

# MADYSS Matters

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Our best wishes go to all members and their families for  
a very Happy Christmas.  
We hope you have a healthy and safe holiday season.

## Birthday Greetings

It's a busy month for birthdays in December:

- Jim Borggren
- Carol Gatley
- Jean Clayton
- Ike Karnon

May you each have a lovely day.

## Social Events

**The Flower Pot Christmas Event**  
**Saturday 11 December, 4.30pm onwards**

We hope that members will lend their support to this occasion where MADYSS will be operating three raffles. Twenty stalls are planned for the Flower Pot car park, plus two snow machines, carol singing led by a local choir, a hog roast, and a visit from Robinsons Shire Horses. Glen Farrell, the landlord, has kindly offered to donate the stallholders' fees to be present to MADYSS. Let's hope for a fine evening and no rain!

**Christmas Lunch, Thursday 16 December**  
**Deanwater Hotel, Woodford SK7 1RJ, 12.30 pm**

Monica Meah has received all payments from 45 members who are attending the Christmas meal, which is a set menu. A vegetarian tart option is available for non-meaters. Please arrive at the venue from 12.30 pm; the lunch will be served at 1.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## New Chairman Sought

At the November meeting, Ike Karnon announced that he would be stepping down as Chairman at the Annual General Meeting in May. Ike has been Chairman of MADYSS since 2016 when he took over the role from the late Peter Stephenson.

He asked the members present to please consider giving some serious thought as to whether they could put themselves forward for the role, which will become vacant as of May 2022. If you would like to discuss what the position involves, Ike will be more than happy to explain the Chair's duties to you.

On hearing the announcement, Kay Evans took the opportunity to thank Ike for his leadership and a round of applause followed.

## News of our Members

**Anne Swindell** had cataract surgery on her right eye last month at Macclesfield General Hospital, which was very successful and she is happy with the result. Within minutes of the operation (took only 10 minutes), she said that she could read the time on the clock down the corridor! She's now awaiting surgery on her other eye, which she hopes will take place in 3–4 months' time.

It was good to see **Leo and Jean McMahon** back at the November meeting, the first time that they had returned. Jean said that they had only been out twice since lockdown first began, but we hope now that they will feel comfortable going out and socialising a bit more.

**Jean Clayton** has undergone cancer surgery and is recovering at home. Her husband David was at the last Flower Pot meeting and said that she has had the all clear, which is excellent news.

Ike informed the MADYSS meeting attendees that former staff from Scraggs, the company he used to work for, would this year be holding the Christmas lunch in celebration of **Pat Snelling's** life. Although the company itself closed down 25 years ago, the staff continue to meet for Christmas lunch each year.

Attendees also learned that **Roger Snelling** had moved to Prestbury House but had to stay in quarantine until 15 November. It is hoped that his daughter, Heather, will be able to take him by wheelchair to the nearby Sainsbury's cafe so that MADYSS members can meet and chat with Roger there on a few occasions.

## Thought for the Day



## MADYSS Banking

After expended a great deal of time and energy sorting out the Royal Bank of Scotland account, Judy Fleming said that she has now been added to the account as the Treasurer and can conduct online transactions, review the account statement, etc. So finally we can report that all seems to be running smoothly with the account (except that Judy is still awaiting her bank card).

Ike, who also spent many hours trying to negotiate with RBS, thanked Judy for her valiant efforts in this time-consuming task.

## Bonus Ball Competition

Kay Evans announced that the lucky winner of the October 2021 Bonus Ball competition was Diane Thomas. Of course the pandemic and lockdown had meant that it had been a roll over from 2020, so Diane received a larger than normal sum!

The next Flower Pot meeting is on

**Monday, 10 January 2022**

### MADYSS Committee

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