

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

Let's wish a Happy Birthday to the following members:

- Francis Carr
- Julie Karnon
- Gill Mosley
- Sue Stephenson
- Ruth Wardle

We hope you each enjoy your special day.

Social Events

The Committee has made the difficult decision to postpone or cancel all forthcoming MADYSS social events, including the April monthly meeting, as the COVID-19 situation escalates. Many of our members are elderly and so fall into the high-risk group for coronavirus, and some also have other co-morbidities. It was felt just too risky to hold social activities in the present circumstances.

We hope that you will understand our actions and ask that you please bear with us as we face this unprecedented global pandemic in our lifetime.

As such, we did not hold the Quiz Night and Fish and Chips Supper on 21 March, but this may take place later in the year. A trip to Port Sunlight that we had hoped would take place, and were soon to inform members about, has also been cancelled. The Committee will review all MADYSS activities and you will be informed of future actions as and when appropriate.

Annual General Meeting in May

A decision on whether we will hold or postpone the MADYSS Annual General Meeting will be taken later this month, according to the status of the coronavirus pandemic. At present we hope that it will go ahead.

Note from Ramala

Ike received the following message from Ramala, who you will recall from last month's newsletter celebrated her 90th birthday in March:

I want to thank you and all at MADYSS for the birthday greetings and the lovely flowers. I was really surprised but very happy to know that I have so many wonderful friends in our group. Thank you very much to each and every one of you.
Love Ramala

Meet, Move and Improve

On 16 March, Kay Evans sent a text to those who attend the Bollington group on Fridays. She informed everyone that the group has been suspended until at least after Easter. Advice received from The Stroke Association was that it was thought wise to stop (this was even before the Government issued new guidance later on 16 March). We will obtain an update on the situation from Kay after Easter.

News of our Members

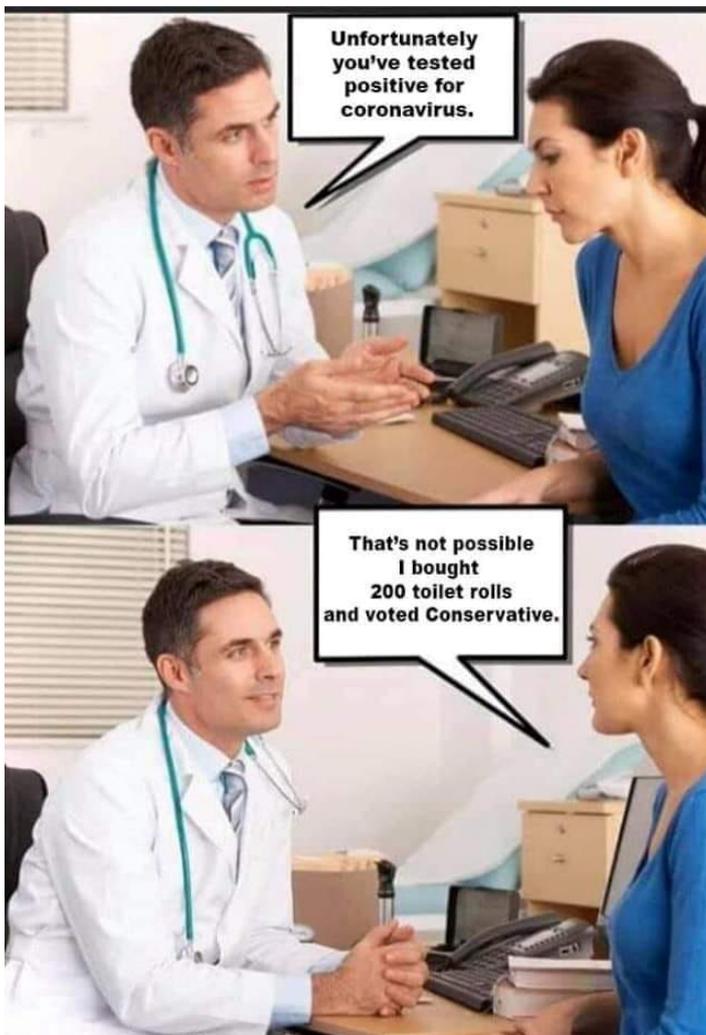
Currently, **Fran Carr** is in Trafford Hospital after suffering another stroke last month. With the COVID-19 situation, visits are now restricted to one hour and one person a day. The physio is working with her to improve her walking ability so that she and Vin will feel more secure when she is able to go home. Fran and Vin would like to thank everyone for the cards, emails and messages they have received.

Unfortunately, **Ramala Bakaya** is experiencing severe neck and shoulder pain currently so her stay at Dystlegh Grange continues. She is unable to drive at present and would find it impossible to manage at home until she can arrange for a carer.

The funeral of George Higginson took place at St Mary's Catholic Church, Congleton, on 13 March, at which MADYSS was well represented with 15 members attending.

What a Joke!

Diane Abbott had demanded that the BBC stops filming Casualty and Holby City so that the staff can concentrate on treating coronavirus patients.



A Message from the Chair

Dear Friends

I am sure that some of you will be sorry to miss our activities in the weeks to come. The social part of Madyss is very important to us all and gives all of us something to look forward to.

We shall all miss the Quiz Night, not forgetting the fish and chips. Our coach trips are usually very successful (don't mention Wedgwood) and we shall all miss our trip to Port Sunlight. For Diane, it is even a bigger disappointment. She worked so very hard to arrange the coffee morning on 2 April. She had a lot of stuff at home and she was really looking forward to it. The Committee agreed that it could go ahead but the Methodist Church decided that the risk was too great. Thank you Diane and don't worry, we shall hold it soon!

When we made the decision to cancel all activities there was a lot of opposition to it. I was even called a 'dictator'. It was a suitable time to announce it as we were all together. As it happens, within five days the official message from the Government was issued. So we were not wrong. It was the right decision!

I hope that the coronavirus will be out of our lives soon and that we can all get together and enjoy Madyss activities. Frankly, I think that the chances of the AGM being in May are slim, but we will see. In the meantime, take care, look after yourselves, don't go to the pub, stay safe and keep in touch.

May the Good Lord bless you all.

Yours
Ike

NO monthly meeting will be held in April

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