

# MADYSS MONTHLY NEWS

MARCH 2021

Greetings

Spring is in the air, we begin to see some colour in the garden, and the days are getting longer, so let us hope for some better weather and a bit more sunshine. We all need it.

We must start with some very sad news. Thelma Farrell, our friend and treasurer has passed away on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. We were all shocked by the news as earlier in the week she was absolutely fine. Thelma was a loyal member of Madyss and has done a lot for our Club including raising large donations. Thelma will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Our deepest sympathy to her Sons Keith & Glenn and families. We are so sorry for your loss. Madyss sent a sympathy card each to her Sons and families and received a nice thank you email

Cliff has been in and out of hospital. He is at home now and still quite frail and weak. In addition to his other problems, Cliff has been diagnosed with Cancer. He is too weak to undergo a major operation he knows it and agreed not to start getting involved with it. He will get palliative care at home. We send him & Diane our love and best wishes and hope that he is comfortable

I hope that you are all well and managing as normal a life as possible under the circumstances. By now most of us had the first dose of the vaccine so we should be able to face life with a bit more confidence.

To those who are celebrating a birthday in March, all our best wishes.

A special greeting to Roger Snelling, who will be 80 on the March the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Welcome to the select Octogenarian Club. We have recently welcomed three new members to this distinguished establishment. Michael Fleming, Dave Barry and Roger.

A few people have been asking what is happening with Madyss is there anything planned?

Well the answer is that we are completely governed by the lock down and the rest of the regulations. We cannot travel, meet, meet for lunch or even a cup of coffee. We must stay at home lock the front door and try not to go round the bend. Boris gave us a faint light at the end of the tunnel so, let's keep our fingers crossed and hope for better days to come. I still think that it will take a while before we can have group meetings. Please rest assured that you have not been forgotten. We will meet soon.

We held our first Committee meeting on Zoom this month. We were all present including Thelma who was in great form. A number of points were discussed and are detailed below:

1. We would like to try to arrange an A.G.M on 10 May by Zoom. It will be different and perhaps difficult but we'll have a go. We must have a minimum of 40% of members present which equals 23. It is possible that we may not have a set of accounts ready for the A.G.M  
**PLEASE INFORM THE CHAIRMAN ASAP IF YOU CAN ATTEND A ZOOM MEETING. IF YOU CAN'T, ARE YOU WILLING TO APPOINT A PROXY? PROXIES COUNT TOWARDS THE QUORUM! . YOUR REPLY IS NEEDED & WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.**
2. Nominations are called for a new Treasurer. Madyss cannot function without a competent treasurer. We are asking for volunteers please consider it seriously!!!
3. Due to the difficult health conditions, Judy Fleming has asked for a temporary replacement Administrative

Secretary to take over for a year or so. Judy's operation has been postponed for several months, she is in pain and has to Care for Michael. She can't even drive! or go upstairs to use the computer It makes sense that she must not continue as secretary for a while. Judy has done a lot for Madyss and deserves this break. She will give as much support as she can to her replacement. So again please:

**WE ARE ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!**

#### 4. Holiday 2021

We are not sure yet what will be allowed in September. Somehow we doubt if we'll be able to fill a coach & go on our way. Our balance payment Of £ 240.00 P.P. is due in June. So again we have a few questions for the 28 members who booked the holiday, PLEASE REPLY TO **MONICA** , and a decision will be made according to the majority wishes.

**A. If we are allowed to travel, will you go?**

**B. Do you prefer to cancel? (You may lose your deposit depending on the regulations at the time but it looks unlikely)**

**C. Would you prefer to postpone the holiday to 2022 after things have settled down?**

As you can see, there is a lot going on behind the scene. We are trying hard to keep Madyss alive. You may think that the committee is doing nothing but I can assure you that I have spent many hours at my computer and on the telephone and on line keeping in touch with he committee. Please help by replying to the questions, form an orderly queue and offer your services for either of these jobs. **WE MUST HAVE REPLACEMENTS.** The committee wishes you all a happy spring time. We all hopes for the strict lockdown regulations to be eased and for life to return to NORMAL. See You all soon.

Cycled to the shop to buy a bottle of gin, but then I thought, what if I fall off my bike and the bottle gets broken? So cleverly, I drank it all outside the shop. Good thing I did too, I fell off my bike seven times on my way home

