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The month of March has just blown in,
To say that Spring will soon begin.
March roars in like a lion, with bluster and a slam!
And tiptoes out gently like a quiet little lamb

March Facts

*March was known as Hyda, or Lide in Old English which means loud. This was referring to the March winds which were considered very noisy.

*It was on 15th March 44BC that Julius Caesar was assassinated in the Senate chamber in Rome - the assassination was led by Marcus Julius Brutus.

*The flower of March is the daffodil and the birthstone is aquamarine.

*It was in March 1889 that the Eiffel Tower was officially opened to the public. It was the tallest building in the world for 41 years before being surpassed by the Chrysler Building.

*Alexander Graham Bell made the first ever phone call on 10 March. He called his assistant and said "Mr Watson, come here. I want to see you"

*It was on 27 March 1886 that Coca-Cola was developed. The original formula included a small amount of cocaine to give the drinker a bit of a buzz.

*Famous people born in the month of March include Albert Einstein, Vincent Van Gogh, Daniel Craig, Justin Bieber and Bruce Willis.

Something To Look Forward To

Philip has booked our Allara Christmas Lunch for the 16th December at the Cornwallis Suite again.

Those of us 'Old Hands' who are regulars will know how much we enjoy this occasion, and new members are in for a treat.

We are optimistic that by then these current conditions will have passed into the realms of "Do you remember when.....?"

'Amazon' Scam

I have had a plague of phone calls with a recorded message in a dodgy American accent saying "your Amazon order £300.97 will debit your account in 24 hrs. Press 1 to rectify or 2 to cancel. This will undoubtedly be connected to a premium rate line where you would be asked for your bank details so that the amount could be credited. Or to be more precise, so they can milk a few hundred quid from your account! One phone number this morning was 07476009991. All 0747 codes are fake numbers and should never be answered.

It grieves me to think that these foreign scum bags are members of the human race, but definitely born out of wedlock. These slime balls are crafty. I add these call numbers to the blacklist, but they call again on a different number. Surely with today's technology the authorities could trace the source & apply pest control on these vermin. My fervent wish is that a monstrous helping of Hellfire and Brimstone awaits these specimens of putrescent excrement! *Niggled Nigel*

A Day In Lockdown

Here we are in Lockdown once again,
And every day is much the same.
Eating it seems punctuates our day
Helping to while the hours away.
It's up for breakfast between eight and nine
This sees us through to coffee time.
Then onwards to lunch between one and two
What's for dinner then we'll review.
A cup of tea later to keep hydrated
Then later to dinner to keep us both sated.

Of course we go for a walk in between,
For doing our exercise must be seen,
As we smile, and wave but keep our distance,
To prove to our neighbours, we're still in
existence!
Occasional phone calls with family, and friends.
A few hours of TV until the day ends.
Then off to bed to read books for a while,
And another day over we reflect with a smile.
So this is how our days are spent,
And from me the occasional poetic lament .
'Til we've all had the vaccine to keep COVID
away,
For the foreseeable future this is our typical day.

Christine Kemp (Hempstara)

Take A Dip- Name The Seasides

1. Dark pond
2. Spoil entrance
3. Wide steps
4. Punch up
5. Gloomy Cathedral
6. Dish out
7. People brick
8. Sloping beach
9. Notice motorcar
10. Prepare barrier for painting.

You drop something when you were younger,
you just pick it up.
When you're older, you drop something, you
stare at it for a bit contemplating if you actually
need it anymore.

I thought I saw a light at the end of the tunnel.
Unfortunately it was just France.
How disappointing!

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Unwanted Phone Calls

We seem to get more and more unwanted phone
calls these days. Often when I ask, I am told the
call is from India. The immediate reaction is to
put the phone down.

But with a bit of thought you can put the caller to
some inconvenience. Firstly you say "Mr (Mrs)
is upstairs at the moment, please hold on." Then
put the phone down if possible near a radio
playing music. Only when the phone emits a
beeping sound should you then hang up.

Silent Callers.

Do you get phone calls when no one is there?
This is a technique used to ascertain what is the
best time to call you, - it's a machine at the other
end.

What can you do? Immediately hit the # button
several times. This confuses the machine and
knocks your number out of their system.

John Foster

Nothing changes over 15 years does it? I think
Niggled Nigel would agree.

Ed.

To Brighten A Dull Start To The Year

- * Why can a King rule a Kingdom but a Queen
cannot rule a Queendom?
- * Why can a woman be a vision but not a sight?
- * If they make olive oil from olives, what do they
make baby oil from?
- * You know you are a senior citizen when....
- * You get out of breath when you play cards.
- * You need glasses to find your glasses.
- * The only names in your little red book start
with Dr.
- * The gleam in your eye is the sun shining on
your glasses.



Seaside Answers

1. Blackpool
2. Margate
3. Broadstairs
4. Battle
5. Dymchurch
6. Deal
7. Folkestone
8. Camber Sands
9. Seaford
10. Sandgate