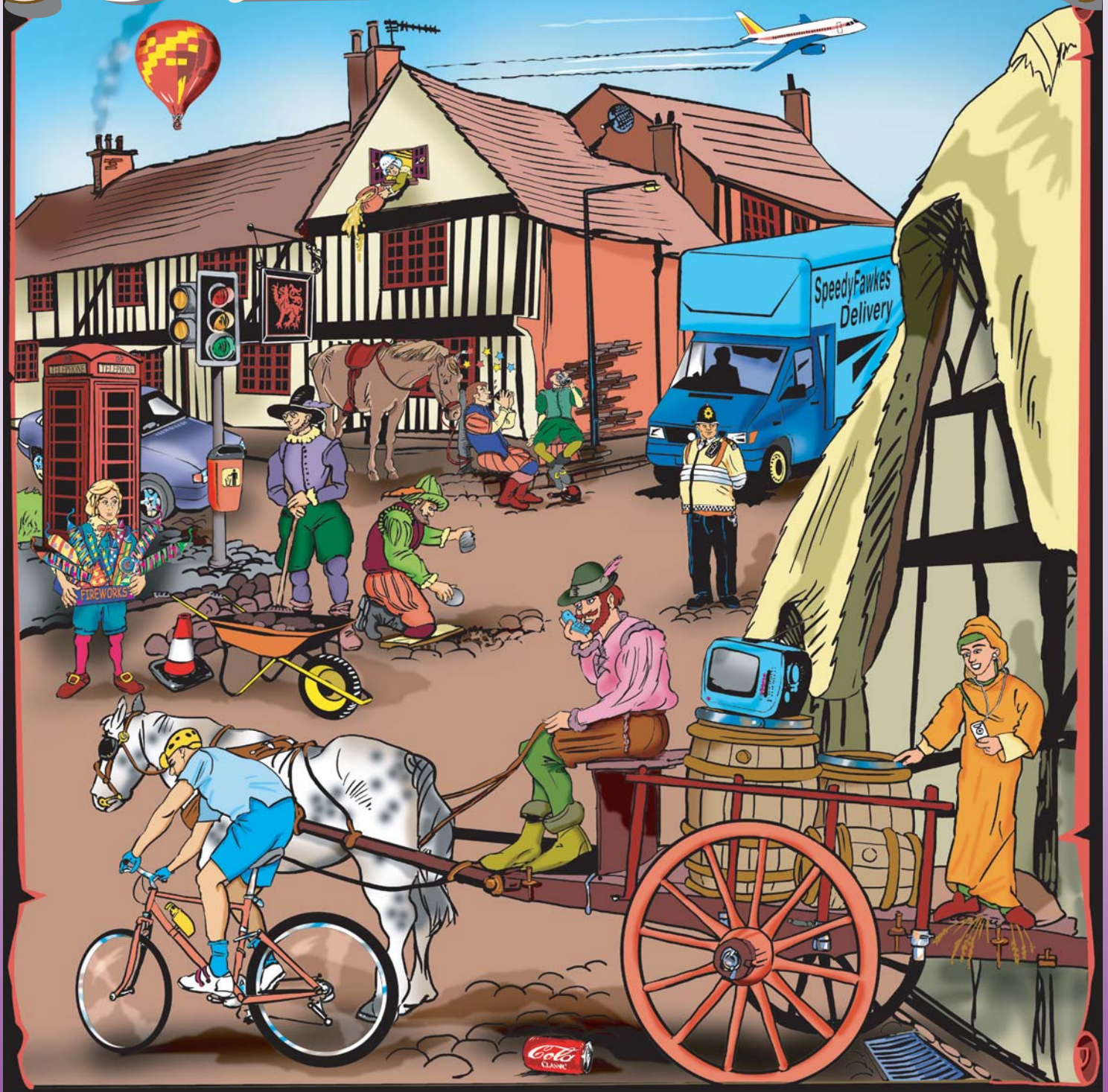
5. When the paper is dry and dark, ask an adult to take it out of the oven and put it somewhere to cool down.



6. Now you can write on it!



# The Red Lion Inn, Dunchurch 1605 or 2008?



To find out more about the archaeology and history of Warwickshire please visit the Historic Environment Record online: <http://timetrail.warwickshire.gov.uk>

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Can you spot 20 modern day things that did not exist when the Gunpowder Plot happened?

**Answers:** television, mobile phone, man on bike, car, street lamp, delivery van, drain cover, aeroplane, traffic lights, traffic cone, TV aerial, satellite dish, telephone box, MP3 player, drink can, litter bin, hot air balloon, wheelbarrow, policeman, boy carrying modern fireworks.



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## FIREWORK FACTS

fact

The Chinese invented fireworks long before Bonfire Night began.

fact

In modern public displays, computers are used to match fireworks to music and set them off at just the right time.



fact

Static electricity in synthetic clothing can ignite fireworks. Fireworks makers wear cotton all the way down to their underwear.



## FUN & FACTS



Knock knock.  
Who's there?  
Pennifer.  
Pennifer who?  
Penny for the guy,  
penny for the guy.

Why couldn't James I eat his dinner in 1606?



fact

Unsuspecting locals thought the rebel army at Dunchurch were getting together to go hunting!

