

The Great Fire of London

Sources of Information

We know about events that happened

At the time through many sources including:

- Samuel Pepys Diary
- London Gazette reports from September 3rd 1666
- Eyewitness statements from the time
- Paintings of the Great Fire.



Firefighters Now and Then

Firefighters have changed a lot since 1666 to now. Back in 1666 they had to use leather buckets and fire squirts to put out a fire. They also used to ride on a horse-draw carriage instead of a fire engine.

Key Vocabulary

fire squirt - A fire squirt looks like a large syringe. It was used to suck out the water from a bucket which would then be squirted on a fire.

eye-witness - Someone who has seen something happen and who can give a first-hand description of it.

Samuel Pepys - A famous and important person who was alive at the time of the Great Fire and who wrote a detailed diary about the events at that time.

King Charles - The King was in charge of the country at the time of The Great Fire.

Thomas Farriner - The man who owned the library where the fire started.

Timeline of Events

