

So.....

What really happened
in London after the
Great Fire?



Well, first of all, King Charles II had a French watchmaker called Thomas Hubert punished for starting the fire....

Even though Thomas Hubert didn't arrive in London until two days after the fire started!

Would you have done that?

Next, the King said that all the people who lost their homes should leave London, and gave them permission to go to any town or city in England that they wished!



Would you have done this? Where else could they have lived?

Charles II wanted to find workmen to rebuild the houses - but no one would do this job because so many had left London when Charles told them to! He nearly didn't get the houses built at all!



- He made the streets wider.
- He made sure that it was easy to get clean water from the River Thames at all of the houses.
- He made sure the houses were built out of bricks this time, and not out of sticks and wood!



Is this what you thought of?

St. Paul's Cathedral was rebuilt



It was designed by a famous architect called Christopher Wren

Christopher Wren also designed 50 other new churches for London



... To replace those that had been
burned down

There is now a big memorial to the
Great Fire of London



Can you guess
which street it is
in?

Who's ideas were
better - your ideas, or
Charles II's ideas?