

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

November is not a popular month for birthdays so we have just two to announce:

- Samantha Lakin
- Roger Smith

We hope that you both enjoy your birthdays.

The Correct Procedure for Launching a Complaint

Should a member of MADYSS have a complaint, please can the member refer this to anyone on the Committee. It will then be dealt with by the whole Committee accordingly.

Social Events

Coach Trip to Chatsworth House Tuesday, 28 November

The trip is now full and the coach will be at the Flower Pot for 9.00 am. Once at Chatsworth, in addition to going around the Christmas market, members may choose to have lunch in the farm shop cafe and purchase items from the shop. During the early part of the afternoon, we are booked to go around the house and view the Christmas decorations. Our departure time for returning is expected to be around 4.00 pm.

Christmas Lunch, Davenport Golf Club Poynton, SK12 1TS

Choices for the MADYSS Christmas meal must be passed to Monica by the November meeting. If you are not able to attend, you may call or email Monica for the options from which to select. Could members and guests please arrive from 12.30 pm onwards; the meal will be served at 1.00 pm.

As in previous years, Thelma Farrell is putting together a hamper in memory of her late husband Keith. Raffle tickets for this splendid prize will be available to purchase at the meal and the winner will be drawn on the day.

Report of Keith Yearsley Talk

On Monday 28 October, Keith Yearsley MBE gave an interesting and laughter-provoking presentation at the tennis club in Macclesfield. About 30 members attended and enjoyed a buffet lunch of sandwiches, crisps, mini bites, fruit, and cheese and biscuits. Following the lunch, Keith who is a Maxonian born and bred, entertained us with a review of his life in music, accompanied by snippets of various pieces on the keyboard, which Geoff Blamire had provided for the afternoon.

Keith learned the piano from the age of seven. His mother only permitted him to go and play out with friends when he had done his half-hour daily practice! During his formative years he sang in the choir at York minster, and when in the army he started and led a choir of his fellow recruits. Keith has clearly had a varied life with music the driving force. The former headmaster of Upton Priory and Ivy Bank spoke about receiving the MBE from the Queen in 2008, and his role as conductor of the Oriana Choir.

Keith concluded his talk by having members shout out numbers from 1–70. He then playing the song that tallied with the list of 70 songs he had written down, all pieces he knew off by heart. There was just time for him to tell a few jokes, which were all very well received by the audience. Our thanks go to Kay for ordering and collecting the buffet food, to Monica for help in organising the event, to Geoff for the loan of his keyboard, and to the tennis club staff June Wardle and Ann Tunwell for setting up the room and running the bar during our event.

News of our Members

At the October Flower Pot meeting Ike announced that **Leo McMahon** has unfortunately had another stroke, which has badly affected his vision. We extend our good wishes to Leo and his wife Jean as they try and cope with this setback.

It was great to see **Yvonne Smith** and Roger at last month's meeting following her heart surgery. She reported that she is feeling so much better

now, but naturally gradually has to build up her stamina. Yvonne is attending weekly sessions to help her with this.

Don and Sylvia Brown have been absent from MADYSS events for a few months. It turns out that Sylvia has had several falls, and Don also has been unwell. Let's hope it isn't too long before they are able to return.

Cliff Thomas was readmitted to hospital last month. It has been a difficult few months for Cliff and Diane so our thoughts are with you both.

On a happier note, former MADYSS members **Malcolm Butterworth and Sharon Clements** are getting married – in a more exotic location than Cheshire – Malta! Those who have been MADYSS members for some years will recall that they lived in Disley and used the community transport service to attend until it was disbanded. Diane is still in touch with Malcolm and Sharon and so will pass on the wedding congratulations card that many of us have signed.

Carols and Christmas Cheer

On Saturday, 14 December from 5.00 pm, the Flower Pot will again be hosting a festive event with carols and a variety of stalls to enjoy. This is a fundraiser for MADYSS so please encourage your friends to attend and come along to give your support too.

A MADYSS tombola will be one of the stalls, but at present we have very few prizes that are suitable for men. So if you can donate an item for the tombola, particularly a male-oriented prize (beer, wine, handkerchiefs come to mind), please pass this to Thelma or Diane by the 14 November meeting. Thank you.

Money Savings for Disabled

Some of you may be familiar with the Martin Lewis television show and his website, Money Saving Expert.com. Within the latter is a section that deals with all sorts of savings that disabled people can make. While some of these you may know about already, it's useful to have a browse through the information that is there. This can be found at:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/consumer-rights-and-moneysaving-for-disabled-people/#home>

Smiling Is Infectious

Smiling is infectious,
you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me
today,
I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized
I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile,
then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick,
and get the world infected!

Spike Milligan

The next Flower Pot meeting is on Monday, 11 November 2019

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