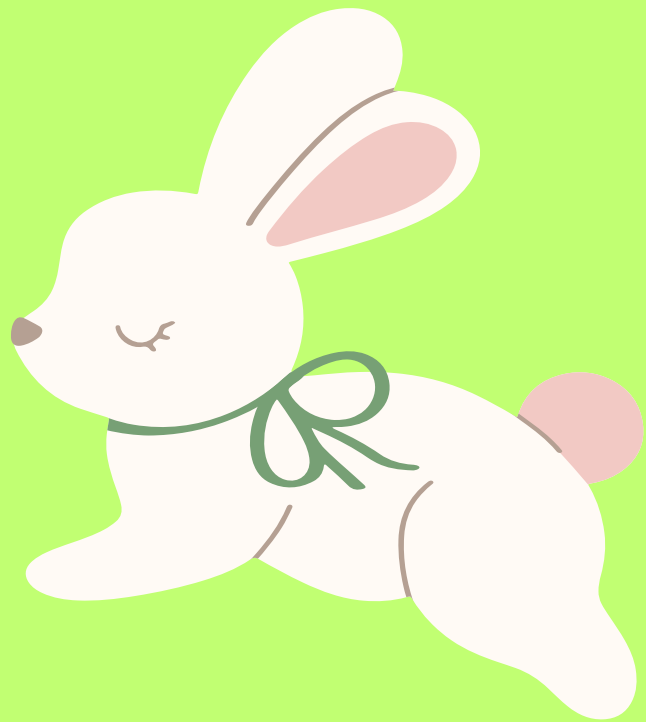




English Newsletter

APRIL



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What to do in April

Make the
most of



PRIL

✿ **CREATE A
MEMORY
BOARD**

**Decorate
your room**

✿ **Catch up on a TV series**

MAKE ROSE

✿ **Make a**

PETAL TEA

✿ **herb garden**

Make a home made scrub

✿ **Eat**

✿ **Make a**

street

Seasonal

food

recipe

Plant



Did You Know?

April

By BethAnne Brink-Cox

Like, for starters, yes, it's the fourth month according to the Gregorian calendar. But it wasn't always so. In the Roman, or Julian, calendar, April was the second month of the year (in the earlier version, April was the fifth month) and January and February didn't exist. Another quirk of that Julian calendar? April had only 29 days. When Caesar established the calendar in 45 B.C. he added the 30th. No wonder it's named for him.

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Let's get back to April Fool's Day for a minute, though. Some of the more famous pranks included the BBC running a news piece about spaghetti being farmed in Sweden, and another about flying penguins.

There are other fun days to celebrate in April. How about April 6? It's International Pillow Fight Day.

Maybe you'd prefer April 9, which is National Unicorn Day. There are all kinds of ways to celebrate—cupcakes, glitter, movies with unicorns, the possibilities are endless. But did you know the unicorn is actually the national animal of Scotland? It is deeply beloved there and has been on the Scottish Royal Coat of Arms since the mid-1500s (or longer.)



APOLLO 13

And some of us know from the actual history while others know from Ron Howard's magnificent film, APOLLO 13, that April 11, 1970 was the day space flight was launched. Two days later, great difficulties meant the astronauts could be effectively marooned in space, with no way home. The line so often quoted is actually MIS-quoted – what was said? "Houston, we've had a problem here." NASA rolled up their figurative sleeves and worked every problem one by one, solving and improvising any way possible, and all three astronauts returned safely on April 17, undoubtedly the longest week of their lives.

Probably the first thing you think of when the month of April is mentioned is, well, the first, as in April Fool's Day. But there's so much more about the fourth month of the year.

Most of us know that April 22 is Earth Day, but April 25 is World Penguin Day.

And April is the equivalent of October in the Southern Hemisphere, which seems odd when we equate it with spring flowers.

Babies born in April become adults who are known for their optimism, and according to research, they live healthier lives and excel at their careers.

BABIES

Diamonds are their birthstones, and daisies and sweet peas are their birth flowers, both imbued with happy feelings, as the sweet pea signifies bliss and pleasure, and daisies are said to represent childhood innocence, loyalty and purity.

ENTERTAINMENT

The most influential writer of all time – William Shakespeare – was born April 26, 1564. He wrote 38 plays, 154 sonnets, and invented dozens of words! And 400 years later, in 1964, the Beatles held all top five positions on the Billboard singles chart in the U.S. with "Can't Buy Me Love," "Twist and Shout," "She Loves You," "I Want to Hold Your Hand," and "Please Please Me."

April is National Humor Month, created to share the therapeutic value of humor. It is also BLT Sandwich Month, Grilled Cheese Month, Soft Pretzel Month, and peanut butter and jelly has its very own National day—April 2.

When you've finished your picnic, you can celebrate National No Housework Day (April 7) and National Hug Your Dog Day (also April 7.) It could certainly be argued either or both of those might be popular every single day!

And there's National Garlic Day (April 19) and International Jazz Day (April 30.) Not mentioning Tax Day, though, which has been in effect since 1913.

POP CULTURE

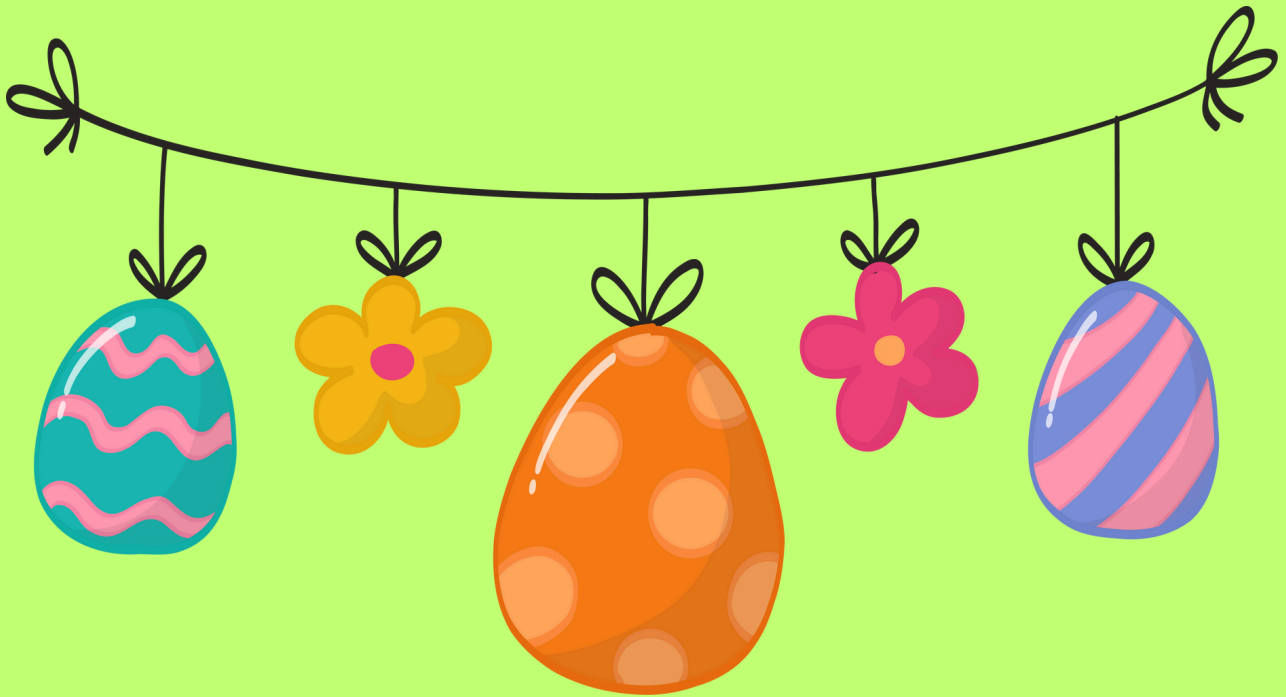
The first Doc Martens boots, model 1460, were released in 1960.

We've also got April to thank for the invention of Twinkies in 1930.

Last but not least and also in 1930 on April 18, the BBC reported there was no news, and then played out with piano music. ■

... and now you know!

Easter in Great Britain



Traditions and symbols



Easter

Easter is one of the major Christian festivals of the year. It is full of customs, folklore and traditional food. Many people believe Easter is named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess of the dawn and spring - Eostre. It is often a time of fun and celebration. The Friday before Easter Sunday and the Monday after are a bank holiday in the UK. Over Easter schools in the UK close for two weeks, just enough time to digest all the chocolate.

Easter Eggs



Easter eggs are a very old tradition. Eggs are a symbol of a spring and a new life. Exchanging and eating Easter eggs is a popular custom in many countries. The eggs are hard-boiled and dyed in various colours and patterns.



Nowadays people give each other Easter eggs made of chocolate, usually hollow and filled with sweets. In Britain children hunt for (chocolate) Easter eggs hidden about the home or garden by the Easter bunny.

The Easter Bunny



In the UK children believe that if they are good the "Easter Bunny" will leave (chocolate) eggs for them. |

Easter Day



Easter is a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter eggs are a symbol of rebirth in most cultures. People decorate them with different colours using special techniques. Children believe that the Easter Rabbit hides the eggs in the garden. A traditional food is Roast lamb for dinner on Easter Day. |



egg hunt

children look for chocolate Easter eggs and bunnies
hidden in the garden or in the park



hot cross buns

sweet easy to make and perfect for Easter



