

# A little less local

## National Events

**April 1st** April Fools Day **6th** New Tax Year  
**9th – 17th** Jewish festival of Passover **9th**  
Maunday Thursday - Christians remember the  
Last Supper **10th** Good Friday **12th** Easter  
Sunday **13th** Easter Monday **13th/14th**  
Vaisakhi - Sikh festival **21st** Queen's Birth-  
day gun salutes for the Queen's real birthday  
**23rd** St George's Day – England's Palestinian  
Patron Saint who lived in Roman times **25th**  
ANZAC Day - anniversary of the Battle of  
Gallipoli 1915 **May 1st** May Day (International  
Workers' Day) - traditionally a day for demon-  
strations by workers, related to an event in the  
US in 1886 when a general strike in Chicago  
ended in rioting, after which six people were  
executed **1st** Local Elections across England  
– Use your vote or stop complaining if you  
don't like the outcome **2nd – 25th** Brighton  
Festival - A 3-week international festival of  
music, theatre, dance, literature and arts events  
**4th** May Day Bank Holiday **8th** VE Day **16th**  
Eurovision Song Contest – Andrew Lloyd  
Webber's song tries to save us in Moscow  
**19th – 23rd** Chelsea Flower Show **21st**  
Ascension Day **25th** Late May/Spring Bank  
Holiday **29th** Oak Apple Day **31st** Pentecost  
(Whit Sunday) - Seven weeks after Easter Sun-  
day - Christians celebrate the time when the  
Holy Spirit came to the apostles - the beginning  
of the Christian church.

## Food in Season

**April** Rosemary, Spinach, Spring Lamb, Cockles,  
Morel Mushrooms, Wild Garlic, Radishes, Rhubarb,  
Carrots, Kale, Watercress **May** Samphire, Duck,  
Sea Trout, Asparagus, Cauliflower, New Potatoes,  
Sea Bass, Parsley, Mint, Broad Beans, Lemon  
Sole, Sardines

## Sport

**April 1st** Football – World Cup Qualifiers  
**4th** The Grand National **5th** F1 Malaysian  
Grand Prix **18th** Rugby Union EDF Energy  
Cup Final **18th – May 4th** Snooker World  
Championship **19th** F1 Bahrain Grand Prix  
**26th** London Marathon **16th – 19th** British  
Open Show Jumping **May 6th – 10th** Cricket  
1st Test England v West Indies **14th – 18th**  
Cricket 2nd Test England v West Indies **16th**  
Rugby Union Guinness Premiership final **20th**  
UEFA Cup Final **21st, 24th, 26th, 28th**  
Cricket One Day Internationals **23rd – 25th**  
Football League play-offs **23rd** Rugby League  
European Challenge Cup Final **24th** Monaco  
Grand Prix **25th – June 7th** French Open  
Tennis **27th** Football Champions League Final,  
Rome **30th** FA Cup Final.

## Notable Birthdays

**April 2nd** Alex Guinness & Emmylou Harris  
**3rd** Tony (Tie a yellow ribbon) Orlando &  
Marlon Brando **7th** Russell Crowe & Francis  
Ford Coppola **10th** Omar Sharif & Joseph  
Pulitzer **13th** AL Green & Howard Keel **14th**  
Sarah Michelle Gellar & Ritchie Blackmore  
**16th** Peter Ustinov & Henry Mancini **21st**  
Iggy Pop & Robert Smith **29th** Michelle Pfeiffer  
& Bernard Madoff **May 5th** Craig David & Karl  
Marx **6th** George Clooney & Orson Welles  
**8th** Peter (Jaws) Benchley & Enrique Iglesias  
**13th** Robert Pattinson & Stevie Wonder **16th**  
Pierce Brosnan & Tori Spelling **18th** Frank  
Capra & Chow Yun-Fat **21st** Notorious B.I.G.  
& Mr. **23rd** Jewel & Joan Collins **26th**  
Lenny Kravitz & Stevie Nicks **28th** Ian Fleming  
& John Fogerty

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