

English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh Celebrations

1. Celebrated at 11am on the 11 day of the 11th month, this event is to remember those who died in the two World Wars.

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/Remembrance.html>

2. This is done to help raise money for those who fought in war, and their relatives. It is carried out at the same time as Remembrance Day. These flowers have come to symbolise remembrance as these were the flowers that grew on the old battlefields after World War I.

http://www.geocities.com/traditions_uk/poppyday.html

3. Originally a Celtic celebration, it is now widely celebrated across the world. This celebration probably originated over 2500 years ago, and involves a lot of dressing up!

http://municipalite2.mandeville.qc.ca/pages/halloween2003/halloween_historique.html

4. This celebration is unique to Great Britain, and is a celebration which remembers the day a group of revolutionaries attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament and the King, in 1605. Nowadays people build a huge bonfire in their garden and burn a straw man on the bonfire who is supposed to represent the revolutionaries' leader. It called be called the exact opposite of Bastille Day in France! People also let off lots of fireworks, light sparklers and eat lots of baked potatoes

<http://www.bonfire.org/guy/>

5. Santa Claus leaves stockings full of presents, and gifts around the tree. People buy crackers: tubes made from card, which make a big CRACK! sound when you pull them, and reveal a hidden present inside! People usually eat roast turkey with roast potatoes and brussel sprouts. Mince pies are eaten afterwards with a big pudding and custard. Mmmmm.

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/Xmas/xmas.html>

6. Created by a charity called Comic Relief, this event raises money for children in need in Africa, and also to help the homeless and the elderly in Britain. It is an event shown on the television once a year, hosted by celebrities, and people donate money during the television programme. On this day, children wear 'mufti': they pay a small amount of money to the charity, and can go to school in fancy dress or just in their own clothes. Children love this day, and it is celebrated all over Britain.

<http://www.comicrelief.com/>

7. This celebration happens in Ireland. He is the patron saint of Ireland, and apparently it was he who brought Christianity to Ireland. This day celebrates the anniversary of his death. Shamrocks (the four-leaf clover, the symbol of Ireland) are worn, and lots of guinness is drunk!

<http://wilstar.com/holidays/patrick.htm>

8. On this day, a bunny rabbit comes and delivers eggs to children. Sometimes there's a big hunt in the garden or at school to look for the eggs. Children also decorate real eggs with paint and put them in baskets.

<http://wilstar.com/holidays/easter.htm>