The Latest News

Lockdown Lament

The Covid is raging, my life is a mess
I live in pyjamas and don't have to dress
I'm in isolation, just staying at home
And would give my last pound to be free to roam

I'm seriously at risk, (or that's what they say)
Telling me to stay in and not go out each day.
In my head I'm so young though my licence reveals
I'm a 70 plus senior (but that's not how it feels)

When I run out of food and deliveries are late
I have to buy groceries between 7 and 8
So early in the morning I head out to restock
And discover a line up that winds round the clock

Social distancing seniors all 6 feet away
I'm last in the line of heads all bald or grey.
My meals are repetitive (A lot like my gas)
And I'm tired of discussing why Boris is an ass

My latest new outfit is gloves and a mask
And I'm starting to wonder if I'm up to this task,
I wash all my groceries, all fruit meat and veg…
Will this added precaution tip me over the edge?

My beautiful brown hair has wide roots of grey
No hairdressers around to help wash them away.
I've been talking to myself, now I'm answering back
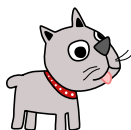Is it Monday or Friday I've really lost track.

I've stopped doing housework, it's weeks since I dusted
And I know without visitors I'll never get busted.
I FaceBook my friends or we group chat on Zoom
And try to pretend we're all in the same room

Thank God liquor stores are considered 'essential'
Without daily drinks this would drive us all mental
Every once in a while it's good to reflect
On what this all means and what we can expect.

It's a time to be grateful for all that we've got
Like warm house and food that others have not.
The bottom line here by the time this all ends
Is that we'll all get through it with family and friends

So even if your partner is a bit of a grump
You can be grateful that you're not married to Trump!

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We're English

Goodbye to my England! So long my old friend!
Your days are now numbered, being brought to an end.
To be Scottish, Irish or Welsh, that's just fine
But don't say you're English that's way out of line.

The French and the Germans may call themselves such,
As may Norwegians, the Swedes and the Dutch:
You can say you are Russian, or may be a Dane,
But don't say you're English ever again.

At Broadcasting House the word is taboo,
In Brussels they have scrapped it, in Parliament too.
Even schools are affected, staff do as they are told,
They mustn't teach children about the England of old.

We are not European, how can we be?
Europe is miles away, over the sea.
We're the English from England, let us all be proud -
Stand up and be counted - shout it out loud!

Let's tell the Government - and Brussels too -
We're proud of our heritage and the Red White and Blue.
Fly the flag of St. George or the Union Jack.
Let the world know - **We Want Our England Back!**

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Slovenly Speech Award

This award is allocated to those individuals who adopt those speech manerisms that want you tear out what's left of your hair and wish the wrath of The Almighty to be brought down on the heads of these perpretrators.
1) The Charge of the 'Like' Brigade:
Like when they tell you something, like they need to inject 'like' into every other sentence like so you know like what they are like refering to. More often than not I don't at all like what they are on about..
2) You know the 'You Knows'
You know these types who have to add 'you know' between sentences. Why bother to tell me something if you think I alrteady know it?
3) The Abominable 'T' and 'G' Droppers.
A typical example being - "I was goin' to tell you somethin' but I've forgo''en wha' I was goin' to say, but it mus' 'ave bin qui'e imor'ant yeah?
OK, I know that we are not all perfect, but surely stringing a few legible sentences together is not that difficult. Put Slovenly Speech in the Sin Bin!

Niggled Nigel

Quiz - Name of the flowers

1. A bovine mishap (7)………………………
2. A very proper flower (8)……………………
3. Sounds like a herd of sheep (5)……………..
4. Kept in a warehouse (5)……………………
5. This saves you (5)………………………..
6. Sad sight at a dance (10)……………………
7. You will drop this quickly(3,3,5)…………………..
8. Vulpine hand warmer (8)………………….
9. Juggled spittle (6)………………………..
10. Hard working girl (4,6)………………………
11. Avalanche (8)…………………………
12. Turn A into E to get bike riders (8)……………
13. Delectable Bill (5,7)………………………..
14. Kentish campanologists like these (10,5)………….
15. Country of car drivers (9)……………………..
16. Sugary pulse (5,3)………………………..
17. Followed by Kings (4,2,9)………………………
18. I hear I'm on my way here almost (9)…………….
19. Mythical beast chased by a ginger biscuit (10)………
20. Parisian dancers & railway have this in common (8)..
21. Hello Cynthia (8)………………………..
22. Fancy fierce feline (9)…………………..
23. Canine stood up (3,4)………………………..
24. Saffron Factory (6)………………………
25. Avaricious mother's advice to daughter (8)…………
26. She never goes into the hills (4,2,3,6)……………
27. Said to a departing sweetheart (6,2,3)……………..
28. Sanguineous sign of a shattered heart (4,4,8)………..
29. You are in it when you are well (4)………………
30. Blue or green dilly dilly (8)…………………..
31. Grandad needs a shave (3,4,5)…………………..
32. Flower for an Archangel (10,5)………………..
33. Sounds like my home is losing water (5,4)………..
34. Naancy or Mary (5)……………………..
35. Looking for an Orc? Hidden one here (6)……………
36. Erica's alias (7)………………………
37. Foggy passion (4,2,1,4)…………………..
38. Flying around in Eden (4,2,8)………………..
39. Not a sour pasture (11)…………………
40. Sounds like neither past nor present (7)………….

That lot should set the grey matter churning. I am still stuck on five of them (5,17,18,20,32).
Answers published when I receive them.   *Ed.*

Social Distancing Yorkshire Style

Men Are Just Happy People

What do you expect from such simple creatures?. Your last name stays put, The garage is all yours,Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can never get pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park.

Car mechanics tell you the truth. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Wrinkles add character.

People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them. New shoes don't cut, blister or mangle your feet. One mood all the time. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. You know stuff about tanks.

A five day holiday requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Your underwear is £8.95 for a three-pack. Two pairs of shoes are more than enough. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades You only have to shave your face and neck

You can play with toys all your life. One wallet and one pair of shoes - one colour for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes. No wonder men are happier!

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CATastrophe

The following test was developed as a mental age assessment by the School of Psychiatry at Harvard University. Take your time and see if you can read each line out loud without a mistake. Thye average person over 50 years of age cannot do it.

1. This is this cat.
2. This is is cat
3. This is how cat.
4. This is to cat
5. THIS IS KEEP CAT.
6. This is an cat.
7. This is old cat.
8. This is person cat.
9. This is busy cat.
10. This is for cat.
11. This is fourty cat
12. This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read the third word in each line from the top down.
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