

May the dreams  
you hold dearest  
be those which  
 *come true*

And the kindness  
you spread  
 *keep returning*  
 *to you*

*Happy St. Patrick's Day from your friends  
at Bluewater Region Car Club*



## Bluewater Region – Running Board News March 2021

Sunday March 7, 2021

One week until we spring forward to daylight saving time, Sunday March 14th.

St Patrick's day is the 17th, when we think of the Shamrock, the color green.

Green is a cool color, it symbolizes nature, good luck, good health, lush grass, and forest, good health, it is also a calming color, refreshing our thoughts and providing us with optimism that we may enjoy a good Spring, Summer, and Fall for 2021.

Sunday March 21st is the first day of Spring, a good time to start getting our cars ready for a time of cruising and touring, remember it is your responsibility to ensure the road worthiness and safety of your car.

Let us all plan for a fun year of driving and enjoying our favorite old car.

Please remember to call a fellow club member to just say Hi or better still to get some support with a car project.

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**P. S.**

**We need your ideas and PARTICIPATION to plan fun Events.**

**LOOKING FOR:** Tom Marcotte, a fellow member – [tommarcotte@eastlink.ca](mailto:tommarcotte@eastlink.ca) or 519-797-3744 is looking for a 55 Ford Victoria Fairlane Outside Sun Visor. If you can assist Tom, please contact him. Thanks.



# COVID-19

How are you doing? We know that most of us are still feeling the effects of self isolating and that we are still not able to move about freely. We remain cautiously aware of our surroundings. We are reminded constantly that the best thing for everyone is to remain vigilant. And for the most part we are all doing that. The statistics are showing this. But our job is not done just yet. We still have a little way to go. If you are feeling that you would like to talk to someone, please don't hesitate to contact any one of our executive or directors. Their emails are on the home page of our website. We would love to share with you our feelings too. If you are finding you need some assistance with anything, don't hesitate to communicate that to us also. The Bluewater Region Car Club is a family, and we are here for you. Wayne's phone number is 519-376-6787 or Shirley's phone number is 519-371-2450. Please let Shirley know if you feel the Club should be sending greetings to a special member or otherwise.

**Let's continue to follow precautions, wear masks and practice our social distancing!**

## Please stay safe, stay healthy and stay connected!



[www.bluewatercarclub.com](http://www.bluewatercarclub.com) – our website

If you have access to a computer, please check us out.

Updates on the status of events, announcements, pictures, and newsletters, etc. will be here for you.

You can also stay informed of the National ACCCC events, news and information at [www.acccc.ca](http://www.acccc.ca)

# St. Patrick's Day

Check out surprising facts about this holiday (Why DO we wear green, anyway?)

BY ROSE DAVIDSON

Bring out your green! St. Patrick's Day—observed every March 17—is packed with parades, good luck charms, and all things green. The event started as a religious holiday, but over time it's become a celebration of Irish culture.

## CELEBRATED SAINT



St. Patrick

IMAGE BY DAVID CLYNCH, ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

St. Patrick might be the patron saint of Ireland—but he didn't always *live* in Ireland. Patrick was born in **Britain** in the fourth century and didn't arrive in Ireland until he was 16 years old, when he was sent to work in the country.

After he arrived, Patrick became interested in Christianity and started teaching others about the religion. He is said to have converted many of the country's residents to Christians, and now St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the day Patrick supposedly died.

## MYTHS BUSTED



St. Patrick was a real person, but some of the traditions associated with him and the holiday are actually myths. For instance, you'll often see the four-leaf clover on St. Patrick's Day. However, according to legend, Patrick used a *three-leaf* clover, or shamrock, as part of his teachings. Even though it's possible for a shamrock to grow a fourth leaf, a four-leaf clover is just considered a symbol of good luck.

Another legend says that Patrick chased all the **snakes** out of Ireland. The problem? These creatures never actually lived in the country. In fact, many animals found throughout Europe and North America don't live on the island of Ireland—the ocean keeps the critters away.

## GOING GREEN



The fact that Ireland is an island—as well as green with leafy trees and grassy hills—means that the nation is sometimes called the Emerald Isle. But the colour that people originally associated with St. Patrick was **blue**! (Some ancient Irish flags even sport this colour.) Green was finally introduced to St. Patrick's Day festivities in the 18th century, when the shamrock (which is, of course, green) became a national symbol. Because of the shamrock's popularity and Ireland's landscape, the colour stuck to the holiday.

The Cliffs of Moher in Ireland

PHOTOGRAPH BY IBETH IBARRA, DREAMSTIME

Green is also the colour that mythical fairies called leprechauns like to dress in—today, at least. But tales about leprechauns date back to *before* green was in: The fairies were first described as wearing red.

## TODAY'S TRADITIONS



Every year officials turn the Chicago River green in honor of St. Patrick's Day and the many Irish immigrants who helped settle the city.

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Leprechauns are actually one reason you're supposed to wear green on St. Patrick's Day—or risk getting pinched! The tradition is tied to folklore that says wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns, which like to pinch anyone they can see. Some people also think sporting the colour will bring good luck, and others wear it to honor their Irish ancestry.



Another tradition includes many Irish-American people in the United States eating corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. People also gather to watch parades of traditional Irish dancers and musicians as they march through city streets. However, you celebrate, here's hoping it's a lucky day!

Corned beef and cabbage is a traditional Irish-American meal.

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A little pastime to while away the hours as we transition from winter to spring. The days are growing a little longer each day and the sun is so much warmer. Spring is a time to open up our garage doors, let the sunshine in and dream about those lazy hazy days of summer cruising down the highway with a stretch of old cars behind us. Oh, we can dream, can't we? Hopefully, this summer will see us all with our vaccines and the option to spend some quality time together. As Dr. Bonnie Henry says, "Be Kind, Be Calm and Be Safe".

Enjoy this Word Search Puzzle while you reminisce on the history of St. Patrick's Day.

# St Patrick's Day

**WORD SEARCH** Search across, down, and diagonally



Find the following words:

LEPRECHAUN	RAINBOW	GOLD
ST PATRICK	CLOVER	LUCK
SHAMROCK	GREEN	
IRELAND	MARCH	





# Fun Facts About Leprechauns

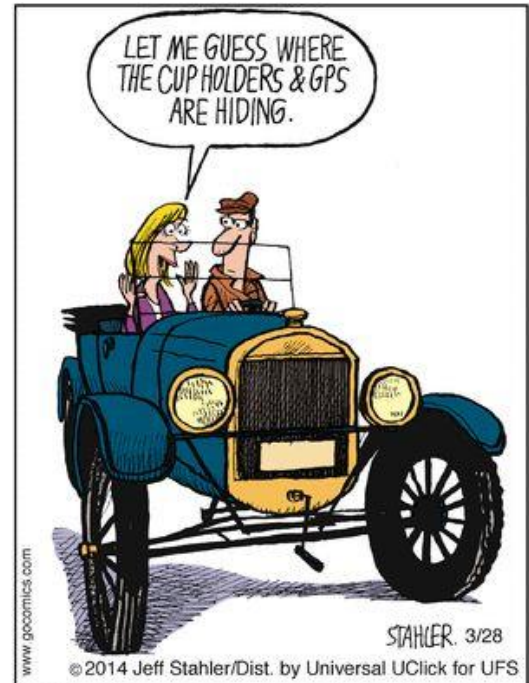


1. Leprechauns are a type of fairy
2. Leprechauns are very sneaky
3. The word leprechaun means "small body"
4. Legend has it that they dance the Irish jig so much they wear out their shoes
5. They hide their gold at the end of the rainbow
6. There are leprechaun sightings back to the 13th century
7. They are the bankers & shoemakers of the fairy world
8. They originally wore all red
9. There are no girl leprechauns
10. If you catch a leprechaun they grant you 3 wishes in exchange for their freedom





Instead of the John I call my bathroom the Jim!  
That way it sounds better when I  
say I go to the Jim first thing  
every morning!!!



Thanks for taking the time to peruse our St. Patrick's Day Message. As we wait and see what the next few weeks will bring, your Directors will be entertaining ideas and events for us to be involved in and be together again in a "safe, secure and pleasant" adventure.

