



Traditions and Customs of Great Britain

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Crufts Dog Show

- In February.
- Valuable dogs from all over the world compete in Birmingham.
- The best dog gets the title Crufts Supreme Champion.



Saint Valentine's Day

- February 14.
- Was started in the time of Roman Empire.
- Is dedicated to St. Valentine.
- People send a card to someone they love, like, fancy or admire.



The Boat Race

- In March.
- A rowing race between the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.
- On the river Thames in London (7,2 km).



Pancake Day

- In March.
 - The last day before Lent.
 - Pancake race-running while holding a pancake in a frying pan.
- Competitors have to throw it in the air and catch it again in the pan.



Easter

- In April.
- The celebration of the Resurrection of Christ
Schools are closed for two weeks.
- People give each other chocolate eggs that are wrapped in silver paper.



May Day

- May 1.
- A pagan festival to celebrate the end of winter and welcome summer.
- Children dance around the maypole and sing songs.



Trooping the Colour

- The second Saturday in June.
- Celebrates the Queen's official birthday.
- Lots of marching, military music and the soldiers are dressed in colourful uniforms.



Notting Hill Carnival

- The last weekend in August.
- Takes place in Notting Hill.
- People dress up in fabulous costumes.
- Steel bands play African and Caribbean music.



Halloween

- October 31.
- A pagan festival celebrates the return of the souls that visit their former houses.
- People dress up as witches, ghosts etc.
- Houses are decorated with pumpkins.



Christmas Day

- December 25.
- Religious ceremony commemorating the birth of Christ.
- Children wake up early to find presents in their stockings.
- Traditional Christmas tree and dinner.



New Year's Eve

- December 31.
- Traditionally Scottish celebration.
- At midnight everybody joins hands and sings Auld Lang Syne.



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