

SAMUEL PEPYS' DIARY

2nd September, 1666

So I made myself ready and walked to the Tower and there I did see the houses at that end of the bridge all on fire.

So down, with my heart full of trouble, to the Lieutenant of the Tower, who tells me that it begun in the King's baker's house in Pudding Lane, and that it has burned down St Magnus's Church and most part of Fish Street already.

Everybody trying to move their goods, or fling them into the river or bring them to boats. Poor people stay in their houses until the fire touches them. Then they run into boats.

I saw the fire rage every way, and nobody trying to quench it, but instead to remove their goods. The wind mighty high.

Streets	Buildings	People	Interesting words

<p>They couldn't carry water fast enough to put the fire out.</p>	<p>The water squirters were too weak to quench the flames.</p>
<p>A strong wind blew the flames to other houses.</p>	<p>There were only a few fire engine carts.</p>
<p>The buildings were very close together.</p>	<p>There had been no rain, so London was very dry.</p>
<p>The buildings were mostly made of wood.</p>	<p>The houses had tar on their roofs.</p>

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THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

SUNDAY	
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	

The fire starts in Pudding Lane, in the King's baker's house.

Most of the people try to save their things from the fire. They try to get away in boats.

The mayor can't stop the fire. The people won't help him.

Samuel Pepys tells the King about the fire.

The Duke of York tells the soldiers to blow up houses with gunpowder.

The fire has stopped burning the houses, but the ground is still so hot it burns your feet.

Samuel Pepys sends his money and silver plates away in a cart to a safe part of London.

The fire comes to the bottom of Samuel Pepys' street – but luckily it stops there.

There are no buildings left along the edge of the river.