

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

It is couples' month for birthdays in February! So we can say Happy Birthday to:

- Margaret and David Barry
- Michael and Judy Fleming

We hope that you are all able to enjoy your special day by one means or another.

Social Events

A big thank you to all members who completed the slips at the Christmas meal to suggest events and outings that might be considered for 2022. The Committee is reviewing these and will make decisions in due course.

January Ten-pin Bowling

Those of you who attended the January Flower Pot meeting will have been made aware that the January event, which was to have been ten-pin bowling at Superbowl UK in Lyme Green, has been cancelled.

The decision was taken mainly in view of the group's concerns about Covid and the Omicron variant, but also the alley's change of booking system, which makes it difficult to secure several lanes.

Viceroy Indian Restaurant Sunday 27 February, 1.00–1.15 pm

A lunch meal has been booked at the Viceroy Indian Restaurant, 22 Ingersley Road, Bollington, SK10 5RF, details as above. The meal will comprise a mixed starter with papadams, sheek kebab or chicken tikka, and a choice of main course.

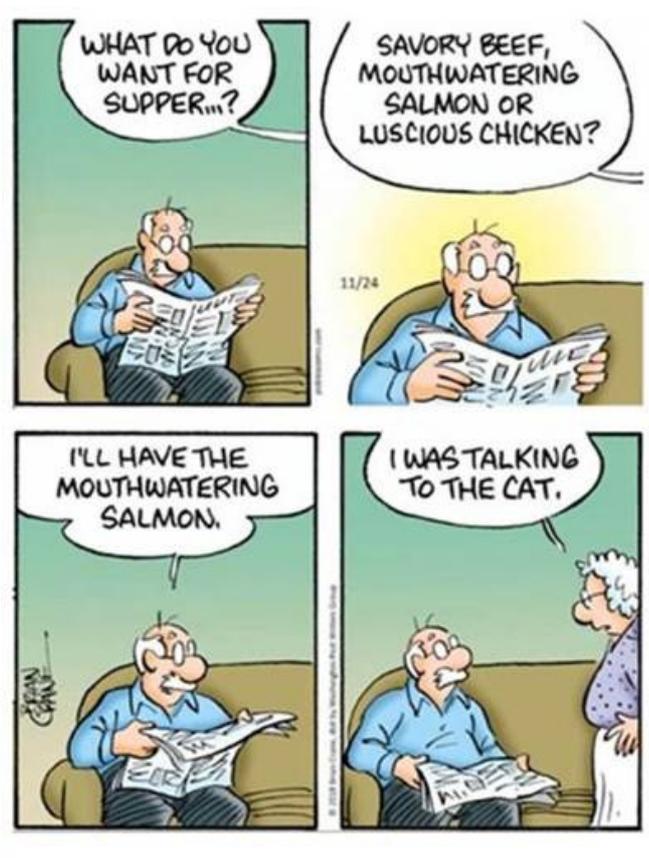
The cost, which has been subsidised by MADYSS, is £10.00 per person. This must be paid in advance by BACS transfer, or cheque/cash at the Flower Pot monthly meeting on 14 February.

News of Our Members

Unsurprisingly, the Covid pandemic has affected some of our members as it has many of the population in one way or another. Among these, **Sue Stephenson** and **Keith and Sue Pembery** have had Covid, but thankfully are now recovered. While **Kay Evans** hasn't had Covid, she and daughter Stephanie had to isolate for a time because they had been in contact with someone who had tested positive.

Both **Judy and Michael Fleming** have contracted Covid and have had chest infections too. Additionally, **Judy Fleming** had to go into hospital for her regular drug infusion to combat rheumatoid arthritis. All this combined has created further problems and she's been quite poorly. We don't have any up-to-date information on Michael and Judy's present condition.

What a Joke!



Van Gogh Exhibition

Last month, Jim Borggren and Kath Wilkinson went to Media City, Salford, to visit the Van Gogh Alive multi-sensory experience. It has now been extended for another month until late February and is well worth seeing. Fully accessible and very disabled friendly, it is easy for wheelchair and mobility scooter (Kath) users to move around as it is all on one level; there is also an entry ramp to access the venue.



The experience is described as "taking you through a thrilling display of over 3,000 inspirational images that transform every surface – walls, columns, ceilings, and even floors." Many of Van Gogh's artworks are projected on large screens located at various points, and texts on smaller screens narrate the story of his short life and mental struggles.

Excerpts from over 900 letters that Van Gogh penned are also included. Accompanied by music, we found it to be truly mesmerising, and most people who were there just stood or sat in one place and let the sounds and pictures wash over them.

The way to know life is to love many things.©

Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.©

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The next meeting will be on Monday, 14 February at the Flower Pot (Valentine's Day in case you've forgotten!)



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