Fireworks

Key words

**Blackpowder**: gunpowder, a mixture of potassium nitrate, charcoal and sulfur.

**Cooler**: large copper pan.

**Foot**: unit of length – one foot is about 30 cm, so 3 feet are close to 1 metre.

**Grough**: rock containing potassium nitrate.

**Nitre**: potassium nitrate.

**Pound**: old unit of mass – one pound is 454 grammes.

**Press house**: part of the factory where the gunpowder is squeezed to form hard cakes.

**Saltpetre**: potassium nitrate.

**Shilling**: old money – 1 shilling is what we call 5 pence.

**Slide**: piece of wood under the mixing box which can be taken out.

**Slip**: metal cylinder with lid and a hole at the base used for making charcoal.