

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

It's time to pass on our good wishes this month to:

- Ramala Bakaaya
- Sylvia Brown
- Roger Snelling
- Michael Thomas

Happy Birthday!

Social Events

**Quiz Night and Fish and Chip Supper
Macclesfield Tennis Club, SK11 8JR
Saturday, 18 March 2017, 6.30 pm**

We are back at our old venue again, the Tennis Club, for this year's Quiz Night. The evening will begin at 6.30 pm with many of the usual hard fought but fun contests for all attendees. To sustain competitors, a fish and chip supper is planned for around 8.00 pm. The cost for the evening is £5.00 per person. So gather your wits and come along armed with pencils for what promises to be an enjoyable evening.

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

A day out at The World of Glass should prove to be a fascinating insight into glass manufacture. The trip will include a tour, lunch, a chance to visit the contemporary gallery, and to go in the artisan gift shop for all those who like to shop! 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. Names and payment should be given to Monica Meah by the 10 April meeting.

Report on Chilli Banana Outing, Macclesfield

Twenty-nine MADYSS members attended for the Sunday lunch Thai buffet that we've enjoyed here for several years now. We had our usual reserved area on the ground floor, which made access to the buffet itself very convenient.

After selecting from an array of starters that included hot and sour soup, tempura vegetables, Thai fish cakes, chicken wings, spring rolls, and satay chicken, members then eagerly followed these up with choosing from an assortment of main dishes. These comprised, among others, of delicious prawns, sweet and sour pork, and beef or vegetable stir fry, which could be accompanied by noodles, pilau or boiled rice, or all three!

Our meal was punctuated by plenty of social chat before difficult decisions between various ice cream flavours or sorbets had to be made. It was great to see that a few of our newer members came along, and that Ramalya Bakaaya, whose circumstances have prevented her attendance at many events, was able to join us.



Bonus Ball Competition

The bad news is that no-one won last month as the bonus ball number of 31 for that Wednesday wasn't chosen by anybody. The good news is that it makes this month a roll-over so try and be at the 13 March meeting and *you* could be the lucky one!

AGM Voting

As usual at the AGM we will be electing members of the MADYSS Committee. In particular, we are looking for a new Membership Secretary as Chris Willett has decided to step down after many years of service. At the last Flower Pot meeting, Ike also referred to the fact that we do not currently have a Deputy Chairman, someone who can take on Ike's role when other commitments prevent him from doing so (e.g. when he is away on holiday).

Please do consider whether you would be able to take on one of these positions. The Committee normally meets every 6–8 weeks. If you would like to get more details about what is involved, please speak to Chris about the role of Membership Secretary or to Ike on his return from Australia. It could be most beneficial to get some new blood involved in running the group so think carefully about what you could offer.

UK Stroke Assembly North

At the February monthly meeting, Ike announced that the above conference would be held 30-31 May at Crewe Hall. As the Stroke website says: 'It's an opportunity to hear about the latest developments in care, research and ways to support future campaigns and take action on stroke. It's also a platform to share experiences of stroke with like-minded people.' The cost to attend the conference, have dinner, bed and breakfast, and overnight accommodation is certainly great value at £49.00 per person for all bookings made before Monday, 27 March.

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

What a Joke!

A young lawyer joins his father's law firm. After one week his father asks him how he is getting on. Wonderful replies the young man, I have managed to close a file which has been open for 20 years! Am I clever or what?

You are an idiot replies the father, we could have continued to earn a fortune for another 20 years.

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian.

Not any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

MADYSS Committee

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