



**Dear parents:** .... From tonight's Evening Standard below. Couple of teachers and staff say this is an amazing sight just down the road in Dalston So pop on down with the kids and get some carving ideas for our own party on November 3rd. No turnips ?? .. not in hipster Dalston 2017. ++++ Get your Fireworks Night tickets asap.



**Halloween** is for the dexterous. The best among us carve out names in jack-o'-lantern folklore, or at least take a stab at rudimentary cosmetic surgery.

Thanks to social media the whole world is now your neighbour. There are nearly nine million search results for "#pumpkin" on Instagram, and competition is fierce.

In Dalston's **Eastern Curve Garden**, the Pumpkin Lantern Festival has lit up the night with hundreds of orange orbs for the past week, reaching a finale tonight. There's no limit to creativity with carved

pump-cats, St Paul's Cathedral and Cinderella with a garlic clove slipper. London is potty for pumpkins.

If you are overwhelmed or too overworked to carve your own, help is at hand. Pumpkin stencils are available and range from basic witches to immaculate renderings of Pennywise from the blockbuster film IT. These aren't true jack-o'-lanterns, since the surface is etched rather than cut out entirely, but the faces still glow with the help of a candle.



**and finally** .enjoy this evening not a Halloween fan but love pumpkin Thai curry soup and pumpkin pie and .....