

*The Man in the Moon looked out of the moon.
Looked out of the moon and said,
"tis time for all children on the earth
To think about getting to bed."*

— Mother Goose

THE PAGAN AWARENESS Network (PAN Inc) holds monthly gatherings in Sydney and other locations around Australia to celebrate the Full Moon. This Full Moon Circle is an opportunity for Pagans and non-Pagans alike to join in a no-obligation celebration of nature and community.

If you would like more information on either the Full Moon Circles, or on PAN, please visit us at our web site: <http://www.paganawareness.net.au/fullmoon.html>

Throughout history, different cultures have held the moon, and in particular, the spectacular full moon in reverence. A reassuring source of light in the pre-industrial dark, or the face of a benign Goddess or God, the full moon holds a special place in the hearts of many.

Vastly different groups celebrate the Full Moon: many Asian cultures have an entire festival for viewing the moon, and for eating special mooncakes; gardeners and fisherfolk eagerly anticipate the full moon; and Pagans view this as a significant

time spiritually, magickally and emotionally. Many people feel that their emotions and even their health are affected by the moon, and are convinced that this effect is most strongly felt at the time of the full moon. Anecdotes abound to describe the unsettling effect of the full moon — this was once referred to as being moonstruck and is the origin of the word lunatic — literally someone driven mad by the moon.

*I see the moon
And the moon sees me.
Blessed be the moon
and blessed be me!*

Information on the phases of the moon has never been more accessible, reported on the evening news, in daily newspapers, in almanacs, and on myriad websites.

The light of the Full Moon shines benignly upon the earth, a comforting face in the darkness — a symbol of the direct link between the earth and the enduring warmth of the sun. For some Pagans it can signify a divine feminine influence and be the focal point for Goddess worshippers, heralding a time of enchantment and celebration. All requests made under a Full Moon will be heard.

Reflecting the universal appeal of the Full Moon is the multitude of myths surrounding

the moon, and the different things that it is supposed to depict: a smiling man, a hare, a frog, a pair of children and a beautiful woman wearing her hair up. What do you see?

MOON BISCUITS

1 cup almond meal

1 cup plain flour

¼ cup cornflour

½ cup icing sugar

few drops vanilla essence

½ cup softened butter or margarine

1 egg yolk

Pre-heat oven to 180 deg

Sift and combine dry ingredients. Using the hands, mix in the softened butter or margarine and the egg yolk very well. Roll into teaspoon sized balls, and flatten between the palms, indenting each one with the ball of the thumb. Bake on a greased tray for 20, until golden. Dredge in icing sugar while still warm.

*"The man in the moon
Came down too soon
And asked his way to Norwich
He went by the south
And burned his mouth
With supping cold pease porridge"*
— Traditional Nursery Rhyme

FULL MOON LORE

Seeds planted approaching and on the Full Moon will germinate more readily.

Some fishermen think that fish are more plentiful and bite more readily under a Full Moon.

A lunatic is a foolish or insane person, much affected by the moon.

Hair cut on the approach to the Full Moon will require cutting sooner than hair cut as the moon wanes.

Counting your money under the light of a Full Moon will increase your riches.

The image of the Full Moon, reflected in a bowl of water or pond can be used for scrying. Relax and see what images appear before you.

Women who 'moonbathe' will be blessed with clear, luminous complexions, especially if they also bathe their skin with dew.

Taking a bath under the light of the Full Moon will bring you good luck

MEDIEVAL MOON NAMES

January: *Wolf Moon*

February: *Storm Moon*

March: *Chaste Moon*

April: *Seed Moon*

May: *Hare Moon*

June: *Dyad Moon*

July: *Mead Moon*

August: *Corn Moon*

September: *Barley Moon*

October: *Blood Moon*

November: *Snow Moon*

December: *Oak Moon*

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