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After relatively mild winter months in January and February it comes as a bit of shock to hear snow is on the way...as we were told on Monday. We can expect a cold start to the month. Reference to records show snow has fallen over the years between September 27th and May 7th, the extreme dates for this country. On the average the month with most snow from records has been November with an average of 2.3 cms.

So perhaps we will have to wait awhile for spring to come along and have first some snow. We will have wait awhile for buds breaking in the hedgerows with their points of green and the larch wood taking on a new colour.

Regardless of the climate and the weather, March has days of commemoration. We have thought about David for Wales, Chad for Lichfield in the first days of the Month. Important dates to come include Saint Patrick of Ireland, March 17th. There is respect and commemorations for Patrick divided between Catholics and Protestants with the green of the national flag symbolising the Gaelic political and social order of Catholic side and the orange, the Protestant followers of William of Orange generally found in Northern Ireland. Irish the world over celebrate St Patrick's Day.

Finally, hopefully to bind all thinking with love Mothers come to our minds. Mothering Sunday (the traditional name but often called by the American name Mothers' Day) falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent, which is March 19th this year. Finally on March 25th Lady Day or the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary one of the four traditional Quarter Days. Bills had to be settled that day, farm workers and servants were employed from one Lady Day to the next. Like so many things which have become somewhat forgotten. Perhaps we will look at those two days again next week!

So, we remember various aspects of March, some harmonious, some not, but nature progresses with the year forever giving us an opportunity to remember we all live in the concept of nature, being with us all the year round.

We often think about being together, supporting each other... reflect we all share the same whatever the weather.