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EASTER: ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW

THE TRADITION OF EASTER. Easter (also called Pascha) is generally accounted the most important holiday of the Christian year, observed in March or April each year to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead after his death by crucifixion, which Christians believe happened at about this time of year, almost two thousand years ago.

WHY IS IT CALLED EASTER? The name Easter is derived from 'Ostara' or 'Eostre', a pagan goddess of fertility, whose feast was celebrated on the Vernal Equinox. The word East is also derived from her names, as is Oestrogen, the female hormone. In Saxon culture, the Hare was sacred to Ostara and the modern tradition of the Easter Bunny is a distant echo of that.

However, In most languages other than English and German, the holiday's name is derived from Pesach, the Hebrew name of Passover, a Jewish holiday to which the Christian Easter is intimately linked, as the Gospel of John states that the last supper took place during a specific part of the Passover traditions. Easter therefore depends on Passover, not only for much of its symbolic meaning, but also for its position in the calendar.

WHY IS EASTER ON A DIFFERENT DAY EVERY YEAR? The dates when Easter is celebrated varies from year to year. Why is this different to another Christian holiday, such as Christmas day, which is always on Dec 25th?

The problem is that the Gospels are pretty vague on the date of Easter. Matthew, Mark and Luke indicate one date, whereas John indicates a different date. Another factor is that Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. To early Christians, his return for second time was imminent; therefore they didn't worry too much about dates.

As the centuries passed, this lack of clarity around the date increased. For example by the late Third Century, if you travelled around Europe, you could celebrate Easter several times in the space of a few weeks. In Alexandria, Easter was always April 25th; in Rome it was April 18th and in parts of Gaul, it was celebrated on March 21st. In fact, in parts of Celtic Britain, the crucifixion was commemorated on a Thursday instead of a Friday.

It was only after several attempts to set a standard date for Easter, that the formula of the Alexandrian Church was accepted as the correct way to determine the date. With this method, and a passing nod to the method of calculating Passover, Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon whose 14th day is on or after the Vernal Equinox. The earliest date that Easter can be in March 22 and the latest is April 25.

WHAT IS THE TRADITION OF EASTER EGGS? Modern Easter celebrations revolve around eggs. They may be painted, rolled down hills or eaten if they are of the chocolate variety. The Christian tradition of eggs marking Easter is said to represent rebirth and resurrection - new life being born from the egg. It's also been said that egg recalls the shape of the stone that rolled away on Easter Sunday from the tomb that held Jesus' body.

This egg tradition is almost certainly a distillation of a much older pagan custom celebrating spring. The ancient Persians celebrated their New Year at the time of the vernal equinox by painting eggs.

Its adoption into the Christian traditions would have been quite seamless, as eggs are banned during the period of Lent preceding Easter - in fact in many households the last eggs before Easter would have been used to make Pancakes on Pancake Tuesday.

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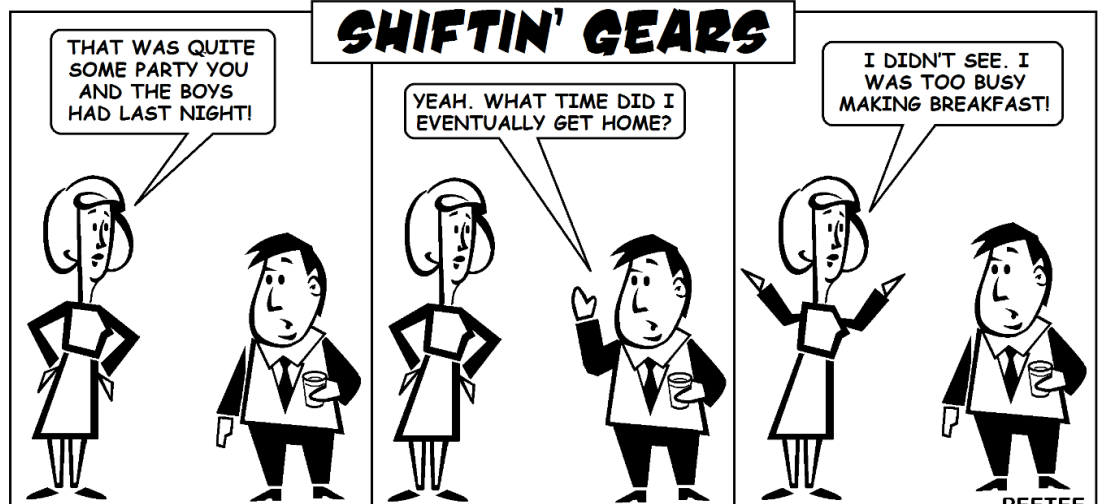
Kimberley Club
Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

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REMEMBER

No Lunch Meeting on Monday 17 April

SHIFTIN' GEARS



PEETEE

CALENDAR & DUTIES

APRIL

Magazine Month

- 10 Apr: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
17 Apr: FAMILY DAY – No Meeting
24 Apr: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

“A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog”

Jack London

DUTIES

If you are unable to do a duty, please make arrangements for a substitute.

WEEK OF 10 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: Colleen F. & Philip M.
CORPORAL: Colleen Fairweather
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Dwayne Evans

WEEK OF 17 APRIL

FAMILY DAY – NO MEETING
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas

WEEK OF 17 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: André O. & Gill.
CORPORAL: Philip Maritz
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

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MAY

Recognition & Conference Month

- 1 May: WORKERS' DAY – No Meeting
8 May: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
12 May: Joint Meeting with R.C. Kbly South
(Guest Speaker: Bettina Daubermann)
15 May: No Meeting – Moved to Fri. 12 May
19 May: INTERACT CONFERENCE WEEKEND
22 May: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00
26 May: DISTRICT CONFERENCE WEEKEND
29 May: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 16 Apr Gill Downs
08 May Ken Quinn
16 May Barry Downs
23 May Liesel Evans
26 May Dwayne Evans

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 May Philip & Shirley Maritz

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

- 23 Apr 2013 Jannie Jacobs
29 Apr 1993 Ken Quinn
03 May 2008 Amanda Van Zyl
04 May 1952 Lawrie Shuttleworth

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

- 04 May Johan Aucamp

MEME OF THE WEEK

My goal for
2017 was to
lose 10kg. Only
15kg to go!!