



Samuel Pepys
1633 – 1703

Samuel Pepys lived over 300 Years ago, when the Fire of London occurred. He wrote a diary recording all the events of the Great Fire.

The Great Fire of London

Year 2 Summer 1

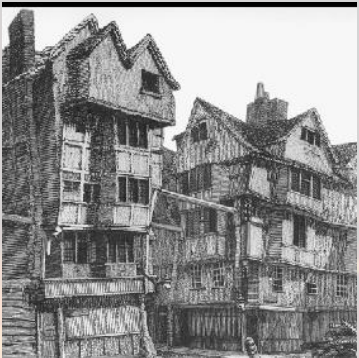


King Charles 11
The king of England at the time of the Great Fire.

Key Events and Facts.

- The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner’s bakery on Pudding Lane.
- The fires used for baking were not put out properly.
- In 1666 the buildings of London were made out of wood and straw and were very close together, making it easy for the flames to spread.
- It had been a dry summer, so the buildings were dry and the winds were blowing.

Vocabulary	Definition
London	Capital city of England.
Diary	A book to record personal events or experiences.
Flammable	Easily set on fire.
Eyewitness	A person who has seen something happen.
Bakery	A place where bread and cakes are sold.
Pitch	pitch is a tar like substance that protects wood from water damage.
Embers	A small piece of burning coal or wood in a dying fire.
Monument	A statue or building put to show respect for a person.
Burn	Produce flames and heat.
Buildings	A structure with a roof and walls.



The houses in London in 1666 before the Great Fire of London occurred.

Monday 3rd September 1666

The fire gets very close to the Tower of London.

Tuesday 4th September 1666

St Paul’s Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

Timeline of Events

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Sunday 2nd September 1666

The fire starts at 1 a.m.

Mid-morning: Samuel Pepys starts to write about the fire in his **diary**.

Wednesday 5th September 1666

The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.

Thursday 6th September 1666

The fire is finally put out. Thousands of people are homeless.