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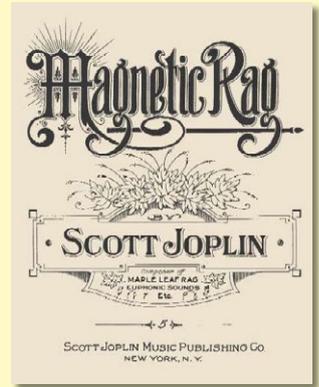
*In Flanders fields
the poppies blow
Between the crosses,
row on row ...*

The proceeds of each November's **Poppy Appeal** help fund the Royal British Legion's charitable work for service personnel and their families.

Each November the new **Lord Mayor of London** travels in his magnificent coach to the Royal Courts of Justice to swear allegiance to the Crown. The most famous holder of the office since its foundation in 1215, **Dick Whittington**, served in 1397, 1398, 1406 and 1419. The charity funded by his will



On 4 November 1922, archeologist **Howard Carter** found the steps leading to the tomb of **Tutankhamun** in the Valley of the Kings. On 26 November Carter made a 'tiny breach in the top left hand corner' of the tomb's doorway, and was able to see that many treasures were still in place. When his patron, **Lord Carnarvon**, impatiently asked if he could see anything, Carter replied 'Yes – wonderful things'.



Born in November 1868, ragtime composer **Scott Joplin** achieved far greater fame in the 1970's revival of his music – particularly as the soundtrack to the con man caper movie *The Sting* – than he ever did in his lifetime.



Dick Whittington

Musician and would-be politician, **Screaming Lord Sutch**, born on 10 November 1940, founded the **Official Monster Raving Loony Party**. The first of his many attempts to enter Parliament was

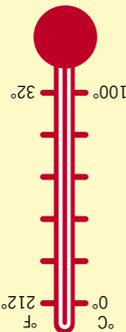


still maintains almshouses caring for sixty elderly women. The story of Dick, his cat, and their rise to fame and fortune is told each year in pantomime.

The USSR sent **Laika**, a stray mongrel, into space in *Sputnik 2* on 3 November 1957 as the first mammal to orbit earth.



When **Anders Celsius**, born on 27 November 1701, first devised his scale of temperature in 1742, he called the boiling point of water 0°C and labelled its freezing point 100°C. Gabriel Fahrenheit believed that the coldest possible temperature was the freezing point of salt water and thus used this as 0°F on his scale of 1724.



Apprehended on 5 November 1605 while trying to blow up both king and parliament, **Guy Fawkes** not only provides the excuse for **bonfire night** celebrations and firework displays but also regularly reappears at times of government unpopularity on 'Come back Guy Fawkes – all is forgiven' lapel badges and car stickers.



Poet, painter, printmaker and visionary, **William Blake**, born on 27 November 1757,



only once ventured more than a day's walk from London.

First organised in 1896 to celebrate the repeal of the Locomotive Act, which required cars to travel no faster than 4 mph and to be led by a pedestrian carrying a red flag, the **London to Brighton Veteran Car Run** for cars built before 1905 takes place each November. The run forms the setting for the 1954 film *Genevieve*.



in 1963, when he contested the by-election caused by the resignation of the disgraced John Profumo. Opening his stage show by clambering from a coffin, his record *Lord Sutch and Heavy Friends* was named in a 1998 BBC poll as the worst album of all time.

