

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

We can say Happy Birthday this month to the following individuals:

- David Clayton
- Monica Meah
- Tracey Higgins
- John Swindell
- John Higgins
- Cliff Thomas
- Lynne Hilgart

Social Events

**High Legh Garden Centre, WA16 0QW
Thursday, 2 May**

Please note the revised date for this trip. Members will meet for lunch at 12.00 noon in the restaurant after making their own way there. Following lunch attendees may wish to explore the various garden attractions at the centre.

**AGM, Monday, 13 May 12.30 pm start
Macclesfield Tennis Club, SK11 8JR**

The business part of the meeting will take place first, during which the appointment of Committee members will be voted on. Although one person has put themselves forward for the role of Membership Secretary, we still have NO ONE for the Fundraiser position so please consider if you can help.

Note: The room is used for a Spanish class late on Monday mornings so please do not arrive before 12.00 noon as no access will be possible.

Following the business part, Keith Yearsley, who is a well-known musician in Macclesfield and the organist and choirmaster at Gawsworth Church, will give us an entertaining talk entitled 'My Life in Music.' At approximately 1.30 pm a sandwich lunch will be provided by MADYSS.

News of our Members

At April's meeting Ike announced the sad news that **Allan Bush** had passed away on 2 April. Allan had been a member of MADYSS for many years, and some of you will know that Allan had previously served on the MADYSS Committee. He and his wife Val used to spend a lot of time at their property in Lanzarote but when here, they attended Flower Pot meetings regularly. They also participated in various social events, such as the August 2018 Macclesfield Canal trip. We extend our sincere sympathies to Val.

Cliff Thomas has been in and out of hospital on several occasions in recent weeks. Our best wishes to you Cliff and we hope that your health improves. We have missed you and look forward to you joining us again soon.

We are pleased that **Ian Meah** seems to be recovering well and has some colour back in his cheeks and a smile on his face.

Potential New Members

Finn and his wife Grace came along to the Flower Pot last month for the first time to see what MADYSS was all about. Ike welcomed them to the meeting, and we hope that they liked what they saw of course and will come along to a future meeting. Please do say hello if you see them again.

More Donations

We have received a donation of £323 from Mott MacDonald, an engineering consultancy for which one of our members, Jim Borggren, works. Each month the company holds a dress-down Friday, when employees can pay £1 to dress casually and also take in cakes and biscuits for sale. The money raised is then given to a local charity. MADYSS had been suggested to the company by

Jim and we were fortunate to have been the chosen charity for an earlier month this year.

A further donation of £55 has been made from Janet Arrowsmith, Mike's mother, in memory of her husband, Dennis Arrowsmith. You will recall that we reported a previous donation of £250 last month from Janet.

Bonus Ball Winner

The April winner of the Bonus Ball competition was Kay Kennedy with number 30. As it is the AGM next month, there will be no Bonus Ball competition so you will have to wait until June to try your luck again.

Healthy Living Programmes

Tracey from Cheshire East Council attended the April Flower Pot meeting and handed out some information to members about free healthy living services offered. These include classes on how to avoid falls, how to become more active and how to stop smoking, among others. More details are obtainable from www.oneyoucheshireeast.org, or else you can freephone 0808 1643 202.

Hampers for Capriccio Concert

Sunday, 12 May 3.00 pm

Thelma Farrell is doing her bit for the Capriccio concert on Sunday 12 May at the Macclesfield Methodist Church Hall by putting together not one but two hampers for which raffle tickets are to be sold. Please do try and pass on suitable items to Thelma for inclusion in the hampers.

Note that due to the Methodist Church policy, no alcohol can be included in the hampers. We still need people to sell raffle tickets on the day, to serve tea and coffee, and to assist in various ways. Contact Judy Fleming on 01625 426879.

IMPORTANT NOTE

**The next meeting is the AGM on Monday 13 May 2019
at Macclesfield Tennis Club**

MADYSS Committee

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