

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

Only one Happy Birthday greeting for October which goes to:

- Allan Bush

Social Events

High Legh Garden Centre, WA16 0QW
Tuesday 16 October

Members will make their own way to the garden centre where we will meet at 12.00 noon. More details will be covered at the October Flower Pot meeting.

Coach Trip to Cadbury World
Thursday 15 November

The coach will leave from the Flower Pot as usual. Cadbury World is a self-guided exhibition tour with various chocolatey zones such as manufacturing, a Victorian street, the Bournville village history and heritage, and also information on Quaker entrepreneur, John Cadbury. If you have not yet signed up, please do so by the next meeting on 8 October when cost, timings, etc will be available.

A report on the MADYSS holiday to the Isle of Wight will be included in next month's newsletter.

Bonus Ball Competition

The bonus ball competition was a roll-over for August. However, Roger Smith was the lucky winner for the September competition as he had chosen number 36.

MADYSS 2019 Calendar

Next year's calendar is Wildlife of Central America and includes photographs of Costa Rica and Panama. Some members have already ordered and collected their copies at the September meeting. Sheila Blamire will not be at the October

meeting but expects to be able to distribute others at the Flower Pot meeting in November.

If you have not yet ordered one (or more), Sheila should still be able to accept small orders when she returns. The calendars are £10 each and all profits from their sale go to MADYSS.

Please note that a problem has been identified with a very few calendars that have had the same month inserted twice. The printer is now aware of this issue and new calendars will be printed. Sheila has gone through all that are still in her possession, but if you have one that is faulty, please let Sheila know.

Thought for the Month

When a new opportunity arises it takes strength and courage to go for it, or when life presents a challenge it takes strength to keep on going.

Special K packet(!)

Philosophy of Life

A professor stood before his Philosophy 101 class - before him was a table and a large box. Wordlessly, he picked up a large and empty jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then produced a jar of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly.

The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open spaces between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They were silent.

The professor picked up a bag of sand and poured it into the jar until it filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. Most of the students nodded. The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table

and proceeded to pour the entire contents into the jar. The students laughed.

“Now”, said the professor, as the laughter subsided, “I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - your family, your partner, your health, your children, your friends, your favourite passions - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.”

“The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else - the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first”, he continued, “there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical check-ups. Take your wife out to eat, Play another 18. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and work around the house. Take care of the golf balls first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.”

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled. “I’m glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there’s always room for a couple of beers.”

Christmas Meal

Please note that the date for our 2018 Christmas meal has now been arranged. It will take place on Friday, 14 December at the Davenport Golf Club once again. More details will be available nearer the time, but don't forget to reserve the date in your diary now.

The next Flower Pot meeting is on Monday 8 October

Good Home Wanted for Shoprider Paris Scooter



Class 2, 4 mph mobility scooter
Annually serviced, has new batteries
Complete with charger and basket

Disassembles for transportation in vehicle
Height adjustable seat and arms
Purchased new in 2012 for MADYSS Cardiff
holiday. Light use to local shops and monthly
Flower Pot meetings

**Reasonable donation to MADYSS
requested in exchange for scooter**

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