



Is this the most Easterly shop in Salisbury?



Some of the 80 varieties of chocolates on offer



The Salisbury Chocolate Bar & Patisserie

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Kate Authers takes a look inside Salisbury's most Easterly shop

Wander along Salisbury's High Street at the moment and you can't help but notice the Salisbury Chocolate Bar & Patisserie thanks to its wonderful window display, which is chock-full with Easter figures, giant eggs, bright paper flowers and branches adorned with decorations.

"I've always had a sweet tooth and I like being creative," says Robert Lewis, one half of the duo who owns what can only be described as Salisbury's most Easterly shop, although, of course, the decor changes to reflect the seasons.

While I sip on a decadently rich hot chocolate – one of four varieties of various strengths, the richest

apparently more of a meal than a drink – Robert tells me he'll make a staggering 500 figures and all of the large eggs this Easter from his tiny workshop.

It seems I'm certainly not the first to cotton on to the delights of this chocolate shop which was reinvented by John and Robert in 2005, and today is well-loved and well-known by locals. If you can get close to the cabinets you'll find 80 varieties of loose Belgian chocolates from Baileys, Rhapsody raspberry cream and cherry ganache in dark chocolate, to waffle white cinnamon biscuit and praline, strong coffee ganache, blueberry cream, chilli pepper truffle and strong coffee ganache, to name just a few.

You'll also find more than just chocolate; they serve morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas and if Robert wasn't already busy enough he makes all of the Patisserie for the shop from scratch; the gâteau forêt noire – a trade mark of his old boss – is so good it's been mentioned in *The Times*, although the chocolate fudgy cake is also a clear favourite.

From May they make 11 different flavours of ice cream, three flavours of sorbet, and even amazing chocolate wedding cakes. In need of a chocolate fix? You know where to go.

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The Easter figures line the window

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