

MADYSS Matters

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Welcome back to the MADYSS Matters newsletter. It has been a difficult time for everyone, but let's hope that we can look forward now to the return of regular meetings and other social activities. A special thanks goes to Ike for keeping members up to date by producing the monthly news report for the last nine months.

Birthday Greetings

There appear to be no members' birthdays for the month of October, but of course the list in the Editor's possession may be out of date. So if it *is* your birthday this month, we wish you a very Happy Birthday.

Subscriptions Now Due

The pandemic has made this an unusual year, so the Committee has decided that the subscription charge will be £10 per member as we are now half way through the year. Subs are now due. Direct debit payment is preferred (BACS) and may be made as follows:

Bank: RBS
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If online payment is not possible, **CASH ONLY (not cheque)** is the other option. Please bring £10 cash to the October meeting. If you have not paid by 8 November, we assume you no longer wish to be a member and you will no longer receive the newsletter. At the AGM in May 2022, full annual subscriptions will be due again rather than the reduced rate for this year.

Social Events

Christmas Lunch, Thursday 16 December

At September's meeting, the Christmas lunch date was announced. It will be held at the Deanwater Hotel, Woodford, *for members only*, and the heavily subsidised cost is £15 per person. Please register by 8 November, BACS payment required by end of November at the latest. The hotel has not yet drawn up the Christmas menu, but we will

share that and further details when available. Please save the date in your diary or calendar.

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

The landlord, Glenn Farrell, informed us at the last meeting that the pub is again this year holding a Christmas carol singing evening. There will be a hog roast, outside bar, two snow machines, and 20 stalls. Glenn is making a lovely gesture and indicated that the charge each stallholder pays to be present will be donated to MADYSS. A carol singing group will be in attendance as in previous years. But new this year is going to be an appearance by Robinsons Shire Horses, how exciting!



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Raffle Donations Required. Diane Thomas, our fundraiser, has indicated that there will also be three raffles on the evening:

- Toiletries raffle
- Drinks raffle: alcoholic and soft drinks
- Food raffle: general food and some Christmas items

If members could please bring raffle items to either of the two upcoming Flower Pot meetings (11 October or 8 November), or pass to a member of the Committee before the day itself, Diane would be most grateful.

MADYSS Holiday

Warner was unable to provide us with the confirmation that we required to proceed with the holiday. In the end, as we were only going to be 12 people on the holiday we simply could not justify the coach expenditure for such a small group either. MADYSS is in the process of trying to get deposits back from Warner's. Let's hope for a more successful outcome with future holidays.

News of our Members

In late August, **Kay Evans** attended an event with her daughter Stephanie when she had to be taken by ambulance to the Coronary Care Unit at Macclesfield General Hospital. She has since had an angiogram at Wythenshawe Hospital and was fitted with a defibrillator in September. Kay must not lift anything for five weeks and cannot drive for six months. Knowing Kay, this inactivity will not sit well with her! Needs must, however. Kay thanks everyone for the beautiful flowers from MADYSS.

Sheila Blamire had a nasty fall in her kitchen in August and was in hospital for one week with a fractured pelvis. She then moved to a Knutsford care home where she had both physio- and occupational therapy. Sheila was well enough to leave after three weeks of her scheduled six-week stay. Now recuperating at home, she's walking locally and even managing some gardening!

Fran Carr is still in hospital and Vin visits her daily. She is unable to return home unfortunately until a care package and equipment are arranged.

Margaret Barry has had a fall, but we are pleased to report that she hasn't broken anything.

Roger Snelling is still in Adlington Manor Care Home awaiting a care plan for his return home.

Ramala Bakaya has asked that her regards are passed on to those MADYSS members who remember her when she was able to attend the monthly meetings at The Flower Pot and other social events. Ramala is now at Dystleigh Grange Retirement Home but she met up with two of our members in September for lunch and a trip out.

We send our best wishes to all those who are recuperating from illness or injury.

Medication Forms Required

All members, whether stroke survivors or not, must complete new medication forms. These are essential for the MADYSS group's insurance. Sue Stephenson will have forms with her at the October meeting. If you will not be at the meeting, contact her on 07747 012507 to discuss.

Could everyone also let Sue have their up to date email addresses and mobile numbers. Thank you.

Meet, Move and Improve

During lockdown, those members who used to attend Bollington Leisure Centre on Fridays have participated in Zoom meetings at 11.00 am on Friday mornings. Following the meeting, several members then attended a Zoom dance exercise class led by Lewis one of the Leisure Centre instructors. Our huge thanks must go to Kay Evans for organising both weekly events, which have enabled us to socialise and exercise, and which have been greatly appreciated by those attending.

The normal Meet, Move and Improve sessions began again at BHL on Friday, 24 September. If you have not been before, please feel free to come along and join our group.

**The next Flower Pot Meeting is on
Monday, 11 October**

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