

The great fire of London.

The Great Fire of London began on 2nd september 1666. It started in Thomas Farynor's baker's shop, he lived with his family in the rooms above the shop. His family escaped through an upstairs window.

The fire spread quickly because houses were made of wood and there was a strong wind. People abandoned their houses. Some people ran to the River Thames and escaped in river boats. Other people walked to safe parts of the city.

The fire burned for four days. The fire was visible 80 kms from London. On Wednesday morning the wind stopped and the fire lost its intensity. It destroyed 10,000 houses. Only 6 people died in the fire, but 200,000 people lost their homes.

After the fire, the city authorities rebuilt London. The famous English

architect, Christopher Wren, rebuilt 49 churches including St Paul's Cathedral. He also built The Monument to the Great Fire near London Bridge. It's 61 metres high - the exact distance from it's base to the site of Farynor's baker's shop where the fire began!



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