

《调皮！英国千余人将魔法当做自己的宗教信仰》

导读:随着万圣节临近，英国国家统计局开始查阅统计数据来看万圣节对于英国人来说到底意味着什么。而特立独行的英国人则永远不缺让人大跌眼镜的地方，英国有1276人将魔法列为他们的宗教信仰、11766人说自己是现代巫术的信奉者、还有502人说自己是邪教成员。



Ghostly goes on, children trick-or-treating and people celebrating one of the oldest festivals in the world are planned as Halloween fast approaches.

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Statisticians at Britain’s Office for National Statistics have been looking through their records to discover what the festival will mean for many people.

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ONS said Friday records show that in the last census 1,276 people in Britain listed their religion as witchcraft, with 11,766 describing themselves as Wicca followers, and 502 members of occults.

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Halloween, celebrated on Oct. 31, means different things to different people. Members of the Gaelic community believed it is the time when the walls between world of the living and the next became thin and porous, allowing spirits to pass through, coming back to life on the day of Halloween and even causing damage to crops.

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Gaels would even set places were set at the dinner table to appease and welcome the spirits. They would also offer food and drink, and light bonfires to ward off the evil spirits.

For generations many children in Britain have enjoyed, or been scared, by Halloween games.

ONS said more than 500 couples are expected to choose Halloween to marry.

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And on the day there were over 9,500 Halloween weddings in England and Wales between 1995 and 2013, an average of 510 each year.

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Theologians, philosophers and psychologists have expressed mixed feelings over whether Halloween should be celebrated.