

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

We hope you each enjoy your special day:

- Margaret Barry
- David Barry
- Rosa Wardle

Happy Birthday!

Social Events

**Chilli Banana, Macclesfield, SK10 1JX
Sunday, 26 February**

Please note the NEW DATE for this event, which will start at 1.00 pm. The subsidised cost for members is £12.00 and for non-members £16.95. Friends and family welcome. Please pay Monica at the February Flower Pot meeting.

**Bowling and Brocklehurst Arms Meal
Report by Monica Meah**

An enjoyable afternoon was had when 14 members played 10-pin bowling at the Lyme Green bowling alley. The winner was Alan Stansfield with Chris Willett taking second place and Sue Stephenson third. The bowling was followed by a visit to the Brocklehurst Arms, Tytherington where 15 people gathered to enjoy a meal together.



Julie Karnon and Diane Thomas showing that selecting the right bowling ball is very important



Gary Higgins demonstrates good preparation



At the Brocklehurst Arms: tuck in everyone

Bonus Ball Winner

Finally we have a winner to report this month, Kay Evans herself. After all her work selling numbers each Flower Pot meeting, she is a worthy winner.

News of our Members

Liz Leach had kindly requested that donations from Des's funeral were given to MADYSS. The group has received £440 and would like to pass on our sincere thanks to Liz for this generous gesture.

Escaping the British winter soon will be **Ike and Julie Karnon**. They are off to visit family Down Under. We hope that you have a safe journey and an enjoyable stay.

Vision Study

At the January meeting, we had a visitor from Liverpool University who is doing research into the effect of stroke on vision. Those who were not present at Monday's meeting and who have experienced vision problems related to their stroke, please let Ike know.

Calendar Sales

Once again calendar sales were high with more than 200 calendars purchased of MADYSS' 2017 calendar, Wildlife of Namibia. Of these, 80 were sold to members; our thanks to Pat, George and Margaret for their 'bulk buying'. It's not difficult to guess what their families and friends received for Christmas!

After taking into account costs, profits from sales were £1037. Donations totalling £118 were also received, including a £100 bonus donation from the charity shop so the overall total amounts to £1155. Our sincere thanks go to Sheila Blamire for producing such a lovely calendar from her wonderful photographs. And also for so ably carrying out all the administrative work that the project requires of her each year.

New Look Website

Have you glanced at the MADYSS website lately? If so, you will have seen that it has undergone a revamp and now includes new photographs (with a camera icon by events with several photos), the details of upcoming events, social activity reports and the 2016 newsletters.

Many thanks to Geoff Blamire for taking on the role of website manager and for refreshing and updating the website. Why don't you take a look at the redesigned site? (www.madyss.co.uk)

What a Joke!

Three years ago in February 2014, one member suggested Thought for the Month in the newsletter, having seen a quotation that she liked. What a good idea I thought, so it was included with a request for others to contribute anything they felt suitable, e.g. motivational or inspirational quotations, or those on friendship, happiness, etc. To date, not a single one has been received and sourcing these myself is becoming onerous.

Similarly for jokes. One individual (you know who you are) has regularly provided me with jokes for occasional inclusion in the newsletter. Please also remember that the newsletter would not exist as its content would be ZERO without the Committee's hard work, viz:

Birthday Greetings: the membership secretary keeps record of members' personal details and everyone's birthdays.

Social Events: the events secretary assisted by the administrative secretary organises and runs these. The treasurer decides on what MADYSS should charge members for trips, meals, etc. All income and expenditure are the Treasurer's responsibility too.

Bonus Ball Winner: the fundraiser runs the monthly competition at the Flower Pot, & finds out the winning lottery number for that Wednesday.

News of our Members: our Chair shares news and runs the Flower Pot meetings, passing on relevant information re members, activities, etc., and provides overall leadership for the group.

So members, please try and do your bit: send in a joke (even cracker jokes!) or a quote for Thought for the Month. If you don't have a computer, write it down. If you can no longer write, tell the joke or point out the quote to someone. In the end, without contributions to the group, MADYSS will itself become What a Joke. Finally, as they say in magazines and newspapers, *the views expressed here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the publisher* [MADYSS in this case].

The next meeting is on Monday, 13 February at The Flower Pot

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