

History

The Great Fire of London: What happened in 1666?

A timeline of what happened on 2nd September 1666.

Sunday 2nd September The fire starts at 1am. Samuel Pepys starts to	Monday 3rd September The fire gets close to the Tower of London.	Tuesday 4th September St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.	Monday 5th September The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly.	Thursday 6th September The fire is finally put out. Thousands are left homeless.
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Key Vocabulary	
diary	A book people write about their lives in.
firebreak	A space or gap that stops a fire burning and spreading.
Historical artefact	A object from the past.
timeline	Events that have happened sequenced in order.
monarch	A king or queen who rules a country.
event	Something that happens.
eyewitness	A person who saw something happen.

What happened in 1666?	
	There was a fire that started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane,
	The fires used for baking were not put out properly which is why the fire started.
	King Charles II was on the throne.

Why did the fire spread so quickly?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Houses were close together.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House were made wood/straw
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was a long dry summer Strong winds

How do we know about the Great Fire?	
Samuel Pepys' diary	Samuel Pepys and others wrote diaries. 
paintings	Lots of artists painted pictures of the fire. 
Newspaper articles	We can read stories from newspapers. 

How did London change after the Great Fire?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Houses built from brick
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Houses built far apart
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monument built to remember the Great Fire.