
WEEGIE UNIVERSE
OCTOBER 2026
HALLOWEEN & BONFIRE NIGHT SPECIAL
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GLASGOW MY HOME
Try next door. They're more sociable.
GRUMPY DUG
LASSIE
WHO'S CHAPPIN' MA DOOR?
ZARA'S BONNY NIGHT SAFETY
HAMISH & QUACKIE DIG INTO HISTORY
CRAFTS, COSTUMES & HIDDEN FRIGHTS
COMICS • SONGS • SPOOKY SCRAN

WELCOME TAE THE SPOOKY SIDE!



Pull up a chair. We've packed the close wi' cartoons, a Halloween singalong, spooky scran, things tae make and a few frights tae find. There's history tae discover, too—and Zara's here to help us enjoy Bonny Night safely.

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Some frights hide in the artwork. Keep yer eyes peeled...

THE HAUNTED CLOSE














Ye cannae leave me here!
Watch me.


Duuuug... we've been expectin' ye.


If this is aboot the wheelie bins, ah can explain.
GRUMPY DUG


You're late. You're judgin' the costume competition.
Finally. A job criticisin' everybody.


PLEASE DON'T FEED THE GHOSTS.


Aye. That's yer buffet lookin' back at ye.
GRUMPY DUG


Right, Dug. First contestant!
This better be quick.
GRUMPY DUG
COSTUME JUDGE


Ah'm an accountant.
Finally. Something frightening.
ACCOUNTS


Ah'm a chandelier!
Aye. Yer ribs need dusted.
GRUMPY DUG
COSTUME JUDGE


Look, the wee ghost's entered!
That's evidence it's carryin'.


And a special award... Best Grumpkin!
BEST GRUMPKIN
GRUMPY DUG
COSTUME JUDGE


Ye've won a bag o' treats.
Well. Ah suppose the judgin' wis fair.
BEST GRUMPKIN


See?
Ye enjoyed yersel'.
BEST GRUMPKIN
GRUMPY DUG


A complete waste o' time.
BEST GRUMPKIN
GRUMPY DUG


BACK HAME...
Finally.
Peace an' quiet.
BEST GRUMPKIN
GRUMPY DUG


CHAP.
CHAP.
GRUMPY DUG


BEST GRUMPKIN
GRUMPY DUG


Naw. Ye're no movin' in.
BEST GRUMPKIN
GRUMPY DUG
THE END...?


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COPY CAT AND THE ECHO IN THE CLOSE
QUACKIN' BRILLIANT!
A HAUNTED CLOSE! QUACKIN' BRILLIANT!
Who's copyin' me?
QUACKIN' BRILLIANT!
Who's copyin' me?
Ye've met yer match.
PART ONE


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COPY CAT AND THE ECHO IN THE CLOSE
Stop copyin' me!
Stop copyin' me!
Well, it can find its ain material.
It's an echo. Yer voice is bouncin' back.
Fancy another haunted hoose?
NAW.
QUACKIE: It's still workin' on yer last complaint.
Stop copyin' me!
PART TWO • THE END

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WEEGIE'S TERRIFYING TOUR







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WEEGIE'S TERRIFYING TOUR







PART TWO • THE END.


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Everybody walks aw ower me.
ASK AGNES
Then set some boundaries.
KIND ADVICE FOR BIGGER SPIRITS
It worked!
See? A wee bit o' backbone.
POLITE STOP
How much dae ah owe ye?
First haunting's free. After that, breadcrumbs.
FEES
AGNES'S HALLOWEEN ADVICE

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THE GULLS GO GUISING







A WEE PIECE O' HALLOWEEN

HAMISH'S HISTORY CORNER

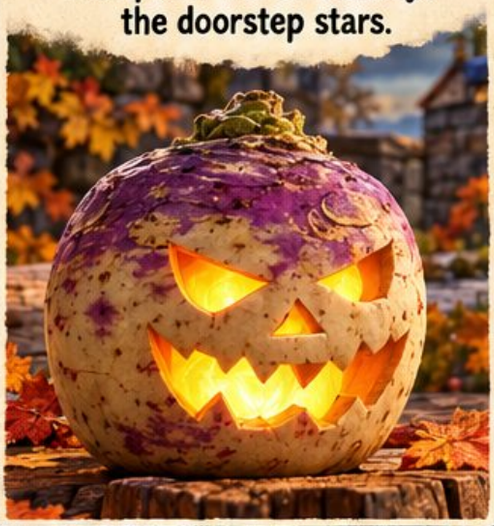
Before pumpkins... there were neeps!

That's a lantern, ya rocket.

Somebody's carved their dinner.

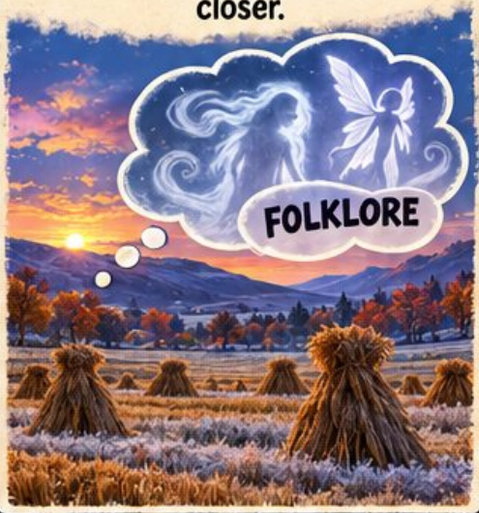
A FACE IN A TUMSHIE

In Scotland, people carved frightening faces into turnips, also called neeps or tumshies. Pumpkins weren't always the doorstep stars.



HARVEST INTO WINTER

Samhainn marked the end of harvest and the approach of winter. Folklore imagined spirits and fairies drawing closer.



WHY HALLOWEEN?

The name comes from the evening before All Hallows' Day, also called All Saints' Day.



History or folklore?

The lantern tradition is real. Claims about visiting spirits belong to folklore.

History source: Historic Environment Scotland • historicenvironment.scot

HALLOWEEN HISTORY • 1 OF 2

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GOT A JOKE FOR YER SWEETIES?

Hamish and Quackie go guising

Guising means dressing up and visiting neighbours. A joke, song or performance earns a treat.

Halloween traditions have changed over time. Today's celebrations bring together customs from different periods.



So ah need material?

Preferably better than yer last joke.

YOUR GUISING CHALLENGE

1. Make up a joke, a short rhyme or a funny character voice.
2. Practise it, then perform it for somebody at hame.
3. Can ye make them laugh without explainin' the punchline?

QUACKIE'S VERDICT: QUACKIN' BRILLIANT!

HALLOWEEN HISTORY • 2 OF 2

History source: Historic Environment Scotland • historicenvironment.scot

SCRAN THAT BITES BACK



AGNES'S SPIDER-WIG CAKES

Makes 12 • 18–22 minutes baking, plus cooling

INGREDIENTS

CAKES

- 125g softened butter
- 125g caster sugar
- 2 medium eggs
- 125g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp vanilla • 1 tbsp milk

PURPLE WIGS

- 100g softened butter
- 200g icing sugar
- 1–2 tbsp milk • Purple food colouring
- Chocolate buttons • Edible eyes
- Black writing icing



METHOD



1. Heat oven to 180°C / 160°C fan. Put 12 paper cases in a muffin tin.



2. Beat cake butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in eggs gradually. Fold in flour, vanilla and milk.



3. Divide between cases. Bake 18–22 minutes, until risen and a skewer comes out clean. Cool completely.



4. Beat icing butter with icing sugar and enough milk to spread. Add purple colouring.



5. Swirl on the wigs. Add chocolate spiders, edible eyes and icing legs.

Wash hands. An adult handles the oven. Use edible decorations only.

Contains wheat, eggs and milk. Check decoration labels for other allergens.

Recipe draft • Not yet kitchen-tested.

SCRAN THAT BITES BACK

DUG'S MUMMY PIZZA TOAST

Makes 4 • About 20 minutes



INGREDIENTS

- 4 slices of bread
- 4 tbsp thick pizza sauce
- 100g mozzarella, cut into thin strips
- 2 pitted black olives, sliced into rings
- A pinch of dried oregano

METHOD

1. Heat oven to 200°C / 180°C fan. Lightly toast the bread.
2. Put toast on a baking tray. Spread each slice with sauce.
3. Lay mozzarella strips across like bandages. Leave a gap for the eyes.
4. Add two olive rings to each mummy. Sprinkle with oregano.
5. Bake 8–10 minutes, until cheese melts. Let cool slightly before serving.



Wash hands. An adult handles the oven and sharp knives.

Contains wheat and milk. Check bread and sauce labels for other allergens.

Recipe draft • Not yet kitchen-tested

SCRAN THAT BITES BACK



MRS McSTAY'S CRUNCHY WEE MONSTERS

Makes 12 • No baking • Allow 1 hour to chill

INGREDIENTS:

- 150g milk chocolate, broken up
- 25g butter
- 75g crisped rice cereal
- Edible eyes
- Writing icing for mouths



METHOD:

1. 

Put 12 paper cases on a tray.

2. 

With an adult, gently melt chocolate and butter in a heatproof bowl over a pan of barely simmering water. Keep the bowl above the water.

3. 

Remove the bowl from the heat. Stir in the cereal until coated.

4. 

Spoon into cases. Add edible eyes while the chocolate is soft.

5. 

Chill for about 1 hour, until firm. Add icing mouths.

Wash hands. An adult handles the hot pan and bowl.

ALLERGENS:
Contains milk. Cereal may contain barley or other allergens; check all ingredient labels.

Recipe draft • Not yet kitchen-tested

SCRAN THAT BITES BACK

ZARA'S COSY CAULDRON SOUP

Sweet potato & red lentil • Serves 4 • About 45 minutes



INGREDIENTS



1 tbsp vegetable oil



1 onion, peeled and finely chopped



1 carrot, peeled and diced



300g sweet potato, peeled and diced



150g dried red lentils, rinsed



1 tsp ground cumin



1 litre vegetable stock



Black pepper, to taste

METHOD

Wash hands. An adult handles knives and the hob.

1. With an adult, warm the oil in a large saucepan. Gently cook onion and carrot for 5 minutes.



2. Stir in cumin for 30 seconds. Add sweet potato, lentils and stock.



3. Bring to the boil, then simmer gently for 25–30 minutes. Stir occasionally, until lentils and vegetables are soft.



4. Add a little water if too thick. Mash lightly for a rustic texture.



5. Add pepper to taste. Let cool to a comfortable eating temperature before serving.



⚠ Check stock and ingredient labels for allergens, including celery. Optional bread may contain wheat.

Recipe draft • Not yet kitchen-tested



WHO'S CHAPPIN' MA DOOR?

An original Weegie Universe Halloween singalong

INTRO

CHAP! CHAP! CHAP!

DUG: Ye're jokin'. Ah've just sat doon.

VERSE 1

Rain's rattlin' doon on the tenement stair,
Agnes has spiders pinned intae her hair.
There's a wolf in a suit wi' a calculator oot,
And a ghost nickin' cakes wi' its orange feet oot!

CHORUS

Who's chappin' ma door?
Who's creepin' up the stair?
Put yer costume on,
There's a fright for us tae share!
Chap, chap, chap—
Hear the whole close roar!
It's Halloween in Glesga—
Who's chappin' ma door?

DUG: Try next door. They're more sociable.







A WEE WORD GUIDE: chappin' = knocking • close = shared tenement entrance/stairway • hame = home

SING ALONG • 1 OF 2

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WHO'S CHAPPIN' MA DOOR?

Keep the chorus handy—ye'll need it again!



VERSE 2

A skeleton's flashin' his fairy-light ribs,
The vampire's in slippers, he's dressed for his bed.
The gull grabs a cake, thinks he's got away clean—
Then the buffet looks back wi' the biggest eye ye've seen!

REPEAT THE CHORUS

BRIDGE

Back hame by the fire, nae sound in the flat,
Dug shuts his eyes on his Halloween mat.
Then oot of the bag comes a wee purple light...
CHAP! CHAP! CHAP!
DUG: That's plenty for wan night.

FINAL CHORUS

Sing the chorus once more—everybody in!
Music stops.
DUG: Naw. Ye're no movin' in.



THE MUSIC VIDEO

Watch our Halloween music video:
youtu.be/JtNoZZj4W8k

SING ALONG • 2 OF 2

WEEGIE UNIVERSE • BONFIRE NIGHT

ZARA'S BONNY NIGHT

Enjoy the sparkle. Keep everybody safe.



1 CHOOSE AN ORGANISED DISPLAY

Scottish Fire and Rescue recommends attending an organised public firework display.



2 ADULTS HANDLE FIREWORKS

Children watch from a safe distance.



3 THINK OF OTHERS

Loud bangs can distress people and animals.



4 QUIET FUN COUNTS TOO

Try paper fireworks, drawings and colourful lights.



Grown-ups: follow the current Scottish Fireworks Code.

In an emergency, call 999.

Safety source: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service • firescotland.gov.uk

ZARA'S BONNY NIGHT • 1 OF 2

SPOT THE SAFE CHOICES

Zara's Bonny Night challenge



Can ye find all five?

1



Spectators behind the barrier

2



A steward helping the crowd

3



Grown-ups staying with children

4



A clear walking route

5



Space for a quieter view



Prefer staying hame?

Design a paper firework that lights up the page!

Safety source: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service • firescotland.gov.uk

ZARA'S BONNY NIGHT • 2 OF 2

WEEGIE UNIVERSE • BONFIRE NIGHT

WHIT HAPPENED ON NOVEMBER 5TH?

Quackie asks. Hamish explains.

Is this Halloween's noisy cousin?

Different history. Same need for a warm coat.

HISTORY
SCOTLAND
BRITAIN

1 LONDON, 1605

A group of conspirators planned to blow up Parliament during its opening ceremony, killing King James and those gathered there.



2 MORE THAN ONE GUY

Robert Catesby led the conspiracy. Guy Fawkes guarded the gunpowder beneath the House of Lords.



3 THE PLOT WAS STOPPED

The conspiracy was discovered before the planned explosion. Its failure is remembered on 5 November.





These events happened in London. This was not a plot against today's Scottish Parliament.

History sources: UK Parliament + parliament.uk

NOVEMBER 5TH • 1 OF 2

WEEGIE UNIVERSE • BONFIRE NIGHT

MORE THAN ONE GUY!

Why we remember the fifth of November

So it wisnae just wan guy?

Correct. Despite the name everybody remembers.

LONDON c. 1605

PEOPLE
PLACES
HISTORY
IDEAS

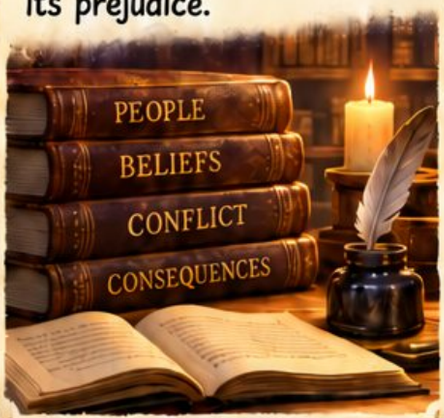
1 FROM PLOT TO BONFIRE NIGHT

The failure of the 1605 plot became an annual commemoration. Bonfire Night developed from that history.



2 A SERIOUS SIDE TO THE STORY

Religious conflict shaped the plot and its aftermath. Catholics faced persecution. We can learn about this history without repeating its prejudice.



3 HALLOWEEN AND BONFIRE NIGHT

They fall close together in the calendar, but their histories are different.



? QUACKIE'S QUICK QUIZ

1. In which year was the Gunpowder Plot? .....
2. Who led it: Catesby or Fawkes? .....
3. In which city did it happen? .....

Answers in the next edition

For a safe celebration, turn to Zara's Bonny Night.

NOVEMBER 5TH • 2 OF 2

History sources: UK Parliament • parliament.uk

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HAUD YER HOWL!

Daft jokes from a very suspicious close

Why did the ghost stop haunting Mrs McStay?



She handed it a duster. ‘Since ye’re floatin’ aboot…’

What frightened the werewolf accountant?



Somebody said, ‘Ah’ve kept aw ma receipts,’ then tipped oot a carrier bag.

Why was Agnes banned from the haunted hoose?



She kept reviewing the cobwebs. ‘Lovely texture. Terrible location.’

DUG’S HALLOWEEN TIP



‘Turn the lights aff. Works on guisers, neighbours and salesmen.’

Can ye write a better joke? Test it on somebody at hame.

HAUD YER HOWL • JOKES

QUACKIE'S BRAIN BOGGLERS

Nae peeking at the answers!





1 UNTANGLE THE FRIGHTS

Unscramble these six Halloween words. All the letters are there.

1. TREPCES _____
2. NERTLAN _____
3. BOWBECS _____
4. DROLCAUN _____
5. WORCERSAC _____
6. FLOWEWER _____

2 CRACK THE KNOCK

A = 1, B = 2 … Z = 26.
Decode the sound from the close.

3-8-1-16

3-8-1-16

3-8-1-16

_____

3 MAKE YER OWN MONSTER

Give it a ridiculous name, one unusual power and a completely useless weakness.

NAME: _____

POWER: _____

WEAKNESS: _____



Answers in the next edition • QUACKIE'S BRAIN BOGGLERS

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ZARA'S WEE HAUNTED CLOSE

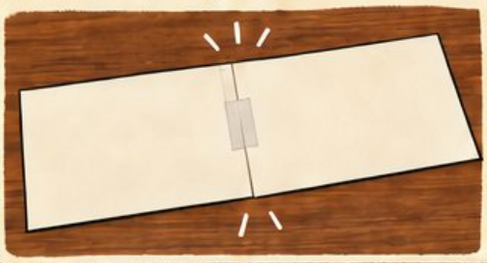
Make a spooky street that stands up!



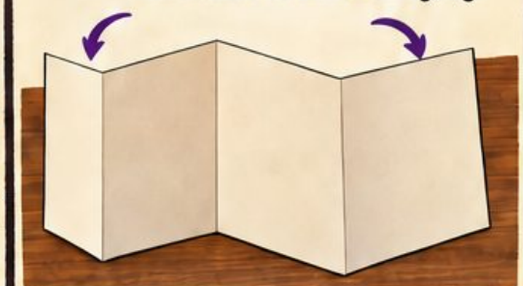
YOU'LL NEED:

- 2 sheets of A4 card
- Sticky tape
- Coloured paper
- Pencils or felt tips
- Glue stick
- Scissors

1 Lay the card sheets side by side. Tape the short edges together to make one long strip.



2 Fold the strip in half. Fold each end back towards the middle to make a zigzag.



3 Draw a row of Glasgow tenements. Add doors, windows and a roofline.



4 Draw or stick on paper ghosts, pumpkins and suspicious neighbours.



5 Stand your close on a table. Give it a name and invent who lives behind each door.



NAME YER CLOSE:

_____

WHO'S CHAPPIN' AT NUMBER 13?

_____

Ask an adult for help with scissors. Keep paper decorations away from flames.

MAKE IT • ZARA'S CRAFT CORNER

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DRESS LIKE YE'VE LOST A BET

Copy Cat's three-item costume challenge



THE CHALLENGE

1. Choose three ordinary things from around the hoose.
2. Turn them into one completely daft costume.
3. Give it a name, a special talent and a dramatic entrance.





TRY: an old shirt, a cardboard box, paper shapes or a spare scarf.

DRAW YER MASTERPIECE

MA COSTUME IS CALLED: _____

THE THREE THINGS AH USED: _____

MA GRAND ENTRANCE: _____

Keep faces clear, movement easy and fabric off the floor.
No sharp props or real flames. Ask an adult for help with scissors.

Points for imagination.
Extra points if somebody laughs.

MAKE IT • COPY CAT'S COSTUME CHALLENGE


HIDDEN FRIGHTS
Something's no right in this close...
McSTAY'S BAKES
Spooky Bakes
• CAKES
• COOKIES
• TREATS
BOO!
GRUMPY DOG
Find all six hidden frights:
skull stone • bat bracket • eye sweet
coffin finial • bone leaf • hat reflection
HIDDEN FRIGHTS • 1 OF 2



Find all six hidden frights:

ghost knot • broom tieback • pumpkin button
fang fork • bow-tie spider • pawprint tile

HIDDEN FRIGHTS • 2 OF 2

YOUR HALLOWEEN VERDICT

Over tae you!

Which bit made ye laugh? Which fright did ye find first?
Tell us what deserves another appearance.

MA FAVOURITE CARTOON: _____

THE TRICKIEST HIDDEN FRIGHT: _____

THE CHARACTER AH WANT MORE OF: _____

DRAW A NEW NEIGHBOUR FOR THE CLOSE

Friendly, spooky or completely daft—give them a name and a reason they're chappin' the door.

NAME: _____

WHY THEY'RE HERE: _____

KEEP YER GUESSES!

Answers to this isswe's puzzles and hidden frights will appear in the next edition.


DUG GETS THE LAST WORD
Thirty-two pages. Wan biscuit. Shocking.
GRUMPY DUG
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