NUMERICAL RHYMES

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The end of the word CONTRAVENE rhymes with the end of ‘ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN’ (117). The alphabetical total (a=1, b=2 etc.) of CONTRAVENE is 117. That is the Numerical Rhymes game! I start off with numbers ending in ‘1’. The ‘seventies’...37, 47, 57 etc. were the least friendly, producing no well-known words. The relevant words are given in upper case.

31 everything is going well today, BON!
41 LON has vanished, he’s long GONE
51 the Trapps have appeared and they’re all VON
61 hurray, now at last the sun has SHONE!
71 they say he lives in Athens does TIMON
81 an onion with n — that’s NONION
91 a town in Derbyshire called ALFRETON
101 it’s gone beyond bounds, it’s OVERGONE

32 to a goose we’re alleged to say BOO!
42 the cleaning lady heads for the LOO
52 it’s really boiling hot today – PHEW!
62 their cud the cows always RECHEW
72 he who practices voodoo’s a HOODOO
82 it hops around, it’s a KANGAROO
92 an Indian curry dish called VINDALOO
102 Alaskan Indians are the HOOCHINOOK

33 it’s extremely small, it’s so WEE
43 Honda’s electric motorcycle, the OREE
53 the ground robin is called a JOREE
63 another bird is the CHICKADEE
73 Tensing’s sherpa was HILARY
83 near Oxford, UK is BANBURY
93 the outlaws practice BANDITRY
103 a 1920s hit show was ‘ROSE-MARIE’

34 he got a nasty punch on the JAW
44 it precedes things such as -head, it’s FORE
54 individual leaves have many a PORE
64 the POOR man uttered a loud GUFFAW
74 the theatre company went on TOUR
84 with Gilbert and Sullivan’s ‘PINAFORE’
94 legends and customs make up FOLKLORE
104 and we all ended up in SINGAPORE
it means ‘to deamen’, the word is DEIVE
another name for the ‘chive’ is SIVE
to commit, to perpetrate is BEDRIVE
flour dust was known as STIVE
alternatively ‘bedrive’ can be BYDRIVE
the daring young fellow took a SKY-DIVE
to thrive once more is simply RETHRIVE

selections of sweets are ‘pick and MIX’
some valuable items the burglar NICKS
among them sacred religious RELICS
an injection needle always PIRICKS
it’s a genus of plant, the TAMARIX
a comic book character is ASTERIX
they’re a must for teenagers - COSMETICS

the name of a fish, the chub, is CHEVEN
it means ‘to believe’, it’s ILEVEN
in days gone by, eleven was ENLEVEN
the expulsion from heaven is DISHEAVEN
the act of bailing a person is REPLEVEN
a poetic opposite of bereaved is UNBEREAVEN

hurry up, it’s getting so LATE
related by the father’s side, AGNATE
to delegate authority to is to MANDATE
there are hundreds of pages to COLLATE
as well as numbers to CALCULATE
there’s nothing we can ELIMINATE
where did it all ORIGINATE?
its all too much to ASSIMILATE

part of a flat-bottomed boat is the CHINE
to overdo frying or roasting is to CRINE
the couch potato ignores his dog’s WHINE
while he spends nearly all his time ONLINE
it’s a type of monkey a CATARHINE
it makes a hum, the wind TURBINE
like a snake or serpent is COLUBRINE
at last we can bask in the hot SUNSHINE

THE NAUGHTIES
‘you’ is represented by the poetical YE
an Old Norse mouthful of food is BITI
long ago ‘fifty’ was known as FIFTI!
‘jetty’, or jet black, used to be IEATY
these names have now gone, more is the PITY
he’s a retired business man now, a RETIREE
he to whom an allotment is made is an ALLOTTEE
THE TEENS
113  a partway floor, is a MEZZANINE
114  the driver has a very dirty WINDSCREEN
115  a complex steroid is ANDROSTENE
116  a derivative of resorcinol is HEXYLAMINE
117  the pop group arrived in a LIMOUSINE
118  their drummer also played the TAMBOURINE
119  an amino sugar called GLUCOSAMINE

Personne, croyez-vous, n'écoute ces chanteurs;
Eh bien, vous vous trompez : ils ont 12 auditeurs.