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## Holidays and special occasions

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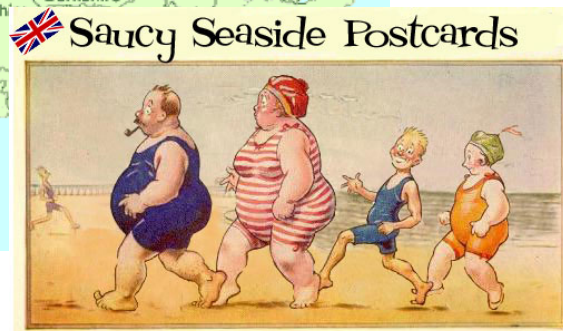
# Typical British holidays

## • IN THE PAST

- Seaside holidays
- Caravan and camping holidays



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## NOW

Package holidays

Activity holidays

Working holidays

Hiking holidays

„Citybreaks“

Cheap long-haul flights

Exotic destinations

## **New Year's Eve and Day**

(31th December, 1st January)

- Traditional celebration at Trafalgar Square, London
- Street parties in Edinburgh
- In Scotland is called *Hogmanay*
- Everybody joins hands and sings *Auld Lang Syne* by Robert Burns, Scottish poet
- „first footing“ (Scotland, the north of England)
- New Year's resolutions

# Shrove Tuesday

= Pancake Day

- The day before Easter Lent starts (40 days)
- Two events are held in Britain:
  - the pancake tossing contest
  - the pancake race



# St. Patrick's Day

(17th March)

- A public holiday in Northern Ireland
- A festival in honour of the Irish patron St. Patrick.
- Everything is green on this day
- Symbols of the day are shamrocks and harps

Kliknutím lze upravit styl předlohy.



## Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Monday

- Only Friday and Monday are the public holidays
- Good Friday commemorates Christ's crucifixion. People eat hot cross buns.
- Easter Sunday – chocolate Easter eggs hunt
- Schools close for two weeks at Easter





# May Day

(1st Monday in May)

- A public holiday
- Associated with ancient folklore (not with the workers)
- A pagan festival to celebrate the end of winter
- A custom is dancing round a maypole



# The Queen's Official Birthday

(the 2nd Saturday in June )

- Nickname: Trooping the colour
- This is not her real birthday but the official one when she celebrates this in public
- There are some public ceremonies, marching, military music, soldiers in colourful uniforms.





# Halloween

(31<sup>st</sup> October)

- Pagan festival – celebrates the return of the souls of the dead
- In Scotland, Northern Ireland, the north of England
- Fancy dress parties (witches, ghosts, devils, bats, skeletons)
- „Trick or treat“
- „Jack-o-lantern“



# Guy Fawkes Night

(5th November)

- In 1605 a group of Catholics planned to blow up the Houses of Parliament and the king James I
- Conspiracy was revealed, rebels were executed, Guy Fawkes quartered
- People celebrate by setting off fireworks and burning the models of GF on bonfires
- Nickname: Bonfire Night



# Remembrance Sunday

(the 2nd Sunday in November)

- Nickname: Poppy Day
- Originated from Armistice Day (11 November 1918) which marked the end of the 1st WW
- Money is raised in the streets – charitable purpose
- Symbol: red/white paper poppy
- At 11 a.m. Ceremony at the Cenotaph



## Other special occasions

- St. Valentine's Day (14 February)
- Mother's Day (the 4th Sunday in Lent)
- Father's Day (3rd Sunday in June)
- April Fools' Day (1st April)
- Spring Bank Holiday (a public holiday, last Monday in May)
- Summer Bank Holiday (a public holiday, the last Monday in August)
- St. Andrew's Day (a public holiday in Scotland, 30th November)
- Christmas Eve (24th December) and Christmas Day (a public holiday, 25th December)
- Boxing Day (a public holiday, 26th December)



**When is the Pancake Day celebrated?**



**The day before Easter Christian fast /40 days  
long/ starts.**

# Zdroje

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