

MADYSS Matters

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We wish a Happy New Year to all our members and hope that everyone in the group will be able to look forward positively to 2016. We can plan on sharing some good times together over the coming months.

Birthday Greetings

Many of our members have January birthdays:

- Sheila Blamire
- Ann Gingell
- Ted Brindley
- Lesley John
- Don Brown
- Diane Thomas
- Val Bush
- Hilary Wheelock
- Vincent Carr

Happy Birthday to each of you.



Social Events

Cinemas, January

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are planning to see a film here this month, but will wait to see if there is something suitable showing.

Chilli Banana, Macclesfield, SK10 1JX Sunday 28 February

If you would like to join us for the Thai buffet trip at the Chilli Banana, please let us know at the January meeting when payment for the meal will also be taken.

Christmas Meal, 17 December Report by Ike Karnon

A group of 37 MADYSS members got together at the Legh Arms in Prestbury to celebrate our annual Christmas lunch. This is the third year in succession that we have attended the Legh Arms; we seem to be well looked after at this renowned establishment.

The meal was most enjoyable with a wonderful selection of starters, such as chicken liver parfait, asparagus with hazelnut butter, smoked salmon with trout mousse or winter vegetable broth for the hungry ones.

To follow we had a choice of lamb shank, baked cod, puff pastry roulade of a medley of vegetables, a wild mushroom risotto and, of course, a delicious traditional Christmas dinner. This was all washed down with a selection of fine wines and beers (or with water for the less adventurous members). The meal was finished off with a Christmas pudding or a choice of other mouth-watering desserts.

A raffle was held which raised about £170 for a wonderful and well-endowed giant hamper (photo below), very kindly donated by Thelma Farrell in memory of her late husband, Keith. It was won by Yvonne and Roger Smith. Later, in a slight state of inebriation, it was referred to as "the Hamster".



The fantastic Christmas hamper

It was nice to see members such as Ramala and Ted who cannot attend regularly. It was, however, regrettable to note the absence of our Chairman, Peter, who was unwell. We wish you a very speedy and complete recovery Peter. We were also sorry that Colin and Kay could not attend due to Colin's poor health. Thank you Sue for making the effort to join us in spite of your other worries and commitments. And thank you Chris for stepping in and taking responsibility for the smooth running of the event.

We look forward to seeing all our members in good health at this important event next year.

The Chosen One

MADYSS has been selected as one of Poynton Waitrose's monthly charities in January, so if anyone is shopping in Poynton Waitrose please use your token to vote for us, and ask friends/family to do the same.

News of our Members

Our condolences to **Sheila Blamire**, whose sister died recently. **Peter Stephenson** was admitted to hospital in mid-December. His condition is now improving.

On a more cheerful note, **Pat and Roger Snelling** moved to their new bungalow in mid-December and were able to enjoy the Christmas period settled into their new abode.

Bonus Ball Competition

The bonus ball winner for the December competition was George Oliver. Congratulations George, the numbers you pick are very lucky!

What a Joke!

I always know... God won't give me more than I can handle

There are times I just wish He didn't trust me quite so much.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some, like me, just don't have any film.

Do You Have the Bottle?

A reminder: would all of you please donate at least one bottle for a bottle tombola at the March Games Night we are planning. Please hand to any Committee member between now and February. The night will be open to family and friends; more details to follow.

Thought for the Month

Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking.

Marcus Aurelius

The next MADYSS meeting is on Monday 11 January at the Flower Pot

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