

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

Eight members have birthdays in April:

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| * Philip Banks | * Rebecca Oliver |
| * Frances Carr | * Ronald Rigby |
| * Julie Karnon | * Sue Stephenson |
| * Gill Mosley | * Ruth Wardle |

Happy Birthday everyone!

Social Events

Meal at Rudyard Hotel, Rudyard, ST13 8RN Tuesday, 19 April

Our April social event will be lunch at the Rudyard Hotel overlooking Rudyard Lake in Staffs, which is around 25 minutes from Macclesfield. Members can choose to have either the carvery or a meal from the bar menu on a pay-as-you-go basis. We plan to go in our own cars, but if anyone needs a lift let Sue Stephenson know and we will endeavour to provide transport to those who need it. Please arrive for lunch at 1.00 pm.

Shugborough Hall Coach Trip Thursday, 24 June

As May is the AGM (see separate heading), this will be our next social event. In addition to the Hall, which has wheelchair access to the ground floor, there is also a farm, gift shop and grounds to explore. While the coach will be free, payment of the entrance fee and afternoon tea will be required.

Beetle Drive Report, Macclesfield Tennis Club

Although a smaller number of members attended than in the past, we made over £300 on the night, which meant that it was certainly a worthwhile fundraiser. Thelma Farrell was the overall winner of the Beetle Drive; she skilfully managed to amass more than 230 points. The bottle tombola proved a big hit, with several of the attendees successful in taking one, or indeed several, bottles home at the end of the evening. The Farrell family

members who were out in force played a large part in helping to clear the bottle tombola decks!

Our congratulations go to Chris Willett, Thelma Farrell, and Pat and Roger Snelling who were the lucky raffle winners and took home, respectively, a large Easter egg, Belgian biscuits, and an Easter hamper. We must extend our thanks to Sue and to Roger Snelling for organising and collecting the fish and chip suppers that were consumed with gusto part way through the evening.



Eyes down, look in – not Bingo but Beetle Drive!



The delightful and, of course, edible raffle prizes

AGM Venue

The AGM will be held on **Monday, 9 May** and take place at The Weaver, Thornton Square, Macclesfield, SK11 7XZ. The meeting will start at 12.30 pm. We have often had the meeting at Macclesfield Tennis Club, but the Club was already booked out this year so we are trying out a new venue.

During the business part of the meeting, the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports will be presented and Committee members elected. Please consider whether you would be willing to serve on the Committee; in particular, we are seeking two Ordinary Members to join. Do please try to attend because in order to be compliant with the constitution we must have 40% of members to vote at the AGM. The membership fees will become payable following the AGM and remain at £20 per person. After the business section of the meeting is concluded, we will have a sandwich lunch.

Bungee Jump

This coming Saturday, 9 April at 2.00 pm, at The Weavers, Thornton Square, Macclesfield, Thelma and Keith's youngest (and no doubt craziest) son, Glenn Farrell, will be doing a bungee jump on behalf of MADYSS. Many people will have seen Glenn at the Games Evening we had recently, and also when he joins Thelma at the Flower Pot after our monthly MADYSS meetings.

He is busy getting sponsors but would appreciate it if any of our members, friends or family would also like to support and sponsor him to raise as much money as he can for our group. Anyone wishing to sponsor Glenn can either email or phone Thelma (thomas.farrell33@hotmail.com or 01625 431043), or contact a Committee member to add their name to the sponsor sheet.

Glenn has said that at the moment there are six or seven jumpers, but hopefully more will join in on the day. The other jumpers will have their own charities that they have chosen to jump for.

MADYSS members will be very welcome to come down to support Glenn and cheer him on. The more the better, so people can see and hear about our group.

2016 Calendar Record

Sheila Blamire was able to report that this year's calendar has beaten previous records in terms of both numbers sold and the profit made. MADYSS members themselves bought 91 calendars versus 83 calendars in 2015. We were also in receipt of donations amounting to over £131, which included £100 from the Combined Charities Christmas Shops and a £25 donation from an elderly lady who was given a calendar. When the profit from the calendars sold is combined with the donations we received, the total sum is a magnificent £1180. This compares with £910 for last year. Our huge thanks go to Sheila for creating the calendar, managing its distribution, and undertaking the financial/administrative work involved.

Bonus Ball Competition

The winner of last month's competition was Sheila Blamire. Many congratulations Sheila.

Thought for the Month

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

John F. Kennedy

News of our Members

It was announced at last month's Flower Pot meeting that **Christine Preston** was in hospital for knee replacement surgery. Christine is now recovering from the operation, which went well.

Next month's meeting is the AGM to be held on Monday, 9 May at The Weaver

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