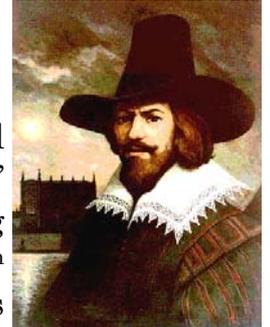


# Crossroads

CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter, November 2010



## GUY FAWKES



Portrait of Guy Fawkes

On November 5<sup>th</sup> 1605, Guy Fawkes, an English Catholic, was discovered in a cellar beneath the House of Lords in London guarding 36 barrels of gunpowder. His intention was to assassinate the Protestant King James I (who was to be present for the State Opening of Parliament) and wipe out as many of the Protestant aristocracy as he could. He then planned to kidnap the King's 9-year-old daughter and put her onto the throne as a Catholic monarch.

The hatred and suspicion between Catholics and Protestants and the persecution of both (depending on the religious persuasion of the reigning monarch) had been raging since Henry VIII's break with Rome in 1534. At the time of the Gunpowder Plot (as Fawkes' failed attempt came to be called) anyone failing to attend Protestant churches faced fines, property confiscation and imprisonment.

A letter warning fellow Catholics to stay away from the opening of parliament was intercepted by the authorities and the King ordered a search of the cellars. Admitting his guilt, Fawkes told his captors that his intention was "to blow you Scotch beggars back to your native mountains." (King James I of England was also King James VI of Scotland.) He was tortured to reveal the names of his fellow conspirators, convicted of high treason and sentenced to be hung, drawn and quartered - a particularly gruesome punishment which involved being hung (but not to death), disemboweled and chopped into four pieces - but managed to jump off the scaffold, breaking his neck in the process.

The government encouraged people to celebrate Fawkes' failure to assassinate the King by lighting bonfires on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1605, and this tradition continues to this day.

Fireworks became part of the celebration from the 1650s and it became the custom to burn an effigy, formerly of the Pope but now of Guy Fawkes himself. Children make the 'Guy' out of old clothes and wheel it around the streets asking passers-by for a 'penny for the Guy' with which to buy fireworks.

At least one author has referred to Guy Fawkes, jokingly, as "the only man ever to enter Parliament with honest intentions". Indeed, for many people Bonfire Night is not a celebration of Parliament's victory over Fawkes but an expression of sympathy for him (especially in the 1980s when effigies of Margaret Thatcher were burnt).



Burning an effigy of Guy Fawkes



The Houses of Parliament in London

*Article by Jonathan*

## Net News

**NET LESSONS:** Try our *lessons on the Internet!*

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**NET SITE OF THE MONTH:**

You can find a short biography of Fawkes here:

<http://www.guyfawkes.me.uk/>

**CROSSROADS ON MIXI:** Check it out!

[http://mixi.jp/show\\_profile.pl?id=30381548](http://mixi.jp/show_profile.pl?id=30381548)

# Some Thoughts for the Month



**Joshua Says:** Yet another winter is approaching. The rhythm of the procession of the seasons, Summer to Autumn to Winter to Spring, has a massive effect on all life, human societies being no exception. From the dawn of man we have been “slaves” to this procession, organizing our lives to the whims of nature. How extraordinary, then, that we can now experience life, all over the world, in an instant via mass media. We can even travel so quickly that it is possible to live in a single season, all year round! Internationalization? Of nature??

**Junko Says:** 2011, next year, is the year of the rabbit. It is said that the rabbit year is a good, even lucky, year for business and finance. Rabbit people are supposed to be virtuous, trustworthy and reserved, seldom losing their tempers. Conscientious and tactful are adjectives also used to describe this sign type. This characterization of next year seems to be especially auspicious for Japan during this period of financial recession. Let's all look forward to the gifts this “bunny” year could bring to us.



**Jonathan Says:** Every Monday and Thursday I travel to Niihama to teach business English at Sumitomo. Niihama is not the prettiest town in Japan and I'm always relieved to get back to Matsuyama. On accepting the job at Crossroads I had no idea what the town was like. My 'blind date' turned out well. Not so when I took a job in Swindon (the English equivalent of Niihama) without looking around the town first. I ended up living there for seven years. You win some, you lose some...

**Greg Says:** November... the time of the year most people gasp at the thought of yet another year nearing Christmas, and also the time we look back and scratch our heads and wonder where the past 10 months have actually gone. Most realize at this time that the grand plans they had for the year are still in the blocks back on the starting line. But don't feel depressed because the good news is that it's nearly time to make another “to do” list for the new year... and, if you are anything like me, you won't have to because you can just reuse the old list!!



**Kevin Dit:** En général, les choses changent relativement doucement au Japon, la façon de penser, le regard que l'on porte sur les étrangers, les actions politiques etc... mais il y a bien une chose qui a changé plus que rapidement ces dernières semaines, et cette chose, c'est le climat ! Après un été qui a parfois frôlé la canicule, un bel été indien jusqu'à la mi-octobre, le froid est arrivé d'un seul coup, et avec lui le début de la dernière ligne droite vers Noël et le jour de l'an !

# NOTICE BOARD

## THE END OF TERM PARTY!

AND... TALENT QUEST

Don't miss it!!

DATE: Saturday, 27-11-'10

TIME: 7:30pm

PLACE: here at Crossroads

Drinks, Delicious Food, Karaoke and Performances!

Invite your friends and family to join in too!

Drinks and Food tickets  
at the door.



## クロスローズの好きなコースで英語を学ぶ。

### "GENERAL (ジェネラル) コース

英語+実践練習

60分 x 2回/週:

1学期-4ヶ月毎にレベルが上がる  
クロスローズのメインプログラム

90分 x 1回/週:

忙しい方のための週1レッスン

プライベート(個人)

月2回からレッスン回数自由選択

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月3回からレッスン回数自由選択

**クロスローズで学べるその他の外国語**

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英語+実技を通じた実用練習、だから誰でも分かる、自然に上達する。

英語でギターを習う

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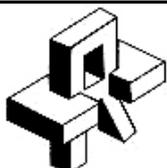
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