

Yusuhara a Home from Home: 14. Guy Fawkes Night

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With the year rapidly coming to a close many events across the U.K will also take place. Like Japan, the U.K has many events to celebrate different parts of culture however these are not called festivals as that commonly refers to live music events.

One uniquely British event is called Guy Fawkes Night. This has many different names, some will call it bonfire night or fireworks night. Guy Fawkes Night is held every year on the night of the 5th November and people all over the country join in the celebration. Some will launch fireworks in their garden, some will go to large events to watch impressive displays. Many people make and burn effigies (彫像) of Guy Fawkes on bonfires. They do this to remember the failed plot to blow up parliament. The fireworks and bonfires are very impressive and exciting. Fireworks are only normally seen two times a year, Guy Fawkes Night and New Year's Day. There is a famous poem for remembering this event. Here is the more common shortened version:



The traditional mask of Guy Fawkes. This might also remind you of a famous hacker group "Anonymous," whose masks derive from this event!

**“Remember, remember the Fifth of November
The Gunpowder Treason and Plot
I know of no reason
Why the Gunpowder Treason
Should ever be forgot.”**