

What Made London Go Up in Flames?

The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Fariner's bakery on Pudding Lane.

The fire started because the fires used for baking were not put out properly.



People used leather buckets and water squirts to try to put the fire out, but these did not work. Later in the week, King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading.

In 1666, the buildings in London were made of wood and straw and they were very close together, making it easy for the flames to spread. It had also been a dry summer, so the buildings were dry. Strong winds were blowing, which helped the flames spread.

By Thursday 6th September, the wind had died down. This meant that people were able to put out the flames.

