

## GUY FAWKES PLAYS WITH MATCHES

A long time ago, over 400 years ago, which is a very long time ago, there was a King called James. King James tried hard to be a good king but there were some people who didn't like him. They wanted to hurt the King and so they decided to play a naughty trick on the King.

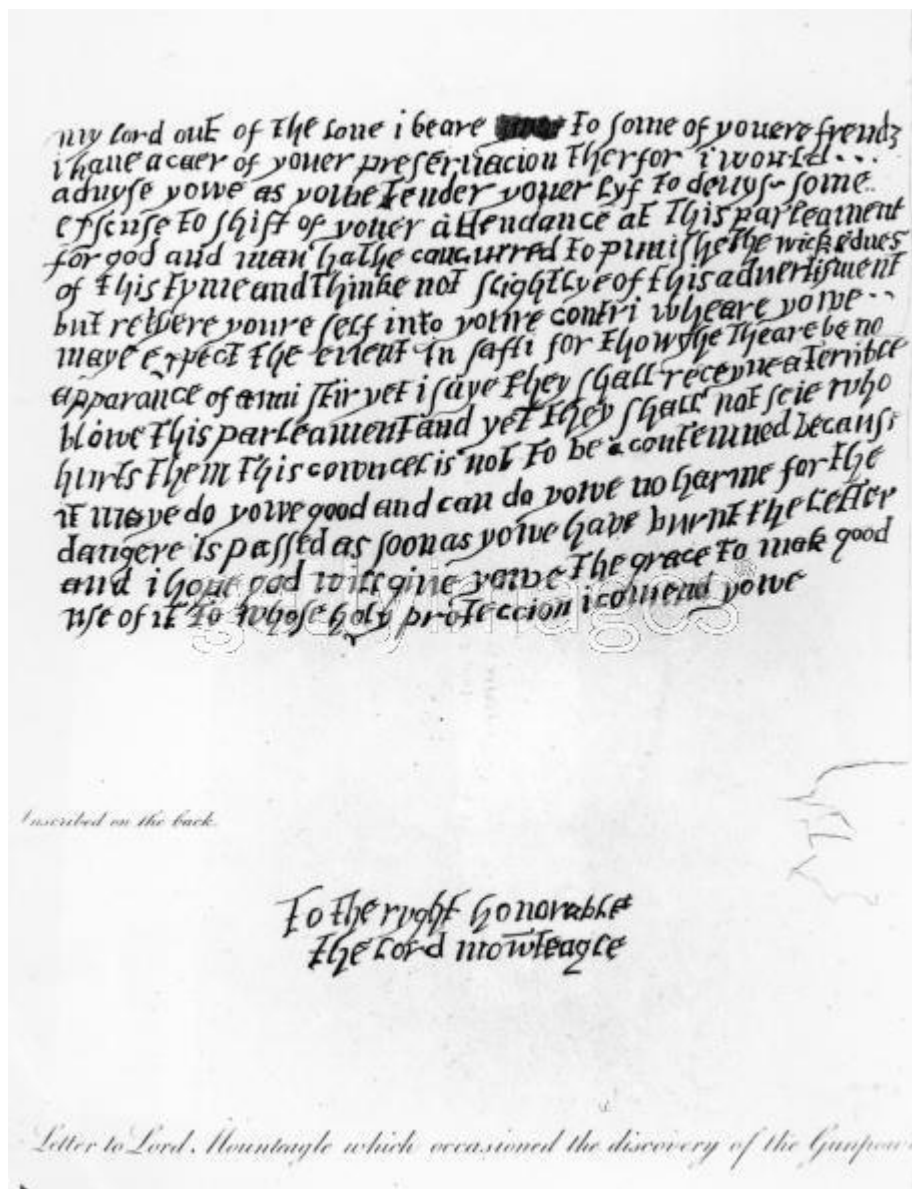


They found some special powder called 'gunpowder' which was used to make fireworks and to make guns fire bullets. They hid 36 barrels of this gunpowder in the cellars under a very important building where the King was going to visit. This was very dangerous, because if anyone went into the cellars and started to play with matches then the gunpowder would explode!



The King and all the other important people who went into the building did not know that there was gunpowder there. One of the naughty men began to get a little bit worried about what might happen so he wrote a letter to warn one of his friends not to go into the building.

His friend was also very worried when he read the letter and did not know what to do. He decided that because it was so very dangerous he had better tell the King. The King was angry that the naughty men wanted to play such dangerous trick and he ordered his soldiers to search the cellars to find the gunpowder.



When the soldiers went into the cellars they found one of the naughty men called *Guy Fawkes* hiding behind the barrels of gunpowder and he was just about to start playing with matches!



Oh my goodness! What do you think the soldiers did? Yes, they stopped him playing with matches and they took him to the King. The King was very angry and told *Guy Fawkes* off for being so very, very naughty.



The people cheered and cheered when they heard that the King had been saved. They celebrated by lighting huge bonfires and letting off fireworks. Everyone was happy again.



We don't have a King anymore but we do have a Queen, she's called Queen Elizabeth. Even today, over 400 years since Guy Fawkes was stopped from playing with matches, the cellars under the very important building are searched before Queen Elizabeth goes inside just in case there is a naughty man there. We remember what happened then, so every 5<sup>th</sup> of November we also light bonfires and let fireworks off to celebrate the soldiers catching Guy Fawkes.



Guy Fawkes

Plays With

Matches!



## **PENNY FOR THE GUY**

Penny for the Guy,

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It happens in November and I don't know why.

## **REMEMBER, REMEMBER**

Remember, remember, the fifth of November,

Gunpowder, treason and plot,

I see no reason why gunpowder treason,

Should ever be forgot.

## **MATCHES, MATCHES**

Matches, matches, never touch,

They can hurt you very much.