

# Hiss and Crackle & costumes to tackle!

How did it happen? One minute you're waiting for the chance to try out your new garden furniture, convinced we'll have an indian summer the next minute you're raking up leaves, the nights have turned chilly, and you're preparing for a bonfire. Of course this all means that Hallowe'en and Guy Fawkes are on their way, and whereas ten years ago this meant you might go to a display around November 5th, now it means your kids will expect costumes, and a guided tour of local doorsteps to extort goodies from unsuspecting home bodies, your house will need to be packed with candy (as we must now call it) and decorations, cynically laid on by our supermarkets, and a pumpkin will be compulsory. Firework sales will 'rocket' more again than the year before, weary nursing staff will wait to see the results at A+E, and pet owners will grind their teeth as they lace their pet's food with something calming, from the start of October til the middle of January. I don't want to sound all 'Bah Humbug' (oops candy for another season) about it, I loved bonfire parties when I was a child, but it was all charcoaled jacket potatoes, soup-in-a-mug and writing your name with sparklers, and it lasted 1 day. Maybe this year, with money such an issue for everyone, we can get back to a bit more home-spun and a bit less commercially designed fun. Don't forget, it's cheaper and safer to support your organised firework displays. (see page 5)

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