

Key words

Map of the fire

Pudding Lane: The road that the bakery where the fire started was on.

Samuel Pepys: Write about the event in his diary and reported to the King.

Diary: A book in which a person writes an account of events and experiences.

The River Thames: The river that runs through London which many people escaped to.

Bakery: A place that makes bread, cakes etc

St Pauls Cathedral: A very large church in London.

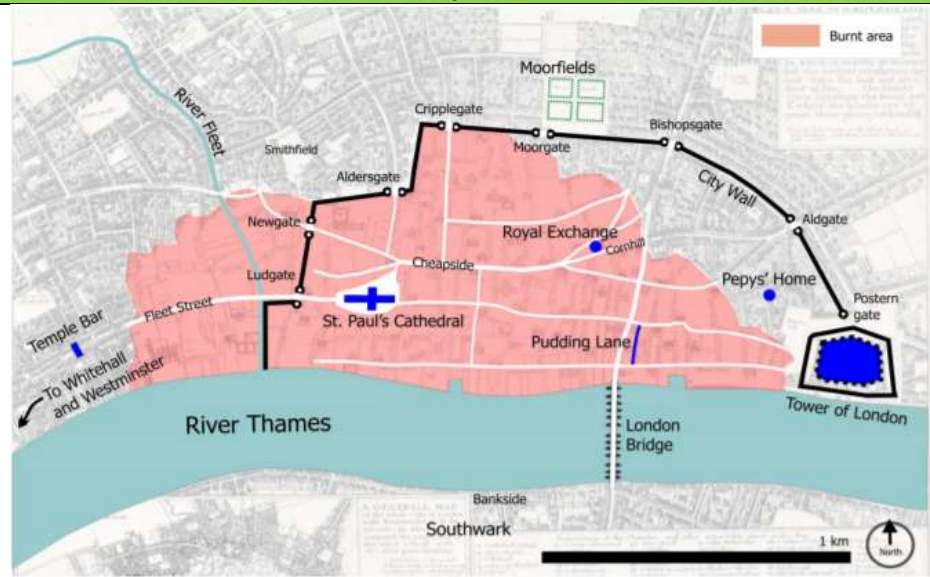
Firebreak: A gap that stops a fire spreading nearby buildings.

Oven: a place where food is cooked.

Leather bucket: Leather is a material and was what buckets were made from before plastic was invented.

Fire hooks: Giant hooks used to pull houses down.

Tower of London: Where the King lived in 1666. It did not catch fire because the fire was stopped just before it reached the place.



Key people

Key facts



Samuel Pepys



Thomas Farriner



King Charles II

The Fire of London started on 2nd September 1666 and lasted for 5 days. The weather in London was hot and hadn't rained for months. Houses in London were mainly built from wood which is flammable, especially when it is very dry. The houses were also very close together, so fire could easily spread. Many people were left homeless. Some never returned to London. People slept in tents around the Tower of London. Charles II made a decree that houses should be further apart, that they must be made from stone and that those businesses using fire (bakers, dyers, brewers) would not be able to reside in the centre of the city. An organised Fire Brigade was established.

Timeline of events

