

When: September 1666

Where: it began in a bakery on **Pudding Lane**

What: the fire was a huge fire that lasted for four days and burnt down most of London.



Why did it spread? The houses were made of wood and were close together, the weather was hot and windy and there were no fire engines or firemen to put it out!

Key People

King Charles II was king at the time of the fire. His name was Charles Stuart so his rule is known as the Stuart times.



Samuel Pepys was an important man living in London in the 1660s. He wrote about the great fire in his diary.

Sir Christopher Wren was an architect who designed many new

churches and the new St Paul's Cathedral after the fire.

Key Changes





13,000 houses and 87 churches. including St Paul's Cathedral, were burned down. It took 50 years to rebuild London with wider, safer streets and more stone and brick buildings. A monument was built in Pudding Lane to remember the fire.



Fire fighting in the 1600s



Fire fighting today.