The Truth About Halloween



Halloween or ALL HALLOWS' EVE, was originally a festival of fire for the dead and the powers of darkness. It is the evening of 31 October, the night before the Christian festival of Hallows' or ALL



All Hallows' Eve was a night when the dead stalked the countryside. Offerings of food and drink were put out for the ghosts. They walked from the west always, the direction of the dying sun at sunset.





The fairies could also be seen moving from one fairy hill to another with the music of bells and elf horns. They were sometimes identified with

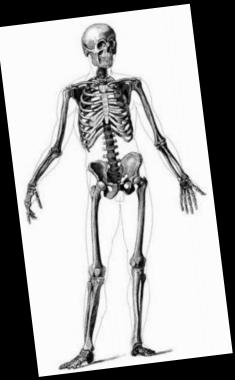




Darker and colder creatures still roamed through the night on Halloween - demons and goblins, witches rode on coal-black horses. The fires helped to keep them off and at Balmorals in Queen Victoria's time the effiqy of a ugly old witch was burned on a bonfire at Halloween.







STATEMENT WITCHES IN MODERN TIME

Bats ... Brooms ... Witches ... Ghouls ... Ghosts ... Goblins ... Skeletons ... Jack o' Lanterns . . . every type of gory, ugly thing that can be imagined and people dressed as creatures of the world of the dead or the unknown world of hobgoblins and devils.





"Witches are for Halloween. It is a time for children to visit the neighborhood to get candy and apples. There is no harm in celebrating Halloween with its witches and devils."





The Halloween Witch is a strange-looking female in black cloak and peaked hat riding a broomstick along with her symbolic cat. Her name is derived from the Saxon word Wicca, which means "wise one."



