

Three Months - the Diary!

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Every year for the past decade I've sent out Christmas cards attempting to draw attention to the burgeoning False Allegations industry.

Very few people were interested. Even when Richard Webster published his incredible book *The Secret of Bryn Estyn* some years ago, most people couldn't be bothered to read it. Too long. Not enough time. What's for dinner?

In this increasingly superficial world, with slogan headlines and politics ruled by tabloid simplicity, instant gratification is the name of the game.

Even the wisest broadsheet editors and most serious media commentators and investigators simply can't be bothered unless a Lord McAlpine moment emerges ("it's a good story") that can give a few seconds of WOW Factor.

It's not malice. It's just so much easier NOT to consider whether the judicial system may be broken; the police may collude with media to increase target convictions; unscrupulous TV people may be prepared to blur the truth to get ratings.

Has anyone got the time or inclination to disbelieve false accusers? No. And why kill a good story?

So no Christmas card this year. Instead, a book. Cover photo of two Tunisians celebrating the success of the Arab Spring; man almost naked, woman swimming clad head to foot as fundamentalists insist.

The actual result of a fight for freedom. Hmm... a good story?

Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year. The paperback is available for £5 through Amazon.co.uk and it can also be downloaded for Kindle. Search for Three Months Jonathan King.

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