

A MOVING TRIBUTE FROM WENDY SCRIVEN,

READ OUT AT SPRING DAY CELEBRATIONS 2021

I speak to you all on behalf of Pieter and his team of worker bees and all of us on this ship on this beautiful Spring Day. Our ship is called “MickPenBrit”!

We are all passengers and Michaela is our captain and Penny and Britta are her officers. The nursing staff and all the cleaners are hands-on sailors called “Masked Marvels”!

Well, they say psychologist’s rooms are booked to capacity already attending to people for counselling, but we are fortunate that we can just go to Michaela, Penny and Britta, our “built-in psychologists and secretary! They are both thoroughly versed in solving woes and complaints and listen to passengers all day long! Michaela listens to anxiety problems with yards of admin involved. I for instance needed new glasses and a new hearing aid. Michaela provided the bridging finance for the glasses, and I got the hearing aid buckshee! She says she has connections – well they are pretty wide, wise & wizard! Penny is the best doctor anyone could have and Britta acting as post-mistress and communications.

But our ship hit an iceberg called COVID-19, but Michaela, helped by Penny, managed to steer us clear of the treacherous shards of ice and dominating water and we managed to all stay on board and landed safely in port. With all sailors and passengers, hundreds of vaccines were given. No mean task, twice!

In the beginning I was tentative about male nurses attending to me, but soon realized how sensitive they are too and how very strong and obliging they are. My good friend Barbara reminded me of how in the past, many hundreds of men had to have female nurses.

This is an enormous task. Thank you to Michaela and her officers and to all the passengers and sailors and worker bees, the “Masked Marvels” of this ship!

Thank you

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