

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

We send our birthday greetings this month to:

- Ramala Bakaya
- Sylvia Brown
- Roger Snelling

Please note that It is no ordinary birthday for Ramala in 2020. She will be 90 years young on 10 March, how fantastic! Special birthday wishes to you Ramala.

News of our Members

We are sad to report that **George Higginson** has passed away unexpectedly after developing pneumonia and then while in hospital, norovirus. Until three weeks ago, he was a regular participant at Meet Move and Improve each Friday in Bollington.

George was a keen supporter of The Stroke Association, and In both 2017 and 2018 he held a sponsored mobility scooter ride from his home town of Congleton to Bollington to raise funds for the charity. He also took on the extra challenge of doing an hour's gym work at Bollington following the second ride. A practical person, George had in the past also worked on refurbishing the Flower Pot picnic tables and made the wooden holders for the Reserved signs at the Bollington group. MADYSS extends our sincere condolences to Lee-Anne and his family.

Unfortunately there is little positive news to report this month. However, **Sylvia Brown** is making progress following her second shoulder operation. We send our best wishes to Sylvia for a speedy recovery. **Fran Carr** is currently in hospital with a suspected stroke. In early February, **Ramala Bakaya** went into hospital as a day-case patient where she received i.v. calcium to combat her osteoporosis. She returned to Dystlegh Grange. **Judy Fleming** had a fall a week ago at Bollington. We hope that you weren't too battered and bruised to prevent you enjoying all of your birthday celebrations the following Sunday!

Bonus Ball Competition

The winning number for February was number 6 and the winner was Gary Yearsley. Well done Gary.

Social Events

Quiz and Supper, Macclesfield Tennis Club Saturday, 21 March

We will once again be holding our quiz night at the Macclesfield Tennis Club (SK11 8JR, enter via the College). The quiz starts at 7.00 pm and access to the Club is from 6.30 pm. Payment of £5 for the fish and chips supper, available part way through the evening, will be collected at the monthly meeting. On the night, £1 will be required for the quiz sheets. There will also be the Roll a £1 Coin competition for a bottle of whisky and perhaps gin. Our quizmaster will be Tracey Higgins so do come along and bring your friends.

Report on Chilli Banana Lunch, 23 February

A group of 27 MADYSS members and families went on the annual outing to the Chilli Banana last Sunday. Of course, we were all saddened by the news of George Higginson's unexpected death and both George and Lee-Anne were uppermost in our thoughts.



The Chilli Banana was well attended

We all enjoyed the delicious buffet which included all the renowned Thai specialities. The only complaint we had was that no one told us when to

stop eating! So we all ate too much. The meal was completed with lovely desserts and coffee. The service was excellent as usual and we were made to feel very welcome. The restaurant even offered vegetarian and other dietary specialities to those who requested them.

The social side of the event was just as successful. By 1.30 pm we had all finished our meal. Yet an hour later everyone was still in their place having lively conversations. It was lovely to see Roger Snelling at the lunch. We were sorry that Pat wasn't well enough to join us. We all sent her our love. A very enjoyable outing indeed. Thank you Kay and Monica for arranging it.



An opportunity for the Yearsley family to celebrate Gary's bonus ball win at the lunch!

Healthwatch Cheshire

John Roberts from Healthwatch Cheshire visited the group and had a chat with members during the February meeting held at The Cock. Ike has said that he will also give a talk at the AGM in May.

MADYSS Meeting

The monthly meeting will be at The Cock again, Thelma will visit first to request an improvement in attention and service from that of February.

2020 Calendar Final Update

At the February meeting, Sheila was able to give attendees the final figures for sales of the 2020 calendar. Total profit, including £86 in donations, was £848. Although this has reduced from a high of £1049 in 2016, it is still a worthwhile venture.

Our thanks must go to Sheila Blamire for all the hard work she puts into the project each year.

Gawsworth Coffee Morning

Proceeds from the April coffee morning will all go to MADYSS. It will take place on Thursday 2 April, and we would like to encourage you and your friends to support a worthy cause, i.e. us!

More information may be obtained from Diane Thomas.

The next meeting is on Monday 9 March at The Cock, Henbury

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