

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

The following members have April birthdays:

- George Higginson
- Julie Karnon
- Gill Mosley
- Sue Stephenson
- Ruth Wardle

Happy Birthday everyone.

Social Events

The World of Glass, St Helen's Coach Trip Thursday 27 April 2017

The coach will leave the Flower Pot at 9.45 am prompt. The cost for the coach, the tour and lunch is excellent value at £10.00 for MADYSS members. The trip will include a tour, lunch, a chance to visit the contemporary gallery and the artisan gift shop.

Payment must be given to Monica Meah at the 10 April Flower Pot meeting.

Report on Quiz Night and Fish & Chip Supper

Thirty-six members and friends came along to the Quiz Night on Saturday 19 March. The teams were made up of tables of seven individuals who were divided up before the start by a numbering system. In theory this ensured brains were equally shared among the teams! Our quiz master, Chris Willett, then delivered a range of quiz questions to test our general knowledge. Topics included TV programmes, geography, and the natural world. A three-team tiebreak question saw 'The Onesies' emerge as triumphant quiz champions, the team comprising of Thelma, Di, Richard, Peter, Sheila, Tracy and Monica.

Two competitions of Roll a Coin proved that Sue Stephenson and Sam Lakin each had a good aim, resulting in their getting nearest to the bottle of whisky. The said whisky bottles (full, it should be

noted!) were the two prizes that our talented coin rollers took home with them. The competition raised £88.00.



Thelma ready to aim: the Roll a Coin competition

Monica Meah and Roger Snelling disappeared to collect the fish and chip suppers, which were accompanied by mushy peas and curry sauce if desired and much enjoyed by attendees.



Quiz teams prepare for quiz master Chris reading out the questions

A big thank you must go to Monica for organising the evening, to Chris as quiz master who ably dealt with the barracking from the teams, and to Roger for accompanying Monica to get the fish and chip order.

We mustn't forget to thank the Tennis Club for allowing us to hold the function, and thanks to the bar staff, Jim, Judy and John who kept us in drinks for the night.

Ensure You Get Your Money's Gaws-worth

At the suggestion of Diane Thomas, MADYSS will have a fundraiser at Gawsorth Methodist Hall's monthly coffee morning on Thursday, 29 June. Our idea is to sell crafts, baked goods, bric a brac and perhaps hold a tombola. Please give any bric a brac contributions to Thelma or Diane.

We would need lots of members to donate prizes for the tombola to work. If each of us gave just *one* prize, we would have sufficient for running the tombola. If you enjoy cooking, bring cakes, biscuits, etc., along for sale on the day. Otherwise, leave with someone who will be attending on the day before. Lastly, do come along yourselves from 10.00 am; the entry cost is £1.00, which includes refreshments of tea or coffee.

Bonus Ball Competition

Would you believe it, it was yet another roll-over last month. The eventual winner will be receiving quite a tidy sum that's for sure.

Annual General Meeting

A quick reminder that the AGM will take place on Monday 8 May at the Macclesfield Tennis Club. We are seeking someone to become Deputy Chair of the group and are also looking for a new Membership Secretary. Please think seriously about whether you could take on either role.

The Committee normally meets every 6–8 weeks. If you would like to get more details about what is involved, please speak to Ike for the Deputy Chair position or to Chris Willett about the role of Membership Secretary.

Annual subscriptions to MADYSS will be due at the meeting. The membership fee will remain the same at £20 each, which is great value at less than £1.70 a month. Please bring either cash or cheque (made payable to MADYSS) along to the AGM.

News of our Members

Welcome back to **Ike and Julie Karnon** who have been away for several weeks visiting family in Australia. We hope you have returned refreshed and are now ready to tackle MADYSS duties and activities again!

Cliff Thomas had a short spell in Macclesfield Hospital last month but is now back at home. We send our best wishes to you Cliff and hope that you improve.

What a Joke!

By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.

What is the most important cause for divorce? . . . Marriage

The next meeting is on Monday, 10 April at The Flower Pot

MADYSS Committee

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