

MADYSS MONTHLY NEWS

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Monday 15 March was a sad day for all of us. We said farewell to a dear friend and an active member of Madyss.

About 20 members went to the Flowerpot to pay respect to Thelma. The coffin stopped at the car park and Glenn came out distributing copies of the order of service. Unfortunately we couldn't attend as Julie was 'shielding' prior to a cataract operation. We did watch it on line and found it very moving. We shall always have nice memories of Thelma. May she rest in peace.

Cliff is at home, as comfortable as possible. Diane is getting good help from the MacMillan nurses and he is safe.

Roger is still Stepping Hill. It at seems that his stroke was more severe this time. He is making slow progress but seems a bit depressed but who can blame him. So let's keep our fingers crossed.

Judy is in hospital having gone through a major operation. We hear that she is making good progress. She is having some complications but knowing her resilience and determination we are sure that she will make a good recovery. Our best wishes to all of them.

I had a poor response to my requests last month. Not really surprising.

Sue Stephenson has kindly volunteered to become a temporary admin secretary to cover for Judy while she is

recovering from her operation. Thank you Sue. It is much appreciated.

WE HAVE NO TREASURER.!!!

Madyss cannot function without one so please think carefully and see if you can help. It is not a difficult job. The basic requirements are:

1. To keep records of moneys paid in and out
2. To collect payments for specific events and pay into the Bank.
3. Once a year to collect the subscription fee from members,
4. Events organisers submit an income & expense report for every event . So all that is required is to record these. and pay in.
5. End of year accounts will be prepared by an accountant, so there is no need to worry all that's required is to present the figures.

If one person finds it too difficult we could consider an assistant treasurer to take over certain tasks.

PLEASE THINK AGAIN AND BE BRAVE – VOLUNTEER !

AGM

The Committee decided to postpone the AGM until such time as we can meet.

Holiday

In view of the overwhelming and enthusiastic response the committee will make the decision. Monica & Kay are in discussion with the travel agent. Further Information will follow.

General information: I received a booklet from the S.A. "Getting online for people with Aphasia " If anyone wishes to borrow it, please let me know.



**With Best wishes to all at MADYSS for a Happy
and peaceful Easter'**

A contribution from Steph Evans on Fair Trade.

Thank you Steph.

Community Fair Trade at The Body Shop at Home.

Hello all. As some of you are aware for the last 18 months I've been a Body Shop at Home Consultant. We all know The Body Shop and The Body Shop at Home is Against Animal Testing and does some fabulous products, but it also has a pioneering Community Fair Trade Programme that is biggest in the world.

I am so, so passionate about this side of the business and am also very lucky to have been chosen again by Head Office to be the Community Fair Trade Ambassador for my region for a second season.

Here is some info for you on our Community Fair Trade programme. I hope it helps you all understand it a little more.

What is it - When did it start - Why is it the heart of The Body Shop?

- 🌍 The Community Fair Trade programme began in 1987.
- 🌍 Sourcing quality ingredients and accessories from expert producers across the world and enriching economically vulnerable communities.
- 🌍 We strive to give our support and sustained trade to the people who need it most.
- 🌍 Our mission is to drive positive social change through trade.

Who do we work with?

- 🌍 The world is changing and as a business we must evolve with it. We are focusing our efforts to drive real change and deepen our impact in communities where our trade will be most beneficial.
- 🌍 We work very closely with our 18 suppliers around the world and have a direct relationship with them.
- 🌍 We not only ensure these partnerships get a fair wage price like all of our other suppliers, but we also provide an extra wage, a COMMUNITY Fair Trade pot of money that goes direct to the supplier and cuts out the middle man, that the Community itself then can decide where it gets spent.
- 🌍 It could go into the business itself, it can go to schools, improving local roads in the area, healthcare centres....basically wherever the community feels it needs to go.

I could talk forever on everything Community Fair Trade as it is something I am passionate about and am so very fortunate to get to go on zooms with our suppliers from all over the world and here first hand from them. My highlights so far are talking to Milan Bhattarai from Get Paper Industry in Nepal that provides our handmade paper products, and Gaston and Lupe from Candela Peru that provides our Brazil Nut Oil straight from the Amazon Rainforest.

I am super excited for the next 6 months as a CFT Ambassador.



