Bonfire Night Discussions

Use the following questions to run a formal reminiscence session, or just read through them and have them up your sleeve for informal chats during this month, especially around the 5th.

Questions to ask

What are your memories of Bonfire Night?
Do you like fireworks? Why?
What about the sound and the smell of fireworks?
Do you have a favourite firework?
Where did you let fireworks off – in the street or at the bottom of your garden?
Or did you watch at an organised firework display?
Did you make a Guy?
What did it look like?
Did you collect ‘A penny for the Guy’?
Where did you prop him?
What did you use the money for?
What happened to your Guy?

Introduction
Running a formal discussion session is a way of not just sharing memories but a bit of mind exercise as well. We all know the importance of encouraging people to keep their bodies active, reminiscence is a way of keeping the mind active too.

Environment
These discussion activities need a quiet room with everyone seated comfortably. Use your knowledge of participants to decide where to seat people for best results.

Time
In groups, these discussion activities are pitched at around 20 minutes each, but their length will obviously depend on interest, concentration and memories.