

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

We have half a dozen members who have April birthdays:

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

Our best wishes go to each of you for a Happy Birthday.

Social Events

Josiah Wedgwood Coach Trip Tuesday, 10 April

This should be an interesting day out. The coach and welcome drink at the venue will be paid for out of MADYSS funds. For those members who want to do the factory tour, an additional cost of £5 is payable to Monica although the museum is free entry.

Various lunch options are available but members may also take their own. Those visitors who wish to can get either a soup and sandwich lunch for £10 or the two-course lunch for £15. Members must have given their choices for lunch options to Monica at the last Flower Pot meeting. If you have not yet booked to go on the trip, there is still time to do so but it is too late to book the lunch. The coach will pick up at the Flower Pot at 10.15 am so please ensure that you are there in plenty of time as the coach driver will need to load mobility scooters, wheelchairs, etc.

Report on the Quiz Night held at Macclesfield Tennis Club

Despite the inclement weather we had a good turnout with 32 people attending and racking their brains to try and solve the wide-ranging general knowledge questions. Unfortunately, the snowy weather prevented the quiz master, Kay Evans,

from attending. That's what happens when you live on a steep hill in Bollington, Kay!

We were split into six teams, using a numbering system to promote a more varied interaction and enable socialising with those we may not have known well beforehand. Chris ably filled in for Kay as quiz master and, sensibly having prepared for any eventuality, Kay had given Monica a copy of the questions ahead of time.



Eyes down, look in as Chris reads out the questions

The Roll a Coin (£1) competition for the bottle of whiskey provided contestants with some light relief half way through the quiz. It was Kath Wilkinson who managed to get closest and although not a whiskey drinker herself, no doubt Jim Borggren will enjoy imbibing her prize! A raffle was also held, which raised £84 for MADYSS.



Tracey takes aim in the Roll a Coin competition

The quiz winners were The Onesies (a little bird tells me that one of their members is an avid quizzer!) and they each took home an Easter egg as their prize. Ike then thanked all those who had

contributed to an enjoyable evening: the bartender Jim Borggren; Kay Evans who was the organiser; Thelma Farrell, responsible for doing the raffle and providing the raffle prizes; Monica Meah for setting the questions and organisation on the night; Roger Snelling and Dave Barry who collected the delicious fish and chips; and last but not least, Chris Willett, who was once again 'persuaded' to be quiz master (or should we say quiz mistress?).

Holiday

Monica took down names at the March Flower Pot meeting of those who were interested in playing Crown Green Bowling during our holiday. She has sent these to the hotel but if others are interested in bowling and have not yet informed Monica, it isn't a problem and names can be added.

Bonus Ball Competition

The winner of the March bonus ball competition was Cliff Thomas who had chosen number 15 and won £20. Don't spend it all at once Cliff!

Thought for the Month

Do not regret growing
older. It is a privilege
denied to many.

Author Unknown

New Ideas

Kay Evans, Thelma Farrell and Monica Meah as Committee members were invited by Belle Vue Coaches to attend a special Tourism and Travel Day last month. Hopefully they will have come back with new ideas for our outings and holidays.

AGM and Voting

The 13th Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 14 May at 12.30 pm at the Tennis Club (SK11 8JR) on the Macclesfield college campus (replacing the normal Flower Pot meeting). Reports will be given by the Chairman and Treasurer, and a new Committee will be elected by the members.

Our present Committee are all willing to be re-elected with two members stepping forward to be Vice Chairman and Administrative Secretary. The Committee up for election comprises:

Ike Karnon – Chairman
Michael Fleming – Vice Chairman
Thelma Farrell – Treasurer
Monica Meah – Events Co-ordinator
Judy Fleming – Administrative Secretary
Yvonne Smith – Membership Secretary
Kay Evans – Fundraiser
Julie Karnon – Ordinary Member (greetings cards)

Liz Leech has volunteered to join the Committee and will be included in the vote. Sue Stephenson has stepped down from the Committee.

If you cannot attend the AGM, you can vote by proxy. To do so, please let Ike know by telephone (01260 273969). Do try to attend; in order to be compliant with the Constitution we need 40% of members voting at the AGM. Membership fees will be payable following the AGM and they remain at £20 per person.

A sandwich lunch will be provided, before which our guest, Mr Nick Barnes, will entertain us with magic and humour. Nick will continue to entertain us during our lunch.

The next meeting is on Monday, 9 April at The Flower Pot

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