

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

Only three members share their birthdays this month, two of whom are a husband and wife team!

- Margaret Barry
- David Barry
- Stephen Cavender

Many Happy Returns.

Social Events

Chilli Banana, Macclesfield, SK10 1JX Sunday 28 February

If you would like to join us for the Thai buffet at the Chilli Banana and have not yet paid, please do so at the Flower Pot meeting on 8 February. The cost is £12 each for members and £16 each for non-members. Family and friends are welcome to join us, but we need to know exact numbers before the day,

Games Night, Macclesfield Tennis Club SK10 8JR Saturday 12 March

The Games Night will be open to friends and family, but Sue will need to know numbers for catering purposes, so please let her know at the February meeting if possible.

Also, please donate bottles for the bottle tombola at the Games Night to any MADYSS Committee member by the end of February.

Report on Trip to Cinemac and Fina

Twelve members gathered at Fina Bar and Grill before going to see *The Danish Girl*. In addition to the usual pizza or pasta dishes, the Italian theme was enhanced with a sprinkling of risottos. The £12 meal and film deal is clearly very popular with local residents, as the restaurant proved to be busy on what would have otherwise no doubt

been a quiet Tuesday evening for the restaurant. Clearly a clever marketing move.

While the film set in the late 1920s – about a young married man who finally underwent gender reassignment surgery – may not have been to everyone's taste, it was certainly a total departure from Eddie Redmayne's last role as Stephen Hawking in *The Theory of Everything*. A Supporting Actress nomination may well be forthcoming for Alicia Vikander who played Gerda, his loving and indeed very supportive wife. In the 21st century, the subject of sex change is less taboo than it was even 30 years ago, but still thought-provoking discussions among members who came along may ensue.

Impressed with Izaak

At the January Flower Pot meeting, Sue informed attendees that Thelma Farrell's grandson, Izaak, who recently won a prize at work, generously donated £40 prize money to MADYSS. He works for Collect A Case Ltd, which is a document collection agency that sends out the papers to solicitors and insurance companies.

Many of you will remember that we were also one of the beneficiaries when Izaak did a charity skydive last year. Thelma, we hope that you will please pass on our thanks to Izaak next time you see him. He is certainly a very thoughtful young man.

What a Joke!

**Middle age is when broadness of the mind
and narrowness of the waist change places.**

**Opportunities always look bigger going than
coming.**

**Junk is something you've kept for years
and throw away three weeks before you
need it.**

2016 Holiday

The group holiday to Beamish for five days (four nights) from Friday 23 September to Tuesday 27 September is now booked and all rooms secured for those that requested them. We will be returning to the Beamish Park Hotel near Beamish which we visited and enjoyed two years ago.

A coach with wheelchair lift for our exclusive use is booked for the duration of the holiday, and we will use the coach to get out and about each day. We have yet to decide what attractions to visit; any requests will be considered. We will hold a meeting to discuss things such as the number of wheelchairs and/or scooters that we can take, any equipment you may need to take, and any dietary requirements, etc.

A £50 per person non-refundable deposit will be required by Monday 8 February.

Our sincere thanks go to Chris and Sue who, after much time and effort investigating many options, were able to secure this excellent hotel and coach deal, respectively.

Bonus Ball Competition

The bonus ball winner for January was Kath Wilkinson. Congratulations!

Thought for the Month

*One word frees us from all the weight
and pain in life and that word is love.*

Socrates

The next MADYSS meeting is on Monday 8 February at the Flower Pot

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