## Astrology of March 2025



## Overview of March 2025

We start the month with all planets direct after Mars was the last planet to end its retrograde five days before, but we now have Venus, Mar's feminine counterpart, stationary and preparing to go retrograde on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mercury enters its shadow on 1<sup>st</sup> as it will go retrograde on 15<sup>th</sup>. These two are faster moving planets whose retrogrades are only a few weeks long and both will go direct in early April leaving all planets direct again until early May when Pluto is the first of the outer planets to turn retrograde.

March is an important and potent month, bringing us the first of this year's eclipses at the Full Moon (a total Lunar Eclipse) on 14<sup>th</sup> and a New Moon and partial Solar Eclipse on 29<sup>th</sup>. What adds extra weight to these is that the Full Moon, a time of releasing, occurs with the Sun in Pisces (Moon in Virgo), almost at the end of the zodiac, representing a last releasing of some old energies and karmic patterns. We then have

the Spring Equinox on 20<sup>th</sup> March as the Sun enters Aries, which is not only the first sign of the zodiacal wheel but is also THE most important sign and energies of this year. The New Moon and Solar Eclipse then occur with the Sun in Aries at the beginning of the new cycle and the day after, Neptune enters Aries, one of two of the bigger, outer planets to do so this year.

The chart for 1<sup>st</sup> March has the Sun behind Saturn, Mercury, the North Node and Neptune, all in Pisces and ahead of those, we have Venus and Chiron in Aries. So the Sun meets and travels over each of the others over the next few weeks and with Venus and Mercury both going retrograde, they will pass back over the planets behind them and therefore the slower moving of this group, Saturn, the Nodes and Neptune will be passed over many times, activating them each time and evolving the energies that they are representing.

The energies of the Full Moon and Lunar Eclipse on 14<sup>th</sup> encourage leaving old chapters behind, embracing Higher guidance and becoming the Highest version of ourselves. The complementary New Moon and Solar Eclipse offers the opportunity to leave that old karma behind, to begin and write a new chapter, on a fresh page, with fresh ink!

Look for the light shining through any darkness that is being presented. Keep your energies as clear and high as possible, find and stay true to your inner truth and knowing.

## Daily astrology of March 2025

Venus, the feminine archetype of the chart will be very slow and becoming stationary on 1<sup>st</sup> March as it goes retrograde on 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mars its masculine counterpart is only just gathering pace after turning direct on 24<sup>th</sup>. Over the next month of Venus' retrograde, this masculine/feminine, yin/yang, aggression/diplomacy, war/peace balance will be presented to us both externally and internally. Venus is associated with relationships and often thought of as the planet of love but she is much more.

Venus retrograde will help us to re-evaluate our personal, close connections, our finances, what we value and our self-worth and it is an important time to look more deeply at these areas of our life and to reassess our own, internal feminine nature. Does it need rebalancing against the masculine Mars?

On 1<sup>st</sup> Venus is also making a niggly connection to the Sun whilst Mercury passes over the North Node, therefore opposing the South Node. This combination will make the energies sticky, for want of a better word; niggly, is another, whilst the involvement of the Nodes adds a karmic element and it will be important to watch our thoughts and that we don't give into despair, hopelessness or helplessness. It will be difficult to discern the truth and we are being encouraged to foster compassion, empathy and forgiveness and not to get lost in worry or idealism.



Venus goes retrograde on 2<sup>nd</sup> March as Mercury passes over Neptune before reaching the last degree of Pisces and the Sun has a challenging aspect with Jupiter which tends to amplify, enlarge and exaggerate whatever else is going on. In particular we need to be aware of the potential for gossip and of a lack of clarity and truth and again we might feel despair, helplessness or hopeless which Jupiter will magnify. Whatever external factors are affecting us, we are the masters of our mind and when we feel that everything is out of our control and fear threatens to overwhelm us, we CAN control our responses and our thoughts.

Now is the optimum time to learn to meditate if you don't already and to increase it if you already do, or find other positive activities that get you out of thinking. Find something that occupies your mind and stops you thinking about anything else. A friend recently described how he was gifted a Lego kit and got completely absorbed in finding the right piece, working out what went where and how; that's the sort of energy I'm trying to describe. Creating something can solely occupy the brain and give it a break from thinking. Or maybe try doing some mindful mandala work. We are all unique and have to find what works for us. Just don't let the mind get out of control or start catastrophising.

Also notice old energies ripe for release and where you are keen to end a negative cycle, then employ your spiritual toolbox to let these go. Mercury enters Aries on 3<sup>rd</sup>, joining Venus, already retrograding back through this spontaneous, courageous and pioneering Fire sign that is a natural initiator. Ruled by Mars, its fiery nature can be quick to arise and equally quick to dissipate and no sooner in the mind, than it can be out of the mouth with Mercury ruling the mind and communication. Aries likes to move fast and take action and can get impatient with anyone or anything that tries to slow it down or get in its way. Anger can erupt when frustration builds and doesn't find a more healthy outlet and the more negative expressions are likely to come to the fore as Mercury increasingly slows, from 10<sup>th</sup> until it retrogrades on 15<sup>th</sup>.

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Mercury makes a potentially helpful connection with Pluto, the planet associated with power and control on 5<sup>th</sup> and with Mercury's retrograde, this will be repeated on 25<sup>th</sup> when Mercury is retrograde and 20<sup>th</sup> April when direct again, so whatever arises on this day will spell out a theme that will be evolving and we can rework during that period.

The waxing half Moon is on 6<sup>th</sup>, with the growing Moon making a testing connection to the Sun and giving us the opportunity to check on what we initiated or wished for at the New Moon (28<sup>th</sup> Feb). This connection reinforces the need to watch the mind, stick to facts, find your own truth and don't get caught in gossip. Remember that very few people buy newspapers these days and so online sources need to catch our

attention and find ways to get us to 'click' to their pages and there are many ways they do this through sensationalist language, to giving vague headlines that make us want to know who or where or by triggering human curiosity. We could probably all benefit from cutting down on technology usage, helping to keep our minds as healthy as possible.

Take note of what makes you click, what draws your attention, what are the underlying drivers and 'need to know'? Is it fuelled by fear? That is one of the big baits that is used and can catch us up in a dangerous spiral that feeds on itself. Spot the cycle and then try to decrease it, if not stop it all together.

Neptune has just reached the last degree of Pisces, a potent point at the very last degree of the zodiac. It first reached this point way back on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 and almost entered Aries but went retrograde at 29° 55" Pisces on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. So it is now recovering that territory and this time will go in to Aries on 30<sup>th</sup>, a major change

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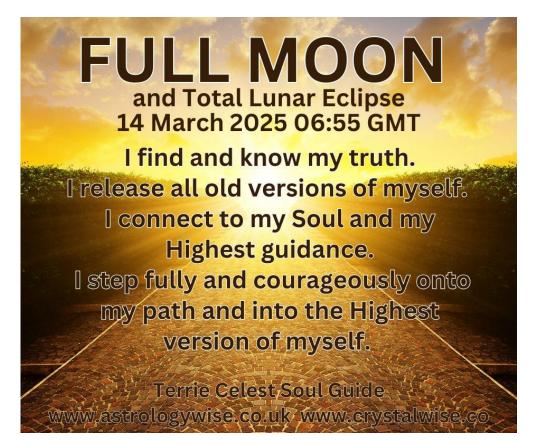
Mars, now direct and retracing its steps, makes a lovely trine to the Sun on 8<sup>th</sup> and offers the opportunity to see the more positive, empowering and motivating energies of Mars, rather than its warrior, angry, combative, competitive and defensive nature. Both in Water signs, this can bring a positive flow of emotions and intuition and increase our inner knowing. Mars, in Cancer, encourages us to practise positive self-care but doesn't take the direct route, and can move in a sideways motion, reminiscent of its symbol the crab, so don't be surprised if you take the scenic or indirect route in whatever you attempt today. Enjoy the scenery, don't let any frustration arise and trust that you will get to where you need to get, albeit not in the way you expected!

As we edge towards the Full Moon and Lunar Eclipse early on 14<sup>th</sup> we also have Mercury slowing and this will add some background tension to the connections we have on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Firstly on 11<sup>th</sup>, the Sun and Chiron niggle whilst retrograde Venus travels back over slowing Mercury and this will emphasise the need to employ the positive nature of their current Aries energy (see previous posts).

And building to exact on 12<sup>th</sup>, we have the Sun crossing over Saturn. Normally, this can help to bring stability and order, but Pisces nature is nebulous, spiritual and can highlight idealism and escapism. Fear is associated with Saturn too and that could be our default reaction to what the karmic elements of 11<sup>th</sup> bring up for us which could include feeling that we aren't valued or that our values aren't important to others. Can Mercury help us to find the courage to speak up? Old wounds of feeling alone or unsupported could also arise.

Uncertainty in general, including around finances could bring up some old fear or 'lack of' energies.

This is an unstable, uncertain, unclear energy and if we can tap into Saturn's positive influence, together with the Sun they can help to stabilise and ground our worries and to help us to see the bigger picture. Trust will likely be tested, also our faith that all will turn out for our highest good.



The Full Moon on 14<sup>th</sup> is also a total Lunar Eclipse, visible across Canada and USA (see timeanddate.com for more info). The Sun is in Pisces and the eclipsed Moon in Virgo. Eclipses occur when the Nodes, which are points rather than planets, align with the Sun and Moon and with this Lunar Eclipse we have the Moon and South Node close, so the North Node is close to the Sun.

Focus is clearly on the Moon and South Node here which together represent old karma, our old, default ways of responding and reacting, old patterns that we are trying to change. They show us the old karma that has been repeating for way too long. old energies that we want to release, whilst the Sun and North Node show us what to aim for, what we are trying to embrace.

Occurring towards the end of Pisces this position further emphasises the need to end old cycles of karma and to release whatever is appropriate for us, before the end of the astrological calendar. The new cycle begins on 20<sup>th</sup> March at the Spring Equinox and the Sun will then be in initiating Aries, so the complementary New Moon and Solar Eclipse will be in that sign, bringing in fresh energies both with the New Moon and the new sign at the start of the zodiac.

So now is definitely the time to release and let go of the old, to bring old cycles to a close before we begin anew.

Uranus offers help here, making a connection to both the Sun and Moon, suggesting that it is trying to shake things up, to help us to release and change what is outdated and past its sell-by date. Neptune rules Pisces where it has resided for a few years now, subtly influencing the energies in its nebulous way, making the truth difficult to discern beneath its mists but this can be revealed once those evaporate, together with idealism, romanticism and naivety. Now, for the second time, it sits right at the end of Pisces, the last degree of the zodiac, inching towards Aries.

One of Neptune's gifts is that of connection to the spiritual realms, of gaining a greater sense of the world and a more cosmic perspective. It can enhance our intuition and spiritual abilities and this Full Moon can help to awaken latent psychic talents, to reawaken our true Soul nature and generally lift us out of mundane limitations that are holding us back.

With Mercury stationary, preparing to go retrograde 24hrs later, it will be very tempting to feel that things are static, if not going backwards. Frustration will all too readily build into anger and if it does, thank it for showing up then add it to your list of things to release during the retrograde. Don't allow yourself to be drawn into the past - it is vital to keep our focus on what needs to be done, where we want to be and to dream and envision our new future. Mercury's retrograde will give us the opportunity to revise and fine tune our plans but won't stop us walking forwards, unless we let it.

Change won't happen by itself and we have to be prepared to identify and implement changes, to get out of our comfort zone, take action and step into those new energies on the horizon. That's the next chapter, just around the corner. Clear those closets, make room, release and get your running shoes dusted off.

Here is a suggested affirmation:-

I find and know my truth.

I release all old versions of myself.

I connect to my Soul and my Highest guidance.

I step fully and courageously onto my path and into the Highest version of myself.

## MERCURY RETROGRADE March/April 2025

15th March Mercury goes retrograde at 9° Aries

30th March retrogrades back into Pisces

7th April turns direct at 26° Pisces

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Mercury's first retrograde of the year begins at 06:46 GMT on 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9° Aries, a point that is being activated several times. Venus went retrograde at 10° and passed back over Mercury at 8-9° on 11<sup>th</sup>, now two weeks later Mercury retrogrades at 9° and the New Moon and Solar Eclipse on 29<sup>th</sup> is also at 9°. So if you have your natal chart, I suggest checking for anything around 8-10° Aries.

Mercury will retrograde back into Pisces on 30<sup>th</sup>, the day after the New Moon and eclipse, so it will be right back at the beginning of Aries in that chart, adding to the potency. Mercury goes back to 26° Pisces before turning direct on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Once retrograde it takes some time to pick up momentum again so will still be slow as we lead up to the Equinox and as the Sun passes over the North Node, opposing the South Node on 17<sup>th</sup> and then over Neptune, right at the end of Pisces on 19<sup>th</sup>. These connections are helping to bring old cycles to an end but the Neptune contact could increase idealism, lack of clarity and truth and bring out narcissistic personality traits. If we fully embrace these energies and find their positive blend, they will continue what we started at the Full Moon and after releasing old traits, help us to step into more spiritual and Higher service, awaken latent psychic talents and increase our intuition, imagination and creativity.

Watch where the mind is trying to take you and steer it firmly back onto a positive track. Don't listen to its negativity and employ one of Aries skills, that of being in the moment.

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The chart for the Spring Equinox, this year on 20<sup>th</sup> March, marking the point at which the Sun enters Aries, considered to be the beginning of the astrological year, sets the energies for the coming year as well as for this next astrological season which takes us through Aries, Taurus and Gemini, up to the Summer Solstice on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

What does it bring us?

A quick summary would be to say, a mixture of the old and the new. The promise of new beginnings, a new chapter, a new order, stepping into Higher service but with a lot of revision still going on. Freedom of expression will be vital and 'freedom' itself, will be an important word. Massive rebalancing of masculine and feminine is very much work in progress and in particular, the masculine is being rewritten and we must avoid falling into its negative expressions such as anger and doing battle out of need to win and dominate. Whilst we might not always take the direct route, we will still be moving forwards and towards our Higher goals. Fire energy needs to be positively employed, to warm, motivate and encourage whilst we will need to know when to let go of resistance and surrender to what is, rather than fighting it. Fire consumes all that it touches and everything it touches is changed, giving birth to the phoenix rising from the ashes. This is true rebirth and chaos precedes true change.

So when we feel that all is lost, hopeless or we feel helpless, take yourself back to the now, to the moment and just be. Find your inner courage, your inner pioneering spirit to keep that flame and vision of a better future alive. Know which battles to fight and which to let go.

On 21<sup>st</sup>, retrograde Venus makes a potentially helpful connection with Pluto, the planet of transformation as well as power and control. With Venus being the feminine archetype in the chart, we might notice instances where the feminine is disempowered or if we are a female, when we feel disempowered. Maybe old memories of when this has happened will surface offering the opportunity to think back over how that might have happened, what we would do differently now, reminding us of how we have grown, emotionally and spiritually. Venus is in its counterpart Mars' home sign of Aries, showing us imbalances between masculine and feminine or how our personal expression might me a bit heavy on the masculine side.

This is quite common these days, as so many females have to take on male attributes to be accepted in roles that were traditionally masculine and also, for example, when women become single parents and feel that they have to be 'strong'. This is an opportunity to review this and to maybe accept more of our softer, more vulnerable, softer feminine nature, which is not a sign of weakness. Divine feminine is extremely powerful!

On 23<sup>rd</sup> the Sun will make this same connection to Pluto as Venus passes back over the Sun and that will evolve these energies, help us to express them and to better embrace them.

A half Moon, the midway point between a New and Full Moon is always a testing point for any intentions that we set then. This one, a waning half Moon on 22<sup>nd</sup> has extra weight due to being the half Moon between two eclipses, a period that can feel quite odd, unsettling or uncertain, as if we know there is something going on in the background but don't know what! The Sun is now in Aries whereas it was still in Pisces at the Full Moon and Lunar Eclipse on 14<sup>th</sup>. Mercury has since gone retrograde and this combination of factors adds encouragement to continue releasing whatever we feel relates to old versions of ourselves and to embrace our spiritual nature and abilities.

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Retrograde Venus passes back over the Sun on 23<sup>rd</sup> as the Sun makes the same connection to Pluto that Venus made on 21<sup>st</sup>, meaning that this will evolve those energies and should help us to better embrace and express ourselves. Venus's associations include close connections (relationships), finances, self-worth and values and as the feminine archetype of the chart, can show us those and highlight our own feminine nature.

On 24<sup>th</sup> Mercury, also retrograde, passes back over the Sun and I was interested to notice that the Sun, very unusually, doesn't make anymore connections until 6<sup>th</sup> April, the day before Mercury goes direct.

The Sun in Aries brings an active, motivated, energetic, spontaneous energy that is very much in the moment. Independent and self-sufficient, this sign doesn't suffer fools gladly. It's speed manifests through Mercury in a quick mind but no sooner can a thought enter the head, then it is out through the mouth and impetuousness and not stopping to look before they leap, or think before they speak can cause some scorch marks! Aries quickly forgets what it has said, the fire passes straight through, but those on the receiving end might take a while to recover from the unexpected verbal heat that hit them!

These are things to be aware of, alongside impatience, frustration and anger as they are most likely to brew and manifest in this stage of Mercury's cycle. Don't let things fester in your mind and grow to the point where they explode out, unchecked. Employ some diplomacy and tact and take some time to think before speaking in anger.

Mercury will then pass on to make the same connection to Pluto as Venus and the Sun just have and we must seek out Pluto's transformational qualities and not fall into its power and control traps. These are empowering connections if we tap into the energies and use them positively.

There is a testing connection between Mars and Chiron on 26<sup>th</sup> and this is the third of three, with the previous two being way back on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 when Mars was direct but Chiron retrograde (Pluto went direct the day before), then in Mars's retrograde but with Chiron direct they connected on 4<sup>th</sup> February and now they are both direct. Hopefully we can now get some resolution to the karmic wound that would have been triggered including disempowerment or de-motivation scenarios that have been leading us to practise more self-care and to rebalance masculine and feminine energies. This last quality is reflected on this day by Venus, Mars's feminine counterpart being back at zero degrees of Aries, so the very beginning of the zodiac. In effect, Mars is in a feminine energy (Cancer, ruled by the Moon) and Venus is in Mars' masculine home of Aries, so there will probably be some disruption and imbalance before we can rebalance these two complementary, not opposing, forces.

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On 27<sup>th</sup>, Venus retrogrades back into Pisces and immediately makes contact with Neptune which rules that sign and is at its last degree. The 29<sup>th</sup> degree of any sign is potent and can act like a condensed example of all the signs qualities presented to you in one last opportunity to experience them before the change into the next sign. It can be seen as the sum of all the experiences of that sign too, so there is much wisdom to be gained.

Last year, Neptune reached this point, poised to enter Aries but then turned retrograde. This time it carries on into Aries on 30<sup>th</sup> March as Mercury follow Venus' lead and goes in the opposite direction to Neptune, retrograding from Aries back into Pisces. Neptune only goes a little into this new sign and will also return to Pisces during its retrograde, as will Saturn later in the year and with all this toing and froing, this is why I have said that this point at the end/beginning of the zodiac is key this year.

Like we had when Pluto went over the end of Capricorn and beginning of Aquarius several times, the change of signs and fresh energies bring renewed hope and the promise of change and positive movement forwards, but then we go back into the previous sign again to finish off some old business, change what we realise wasn't in order and needs adjustment before we continue. Aries can bring such excitement and sense of speed and impetuousness that planning rarely takes place. The best analogy I can think of right now is that of excited children jumping out of the car when they finally reach the beach. *Yay, let's go and play*! they shout and run towards it and then they realise that they were in such a hurry that they left their swimming gear, buckets and spade in the car, so they have to go back and get them and then they can really make the most of the opportunity. Not a strong astrological analogy but it's what I'm getting now so I will share in the hope that it helps somehow!

Venus going back into Pisces will highlight self-sacrifice, idealism, nostalgia and confusion around relationships and finances. These can all be reviewed and adjusted to better suit the new energies and our future when she moves forward again.

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28<sup>th</sup> brings the dark of the Moon before the New Moon and Solar Eclipse on 29<sup>th</sup>, with Mercury retrograded back to the beginning of Aries. Before entering Aries to meet it at the New Moon, the Moon will first pass over retrograde Venus and then Neptune both at the last degree of Pisces, again highlighting this potent point. With the Sun being eclipsed at the New Moon, it is the Moon's energies and the past that dominate.

These factors make it important to watch what is brewing in our minds. What are we chewing on, what is bothering us, what is making us frustrated or angry? Aries is a feisty fire sign that will act impulsively and Mars's influence can quickly give rise to anger. It is the planet of action, motivation, the warrior planet, competitive and needing to win. This is archetypally masculine and can be seen in situations where males face up to one another and before you know it, a fight has erupted.

Knowing when to fight and which battles are worth fighting, controlling anger and finding more peaceful and diplomatic ways of sorting out differences is something many people work on in their lifetime. And if this spills out onto the collective in some way, then obviously it can turn ugly as it gains momentum, with instinct and impulse fuelling action and this is a possibility to be aware of, with Pluto's rebellious position having been triggered with recent contacts. There is also, brewing in an undercurrent, a connection between Saturn and Uranus which is the ruler of Aquarius and the planet of revolutionary change.

This Aries energy brings fuel, but will it be ignited? Fire can warm and encourage, it can also scorch and burn.



The New Moon and Solar Eclipse on 29<sup>th</sup> March occurs at 9° Aries, a point in the chart that has already been activated by Venus and Mercury going retrograde and Venus passing back over Mercury in between those. Mercury has now retrograded back to 0° Aries, the very beginning of the zodiac whilst Neptune is right at the end of the zodiac at 29°58" Pisces and particularly potent as it is in its own sign. (It enters Aries on 30<sup>th</sup>). Retrograde Venus has just passed back over Neptune and is close to the North Node.

As I mentioned in the previous post, with the Sun eclipsed, the Moon's energies dominate here and it is vital that we watch what our minds are dwelling and stewing on. Anger and impetuousness both in speech and action need to be tempered with compassion, thoughtfulness and consideration. If angry words jump into our minds they need to be slowed and filtered, we need to pause and think about the damage they could do and whether it needs to be said, and if so, if we can phrase it more kindly and sympathetically.

Can we pause, take a breath (or several) and take a more considered approach? This is the sign of the individual, of the Self, where we learn about ourselves and what the Self needs and wants. It also has at its heart, basic survival instincts that can surface when we feel under threat and can trigger fight or flight, most likely to be fight with this direct Aries energy, ruled by Mars, the warrior planet and the masculine archetype of the chart.

Something we must remember here is that we might not have all the facts and that what is being presented to us is actually rather vague and misleading. Is that deliberate, or just the nature of the beast?

A few hours after the eclipse, early on 30<sup>th</sup>, Mercury retrogrades back into Pisces where it passes back over Neptune literally right at the end of Pisces before it leaves Pisces and enters Aries later in the day. Neptune's sign change is a big astrological change as it is one of the outer, slower planets with a 165 year cycle (the time it takes to go around the zodiac, through all the signs) so it stays in a sign for approx.14 years.

Neptune and Aries aren't very compatible and it will be interesting to see how this unfolds. I did look up significant events from its previous visit there, which would have been the first time since it was discovered that it visited Aries and two days before it did so was the start of the US civil War which is pretty interesting giving all that is going on in that country atm. However, before we hit the panic button here, whilst there are factors that suggest that 'the people' could get rebellious and fight against power and control and limitations passed to them, we must always remember that no two moments in time are identical. The other planets will now be in different signs, bringing different energies and we most definitely live in different times. It is quite likely that the ripples and karmic debris from those times will bubble to the surface and might already have done so from the Full Moon and Lunar Eclipse.

What we very, very importantly need to remember, is that we do have power and we can make a change. We need to be the change that we want to see in the world and we have to write new chapters, on a fresh page, with fresh ink and not rewrite old karmic patterns.

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Times and dates based on GMT up to and including 30<sup>th</sup> March and BST from 31<sup>st</sup> March.