

CrossTalk

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Turkey and Treason



Two very different holidays will be celebrated in America and in Britain this month as people remember two very different **historical dates**. In America, people will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday of this month, and in Britain people will be celebrating Guy Fawkes Day, as they do every year on November 5th.

Thanksgiving has been celebrated in America since 1621, and in Canada since 1879. It was begun by the **Pilgrims** who came to America from England in search of a better life. The **journey** there on their ship, 'The Mayflower', was extremely hard. However, the first winter was even harder, and by the following year, 50 of the original 110 **settlers** had died. Then, the next year they met 2 local **tribes people** called the Squanto and the Samoset, who taught the pilgrims how to find and grow food, and it is thought that they could not have survived without their help.



Their next **harvest** was successful, and a day of thanksgiving was **proclaimed**, with the pilgrims and the **native** people celebrating together.

However, after such a **promising** start to a friendship between these two cultures, a long

period of violence against the native people followed, and so Native Americans have held a National Day of **Mourning** on Thanksgiving Day since 1970. For many people though, Thanksgiving Day has become simply a day to show their **gratitude** for the things that they have.

Guy Fawkes Day also has its beginnings in the 1600's. In 1605, a group of **Catholics** led by Guido (Guy) Fawkes planned to blow-up



the English Houses of Parliament in London. Their aim was to kill King James I, who had done nothing to stop the **persecution** of Catholics in England. Their plan was discovered at the last minute, and Guido and the others were arrested. Guido was then **imprisoned, tortured** and beheaded.

'The gunpowder **plot**' has become one of the most famous acts of **treason** in England, but some say Guy Fawkes was 'the only man to enter parliament with honest **intentions**'. Now, every year people celebrate Guido's **capture** by making dolls that look like him, and burning them on top of a large bonfire. There are also lots of firework displays on this night.



Do you know the history behind any famous Japanese festivals?



Glossary

(These words are in **color** in the story)

historical dates 歴史上の期日	pilgrims 清教徒 (巡礼者)	journey 旅
settlers 入植者	tribes people 部族民	harvest 収穫
native 原住民	promising 前途有望な	proclaimed 布告された
Catholics カトリック教徒	persecution 迫害	gratitude 感謝
tortured 拷問にかけられる	plot 陰謀	imprisoned 投獄される
capture 逮捕	intentions 目的	treason 反逆罪

A Word From Us



Joshua Says: Next month, once again, we have to say farewell to one of our teachers; but not entirely this time. After more than a year with us, Tamara is returning to Canada. But she is also going to continue teaching with Crossroads, at the same time! How? Through our Net-lessons program, of course! From December you will be able to have lessons with Tamara directly from Canada!

Junko Says: Did you know that you can migrate to Australia?! It is possible for you to live and work there with all the privileges that Australians enjoy – like having a GREEN CARD in America! All you need is a qualification in a skill that the Australian Government considers essential for the Australian economy. If you want to hear more about this idea, come and see me in the office.



Joanna Says: The end of this month will be very sad for me, as I will have to say goodbye to a great teacher and a great friend, although I'm sure we'll meet again someday, somewhere! I'm sure Tamara will enjoy a lot of success in the future, and I hope she'll remember the friends she made in Japan. I especially hope she'll remember the nights of crazy salsa dancing and tequila jellies! Good luck, Tamara. Adios – we'll miss you!

Tamara Says: Time flies when you're having fun! Can you believe I've been living in Matsuyama for over a year? This month I return to Canada for awhile, before I head out on new adventures. I'm really going to miss all of the students and staff at Crossroads, but I'm also going to miss some of the little things about Japan (like CC lemon, 100yen shops, and the great craft stores!).



Duncan Says: I work in Imabari on Saturdays, and so the other day I decided to explore the city centre. I went to see the castle, which looks very different from Matsuyama castle. It was very beautiful at night, especially as it was being lit up by spotlights. I think it would be a romantic place to go for a date!

Greg Says: November has come too soon. I can't think of anything to write other than to say goodbye to Tamara who is returning home to Canada next month. I will miss working with her very much and I wish her much happiness for the future. I hope she never forgets her time spent here in Matsuyama and the crazy adventures we shared together while she was here.



Yuka Says: The other day I went for a drive to the southern part of Ehime to have sushi with my family. It took us almost 3 hours to get there, but we had a very good time. The food was good of course and the hot spring was also relaxing, but what I really enjoyed was the beautiful view of the Uwa sea. No wonder people are able to culture good pearls there.

A Word From You

Ayuko Mitsumune says: I recently took a course to teach senior citizens how to use a personal computer. It was quite difficult, but I had a lot of fun, and now I have a certificate to teach. I can't wait to get my first student!

Tamaki Miyoshi says: My best friend opened a café in July. She recently became very busy so I started working there to help her out. I really enjoy being there! The shop is in Ishite and it's called **Kulala**. Come and visit us!

Net News

NET LESSONS:

Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS for English lessons?

Try our lessons *on the internet!*

It's CROSSROADS in your home! You get CROSSROADS' great teachers, materials, even classmates, *on-line!* Call for details.

NET SITE OF THE MONTH:

Use your English to teach yourself some new crafts!

<http://www.allcrafts.net>

NET NOTEBOOK:

Take a look at the internet activity notebook in our open-house. You'll find games, news and English learning sites.

Notice Board

Congratulations:

Emi – who will be getting married next month, and beginning a new life in Nagoya. Good luck to everyone who is taking the TOEIC exam this month!

Easy English Lesson

Feeling hungry?

Here are some chicken idioms!

Don't be such a chicken!



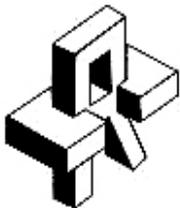
- don't be so easily scared.

He chickened-out of asking her for a date.

- he was too scared to ask her.

The pay at my last job was chicken feed!

- The pay was really low (chicken feed is a small amount of money).



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