

MADYSS Matters

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We hope that all members have a very Merry Christmas and we send our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Birthday Greetings

This month we can say Happy Birthday to:

Jim Borggren Samantha Lakin
Christine Preston Roger Smith
Peter Stephenson

Social Events

**Christmas Meal, Legh Arms, Prestbury,
SK10 4DG, Friday, 16 December**

If you have booked to come to this, please note that we will be arriving from 12.30 pm onwards with the meal scheduled to be served at 1.00 pm.

**Macclesfield Silk Brass Band Concert
Report by Ike Karnon**

The Macclesfield Silk Brass Band entertained a full house at the Daneside Theatre in Congleton on Saturday night, 3 December. It was a wonderful Christmas concert with lovely music and, of course, the usual Christmas carols. In the interval we enjoyed some nice refreshments and good company. Unfortunately, the Can't Sing Choir could not sing (and this is for real!) due to some mix up.

However, the Band more than compensated by giving a marvellous concert. This was supplemented by a wonderful song and keyboard performance by Rotarians Doug and Kevin. The concert was enjoyed by all.

It was most disappointing to see only five MADYSS members present. One cannot help wondering if such poor attendance warrants the Committee's efforts in arranging such events for MADYSS.

New Faces

Ike welcomed Gary to the meeting, who attended with his sister Tracey and brother John. The newsletter writer was amazed to discover that Gary has not one or two cats, but a total of *five* cats! We hope that Gary enjoyed coming and will decide to join our group at some point. Please introduce yourselves if they come along to future meetings.

Bonus Ball Winner

Last month's winner of the bonus ball competition was Malcolm Butterworth who selected no. 40. A few extra pounds to spend during the Christmas period no doubt will be useful! Congratulations.

Car Cane

At the November Flower Pot meeting, Thelma Farrell told members about a device she had recently purchased that she thought others may also find useful. The tool is called the Car Cane. The cane securely hooks directly into the door latch of your car allowing you to get a steady grip when you need it, so helping you to get in or out of the car.



The Car Cane is lightweight, durable and can withstand weight of up to 350 lbs. There is an LED flashlight and the grip can double up as a tool with a seat belt cutter and hammer to break glass in case of emergencies. It is widely available from companies such as Argos and Amazon at £14.99.

Hospital Petition

Thank you to all members who have signed the online petition to stop the downgrading of Macclesfield hospital, which may lead to the loss the Emergency Department and ICU. Our local MP, David Rutley, spoke about the subject last month on Silk FM radio, and there has also been an article and petition in the *Macclesfield Express*.

As you may know, the hospital serves Knutsford, Poynton and Buxton too. If you would like to sign, type <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/171296> or just '171296 petition' into Google or another search engine and the government site comes up first. Simply click on it and follow the instructions.

More Members

Welcome to **George Higginson** and **Lee-Anne Higginson** who have recently become members of MADYSS. Those of you who attend the Bollington Meet, Move and Improve sessions that take place on Fridays will already be familiar with George who is a regularly attendee at the group.

Thought for the Month

The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have.

Vince Lombardi

Bollington Break

As our Christmas meal is going to be held on Friday 16 December, this is a reminder to MADYSS members who go to the Bollington Health and Leisure Centre on Fridays that the last get together of Meet, Move and Improve will be earlier this year on Friday, 9 December. The group will not start up again until Friday, 13 January, making this a long break of five weeks.

MADYSS Christmas Card

A joint card was signed by all members present at the last meeting. It will be available again on Monday 12th for additional signatures. It is a lovely way of wishing each other a **Happy Christmas** without sending individual cards. A total of £87.30 was collected in donations. Ike and Julie take this opportunity to wish everyone at MADYSS a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

The next meeting is on Monday, 12 December at The Flower Pot

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