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January 2021 Wanted Poster

***Happy New Year to You,
Well, what a strange Christmas it was
for everyone.***

We spent Christmas afternoon with most of the family. All in all there were 20 of us at home raising a glass to Christmas and the New Year. Don't worry! This was not in breach of the rules as we were all at our respective homes in Italy and England, and speaking via zoom!(Had you going though didn't I!)

Sharing Christmas with loved ones and friends is in all of our DNA. It goes against everything we hold dear to be separated during this period and that is what made this Christmas the toughest yet.

During the last nine months our emotions have been tested to the limit, none more so than at Christmas. It has to be said that even the tiniest of things was guaranteed to trigger a response. I am sure we were not alone in shedding a tear at the stupidest of Christmas films or loveliest dance on Strictly, let alone a conversation with loved ones. (Children were guaranteed to produce a tear or two!)

So be rest assured, you are not alone and do your very best to 'Hang In There!' for just a little while longer.

All the indications are that we are turning the corner but, we must remember to be on our guard for a few months yet. This new strain of Covid seems to be much more virulent and is

causing much concern so don't ease back on the cautions you are taking. Easter seems to be the time that most envisage that we will be something like back to normal.

We will all be so glad to see the back of 2020 and we are sure that we will welcome in 2021 with open arms and fingers crossed!

Late Starters

Are you, like us, ending the day a lot later but more importantly, starting the day a lot, lot later than you did? For all of us not in employment, and I know we are not alone, time appears to have stood still.

There are the odd times when getting up at a reasonable hour is important. Opening the door to the postman to take in a package, or being awake enough to pay the window cleaner is a must. However, having the double glazing salesman telephoning before 10am and waking us from a lovely dream is just uncalled for!

I confess that we have never really been early risers since we moved from the real world into line dancing! But we do appear to have taken to falling out of bed after 10am like a duck takes to water!

How about you? Have you moved from a ritual of early rising to the twilight lockdown world where for the most part, time is unimportant?

What will happen when we all return to the normal world clock?

Most importantly please remember. We love to hear from you but, if it's a telephone call you are making, after 10.30am would be preferred!

Please !

***It Wasn't Santa Knocking
on Our Door Christmas Eve***

***Just as we entered a deep sleep on
Christmas Eve there came a
banging on our front door!
(Honest!)***

At 1am the doorbell rang and someone was banging on our front door. Half asleep we went to the front door and, with the safety chain on I opened it. Standing in front of me was a young lady of about 25 wearing no shoes and wearing no coat. 'Please let me in, he's after me, going to kill me!' she pleaded. I felt I didn't have a choice so opened the door and she dived inside and closed the door behind herself. She sat down on the front door mat and said 'I won't cause any trouble, I'll just sit here'.

I told Lavinia to ring 999 and get the police which she did. Lavinia gave the police our address and I gave the telephone to the girl and told her to tell them what happened. She was totally incoherent so I took the telephone from her. Whilst I spoke with the police the girl stood up mumbled something about getting to her mothers place. She then opened the door and fled!

The police arrived but after a lot of searching they couldn't find her. Lavinia and I, after a cup of tea, retired to bed at about 2am Christmas morning. We have heard nothing since but have written to Barnet police in the hope of hearing something.

My belief is that it was a scam and the act of telephoning the police straight away stopped whatever scam was due to take place. So be aware!

If you don't know the person standing on your doorstep, don't open the door! AND call the police straight away.

In the meantime if we hear anything, we'll let you know.

***Do You Remember
Line Dancing?***

Apparently this was something of a big hit in the 1990's and continued to be something of a joyous pursuit taken up by millions up until the beginning of 2020!

There is a strong indication that after something like close to a year it is due for a revival in the spring of 2021.

We are sure that the millions that did line dance are looking forward to its return. From what we have read, line dancing means that individuals take up their place on the dance floor, in lines, and perform the same dance routine.

There are thousands of different dance routines and thousands of pieces of music that are danced to. Just how individuals are able to remember these routines has baffled scientists for years! We also understand that there were institutions called 'clubs' which dancers used to belong to and these clubs had 'teachers'. Incredible as it seems, these 'teachers' actually taught all of these dance routines from written scripts! I know what you are thinking, 'These so called teachers must be geniuses', and maybe you are right.

Anyhow, we are sure everyone will look forward to seeing how this all pans out. Will teachers and dancers remember any of these routines once they return to the dance floor? Only time will tell!

Stay Safe

Happy New Year

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Lavinia & Mick***

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***Last Dances Taught
So long ago we can't remember!***