



Ten Things You Didn't Know about Easter

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- 1) Early Christians decided to celebrate Easter after the first full moon after the spring equinox...
- 2) ...this was not the real full moon but a special religious 'full moon' calculated by the church.
- 3) In the UK, the Easter Act 1928 tried to fix the date of Easter but this still awaits agreement from all churches in the UK.
- 4) The earliest reference to Easter eggs was in the 16th century when people cooked eggs and painted decorations on their shells.
- 5) The UK's first chocolate egg was produced in 1873 by the Fry's company in Bristol.
- 6) Chocolate sales at Easter in the UK account for 10 per cent of all the chocolate sold in one year.
- 7) When people eat a chocolate rabbit at Easter, 76 per cent of them bite the ears off first.
- 8) Eggs have long been associated with Spring as they have been seen as a symbol of new life since the time of the ancient Egyptians and Persians.
- 9) According to a recent survey, the average child in the UK receives 8.8 Easter eggs every year.
- 10) The word 'Easter' occurs only once in the King James Bible (Acts 12:4). Elsewhere in the King James version, the word 'Passover' is used.



HAPPY EASTER!