

# MADYSS Matters

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## Birthday Greetings

We say Happy Birthday this month to:

- Samantha Lakin
- Roger Smith

Our best wishes to each of you on your birthday, with a special mention for Sam who has reached her fifth decade!

## News of our Members

**Roger and Yvonne Smith** are now starting to get over a bad few weeks with various health issues. They are soon to have a new oil tank fitted in the garden and so have needed to empty a large shed "filled to the rafters" according to Yvonne. They had to decide what to keep, give to charity shops, grandchildren, neighbours, etc. Seven trips to the tip gives you some idea of how much stuff they had accumulated! A smaller shed will replace the present one so hence it was necessary to dispose of many goods.

Yvonne and Roger would both like to pass on their regards to members and wish everyone well.

**Ramala Bakaya** is staying safe and secure at Dystlegh Grange retirement home. She says that the manager, currently taking a well-deserved 2½ weeks' leave, is very good. All the staff have weekly tests and the residents are tested monthly for coronavirus. Fortunately, none of the residents has received a positive diagnosis. She is under the care of a cardiologist as had "sky high" blood pressure but treatment is now controlling it.

**Judy and Michael Fleming** have been able to spend a few days in the Lake District with their daughter, Michele. It is always nice to have a change of scene and no doubt it did both of them good.

**Kath Wilkinson** and **Jim Borggren** were also able to enjoy going away for a few days in North Wales. They stayed at a modern hotel on the Conway estuary. Of course, this was before the latest Wales lockdown!

## Christmas Lunch

It is with much regret that I have to inform members that, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have decided to cancel the Christmas lunch.

The chances of being allowed to hold the lunch are minimal, and we doubt whether many of you will want to take the risk to come to a big meeting even if it were permitted.

We are hoping to have an '**END TO PANDEMIC LUNCH**', God willing, sometimes next Spring or Summer.

Personally I am devastated. I was looking forward so much to a MADYSS get together, but I suppose one can't argue with reality.

Be safe and God bless.

Ike

## What a Joke!



## Caught in France

Reported by an English guy who was stopped and asked to give a breathalyser test. The English guy lived near Le Bugue in the Dordogne and when he was stopped he was as drunk as a Lord.

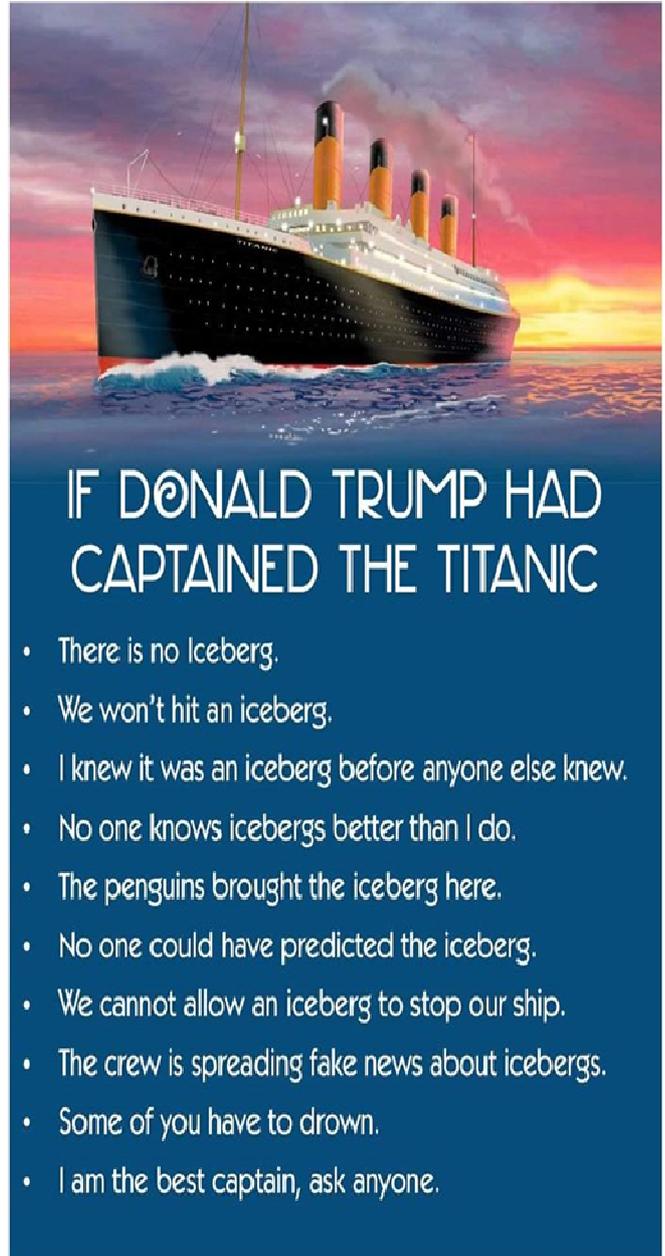
The gendarme signals to him to wind down the window then asks him if he has been drinking, and with a slurring speech the English guy replies, "Yes, this morning I was at my (hic) ... daughter's wedding, and as I don't like church much I went to the cafe opposite and had several beers. Then during the wedding banquet I seem to remember downing three great bottles of wine: (hic) ... a Corbieres, a Minervois and (hic) ... a Faugeres."

"Then to finish off during the celebrations ... and (hic) during the evening ... me and my mate downed two bottles of Johnny Walker's Black Label."

Getting impatient the gendarme warns him, "Do you understand I'm a policeman and have stopped you for an alcohol test?" The Englishman with a grin on his face replies: "Do you understand that I'm English, just like my car, and that my wife is sitting in the other seat, at the steering wheel?"

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As the U.S. Election is now just three days away on Tuesday 3 November, it seems an appropriate time to include a joke from a few months ago about President Trump's views!



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