

# The Diary of Samuel Pepys

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666



Dear Diary,

My maid, Jane, called up to me early this morning to tell me there was a big fire burning in the city. It was far away so I went back to sleep. When I got up this morning, I saw the fire out of my window but it was still far away. Jane came to tell me the fire began in a bakery on Pudding Lane and 300 houses had been burned down. She was very worried and I began to panic. The fire is spreading and I am afraid my house will be burned down!

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1666

Dear Diary,

The fire is still getting bigger! I am very scared because it is getting closer to my house! Today, I hid all my money in the cellar. I hope it is hidden deep enough so that it will be safe from the fire.



Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1666

Dear Diary,

The awful fire continues! Early this morning, I put all my most expensive things in a cart and took them to my friend's house. I was in such a hurry I didn't even get dressed. I just wore my nightgown! On the way, I saw lots of people running away from the fire. I hope this fire doesn't get any worse. If it does, I will dig a hole in the garden and bury my bottles of wine and cheese to keep them safe.

