



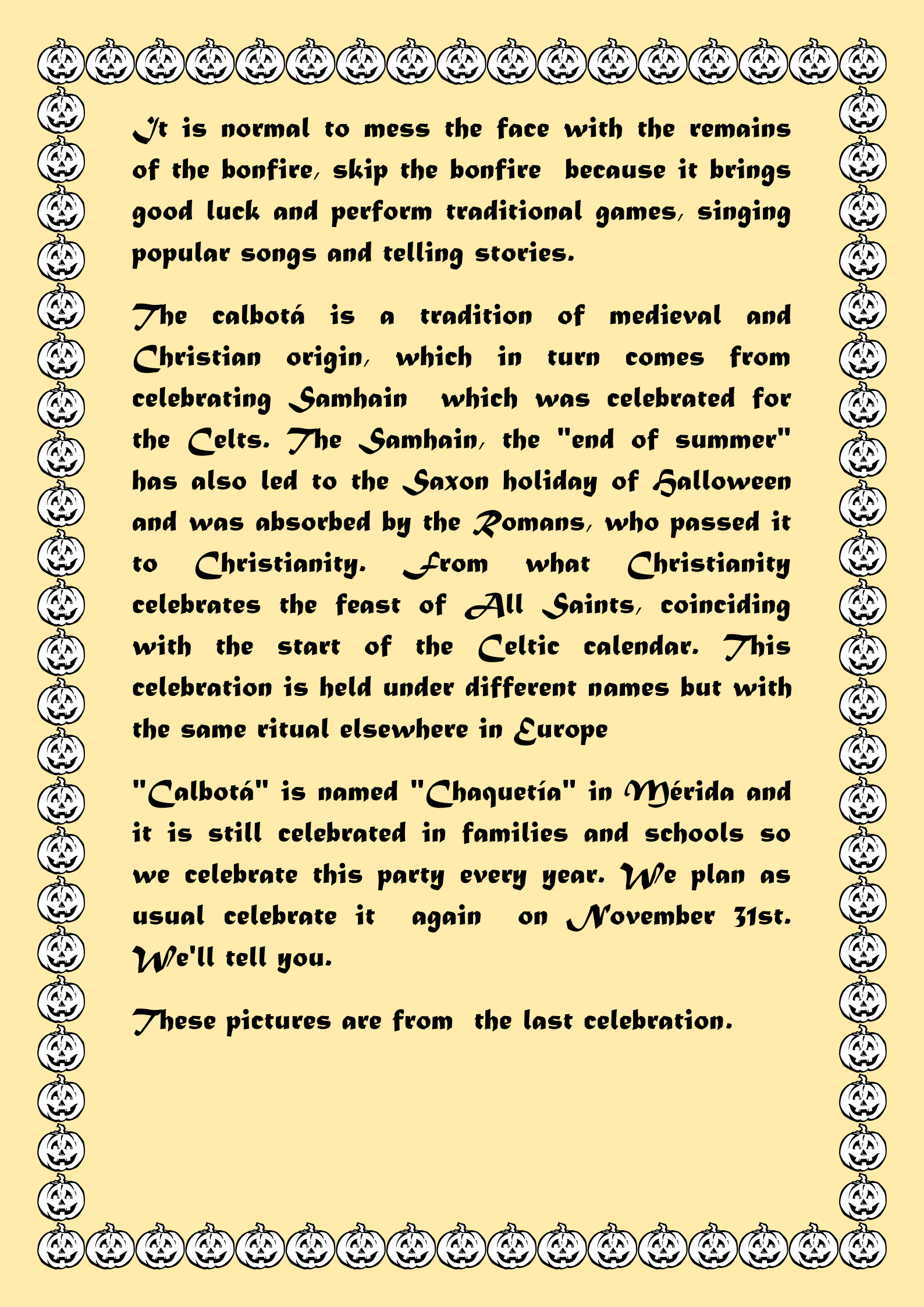
# Chaquetía festival

Halloween is a party that takes place, especially in the united states and adjacent areas. However, despite a lot of people decide to join to the Anglo-Saxon party, in Spain there are typical celebrations on October 31st.

This festival is based on the Celtic ritual, the transition to the winter and the collection of chestnut. The fire never is missing in this celebrations and roasted chestnut of a campfire.

In some areas of Extremadura, place where we live, this festival is called "Calbotá" and the roast chestnut is named "Calbote".

The party is to make a bonfire and when there are some "brasas" you have to put on them a metal drum with holes called "tixolo". Chestnuts are extended on the pan and they have to have been previously cut on one end to not explode. When they are roasted you have to peel them and you can eat them.



**It is normal to mess the face with the remains of the bonfire, skip the bonfire because it brings good luck and perform traditional games, singing popular songs and telling stories.**

**The calbotá is a tradition of medieval and Christian origin, which in turn comes from celebrating Samhain which was celebrated for the Celts. The Samhain, the "end of summer" has also led to the Saxon holiday of Halloween and was absorbed by the Romans, who passed it to Christianity. From what Christianity celebrates the feast of All Saints, coinciding with the start of the Celtic calendar. This celebration is held under different names but with the same ritual elsewhere in Europe**

**"Calbotá" is named "Chaquetía" in Mérida and it is still celebrated in families and schools so we celebrate this party every year. We plan as usual celebrate it again on November 31st. We'll tell you.**

**These pictures are from the last celebration.**



