

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

January is a bumper month for birthdays so our best wishes go to:

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| – Sheila Blamire | – Gary Higgins |
| – Rachel Bradley | – Lesley John |
| – Don Brown | – Jean McMahon |
| – Val Bush | – Diane Thomas |
| – Vinnie Carr | – Hilary Wheelock |

Hope you all enjoy your special day.

Social Events

Ten-pin Bowling, Superbowl UK, Lyme Green Macclesfield, January (Date TBC)

This annual trip to Bowling at Lyme Green will take place for our January social event. The date and time information won't be available until the first Flower Pot meeting of 2020.

Chilli Banana, Macclesfield, SK10 1JX Sunday 23 February, 12.30 pm

The Thai buffet lunch at the Chilli Banana, located at 59 Buxton Road, has again been reserved for our February outing. This is a popular lunch for our group and members should make their own way there from 12.30 onwards. The cost details will follow in due course.

Report on Flower Pot Carols and Festivities Saturday 14 December

The evening was well supported by Flower Pot regulars and the tombola and raffle raised a magnificent £348 for MADYSS. It was a busy and noisy Saturday evening, but the children's choir provided a tuneful counterpoint by singing a range of carols and Christmas songs. In addition to the tombola, Chris Willet and Kay Evans sold raffle tickets to customers for three prizes: a Christmas cake, three bottles of fine wines, and a food hamper.

Approximately 20 MADYSS members went along to the evening and seemed to amass a range of tombola prizes, but perhaps fortunately the raffle prizes were won by other pub customers. Sincere thanks must go to Diane Thomas, ably assisted by Tracey Higgins for running the tombola, and to pub landlord Glen Farrell who allowed the event to be held. We must not forget Thelma, who with Glen's contributions, again organised the splendid raffle prizes, and to anyone else who assisted in whatever way to ensure the evening's success, thank you.

Report on Christmas Lunch Davenport Golf Club, Poynton Monday, 16 December

This was the third year that we had arranged the group's festive meal here and once again we were not disappointed. The day dawned clear and sunny for the 50 members who attended the golf club, where we gathered in a spacious and bright room with tables seating six or eight.



Members preparing for the feast ahead

Pulling crackers (but not always with a bang!), groaning at the jokes enclosed, and wearing colourful party hats – a traditional custom but not universally observed – ensured much merriment.

Following the meal we held a raffle, which raised £220 for our funds. There were four prizes, the

main one being the large food hamper donated by Thelma in memory of her late husband Keith. The lucky recipients were: Sheila Blamire who won the food hamper; Tracey Higgins who took away the chocolates; Yvonne Smith who received the wine; and Don Brown who carried away the panettone.



More hatless (crackers not yet opened) members await the Christmas meal

As usual the event was organised efficiently by our activities ladies, Kay and Monica, with Kay taking a leading role (but she did eventually sit down to eat!). Our thanks to them and to Thelma for providing the wonderful raffle prizes.

Joint Christmas Card Collection

Thank you to everyone who signed the MADYSS joint Christmas Card. Not only did that save you buying and writing cards to fellow members, the donations collected raised £100 for MADYSS.

What a Joke!

A Catholic priest was dying in a hospital and asked the doctor to call a police officer and a politician. Within minutes the two appeared. He asked them to sit on either side of the bed. The priest held their hands and kept quiet.

The two men were so touched and at the same time felt very important for being summoned by a priest in his dying moment. Out of anxiety the politician asked, "But why did you call us?" The priest gathered all his strength and said, "Jesus died between two thieves . . . I want to go the same way!"

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on
Monday, 13 January 2020**

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