

So the first event that I'll talk about is Easter. So obviously it's a Christian festival. You know, Jesus was crucified and then he rose from the dead three days later. But it's not necessarily a Christian festival in that sense in the UK, where I'm from. So we actually get a holiday for Easter. For some schools, it might be two weeks. Other schools, I was very lucky. We often had a month off for Easter holiday, so it's kind of like this nice big break at that point of year. A lot of people would revise for their final year exams, end of year exams, but obviously we also use it as a time of celebration.

When I was younger, we did used to go to church on Easter Sunday. So you go there and you break the bread and you drink the wine and everything. But I don't really remember that so much as the other fun occasions that continued up until I was much older.

So my family, we used to go on holidays within the UK. The main place that we would go to was in Devon. So the southwest of England and it's really beautiful there. There are some really beautiful hills and beaches and it's quite a popular site for nature and nature reserves and things like that.

So we would go there. We'd usually spend a week or at least a long weekend in Devon on the very south coast where my grandma had a property. And there are these. I guess the heritage properties are called National Trust and they often open up while they're always open to visitors. But especially during school holidays, they would have events and things running for children and young people. And one of these is an Easter egg hunt.

So for whatever reason, I'm not actually sure why. Rabbits and chickens are very much associated with Easter. So an Easter egg hunt is this idea that you go around a house or a garden searching for chocolate eggs, and then you collect them or you get a certain number of clues or whatever it is for that particular hunt. And once you've found them all you win you get something.

The property that we used to go to, it's been so many years now, I have no idea the name of this property, but it was beautiful. It was this mid-20th century property with quite lush gardens. And the idea was that you would go around the garden and find different clues about the property, about the particular heritage of that place.

So it might be the different plants that were there. It might be about the different birds that were in the gardens. And you would kind of cross them off and find the answers on this worksheet. And once you found them all, they would give you a National Trust egg, kind of like a Cadbury's chocolate eggs, a very British, very kind of like supporting British culture, I suppose.

And then you'd kind of finish it. You go into the house, there might be some clues within the house as well. They had some beautiful well actually Victorian to mid-20th-century dolls, houses and a lot of miniature figurines. So there would be clues to the Easter egg hunt within these houses and they wouldn't be too difficult. But obviously children had to do them, but parents would get involved. Grandparents would get involved. And it was very wholesome time.

But after you'd done all of that, they had a little well, I say a little cafe I think was quite big, actually. And then we'd have scones and hot cross buns, which are also very British. So hot cross buns are sweet bread, often with dried fruits, so raisins or whatever.

But my favourite were always cinnamon and orange, and even now, even in my twenties, I still love to find hot cross buns with cinnamon in them and have them and I introduce some of my Hong Kong to them this year actually. And they loved them. And you just have you toast them, you cut them in half and you toast them and you slather them in butter and just loads and loads of butter on top of them and they taste amazing.

The other alternative is scones. So there's a bit of an argument in that area in the southwest of England as to how you eat your scones. And even though me and my family always went on holiday in Devon, we ate them the Cornish way, which is when you put the jam on first and then the cream on top. And the way we do that, the reason why we do that is because my mum and I really love cream and you can put more cream on if you put it on second. But the Devonshire way is, is to put the cream on first and then the jam.

So that would be most of our weekend. And then on Sunday we would be very, very British and have a Sunday roast at a very nice it was a hotel actually on the south coast overlooking the beach and some beautiful mountains. It's actually this area that I'm talking about, the whole area Agatha Christie used to write about. And one of the islands that you can see from this place called the Cottage, this hotel is one that she used to write about quite a lot. So that was my Easter as a child.