

March 2024

Remember to
wash your hands



Laugh

- Why did the leprechaun go outside?
To sit on his paddy-o
- What type of bow cannot be tied?
A rainbow
- What is a leprechaun's favorite type of music?
Sham-rock 'n' roll
- What do ghosts drink on St. Patrick's Day?
BOOs
- What do you call an Irish spider?
Paddy long legs
- What does it mean when you find a horseshoe?
Some poor horse is going barefoot



THE ORIGIN OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Saint Patrick was actually British.

Although he's one of Ireland's most celebrated figures, Patrick was born around the year 390 in what is now England, Scotland or Wales. He was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

His real name was Maewyn Succat.

Yes, you read that correctly. Maewyn Succat was his name until he changed it to Patrick when he became a bishop.

March 17 is not Saint Patrick's birthday.

St. Patrick's Day observers who might have thought they were celebrating the saint's birthday will be surprised to learn that March 17, 461 AD is actually the day he died.

It used to be a dry holiday.

St. Patrick's Day was considered a religious holiday in Ireland for most of the 20th century so all pubs would close on March 17th. Once it became a national holiday in 1970, everything changed, and pubs became a go-to spot for many to celebrate 🍺

Everyone should be wearing blue, not green.

Blue was actually the color that was most associated with Patrick and green was considered unlucky. Blue is still considered symbolic of Ireland. Historically, green has been the color that's been linked to a series of Irish rebellions that took place in order to gain independence from the English crown. The color stuck once waves of Irish immigrants made their home in America and began wearing green and carrying the Irish flag to show their pride for their home country.

There are no female leprechauns.

Ever wonder why you've never seen a lady leprechaun? The answer is: They don't exist! There has been no record of female leprechauns and what's even more interesting is that leprechauns are considered to be part of the fairy family. Some have even said that leprechauns are the rejected fairies who have been ousted by the fairy community, which explains why they're usually described as grouchy creatures who are prone to mischief

What is Commonwealth Day?

The 56 member countries of the Commonwealth, including Canada, celebrate Commonwealth Day every year on the second Monday in March.

History of Commonwealth Day in Canada

In 1973, the National Council in Canada of the Royal Commonwealth Society suggested in a letter to Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau that the idea of Commonwealth Day to be observed simultaneously throughout the Commonwealth. In 1975, the heads of Government agreed that the Commonwealth Secretariat be asked to select a date for such an observance that would not have any untoward historical connotations. At the meeting of senior officials in Canberra in May 1976, the Canadian proposal that the second Monday in March be set as Commonwealth Day was adopted. Until 1977, it was the practice in Canada to observe Commonwealth Day on an ad hoc basis in conjunction with Victoria Day (a statutory holiday), also by proclamation the day for the celebration of the Sovereign's birthday.



Life is March weather, savage
and serene in one hour.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

