

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

We have no fewer than NINE birthdays this month:

- * Sheila Blamire
- * Don Brown
- * Val Bush
- * Vin Carr
- * Gary Higgins
- * Lesley John
- * Jean McMahon
- * Diane Thomas
- * Hilary Wheelock

Hope you each have a very Happy Birthday!

Reports of Social Events

Flower Pot Festival, Saturday 11 December

Inclement weather on Saturday did not deter many of our members from supporting this annual festive evening which was held at the Flower Pot. Stallholders perhaps did not receive the sales and attention that they were hoping for as the rain meant that many attendees sheltered inside. However, hog roast sales went well and the writer's husband was certainly pleased he was there early enough to indulge in something he'd looked forward to all day!



Some of the stalls at the festive event

Sadly, the school choir wasn't there as they had been double-booked, so pub goers weren't able to join in with the choir's carol singing.

The Robinsons Shire horse and cart proved a bit hit and attracted attention from both young and old. Many of the younger attendees were pleased to be able to stroke the horse and to chat with the Robinsons staff who accompanied the cart.



Robinsons Shire horse Mojo and cart

The event raised the magnificent sum of £440 for MADYSS. Of this, £300 came from the raffle that we held, £120 was donated to us by Glenn, the Flower Pot landlord from the hire of the stalls outside the pub, and we received another individual donation of £20.

Thank you to all members who attended or contributed to the event in one way or another to make it such a success. Special thanks go to Gill Mosley who kindly gave the wicker baskets that Diane Thomas used to make the prizes look so attractive, to Diane for her hard work in organising the raffle, to those who contributed raffle prizes, and to all those who helped during the evening by selling raffle tickets or in any other way.



Monica, Glenn and Tracey picking out who won one of the raffle prizes

Christmas Lunch, Thursday 16 December

The lunch at the Deanwater Hotel, Stockport was well attended although unfortunately there were four members, Yvonne and Roger Smith, Chris Willett and Mike Arrowsmith, who had to cancel due to illness. Another two (who shall remain nameless to protect the innocent) got the time confused with the Flower Pot event and so were also no shows.

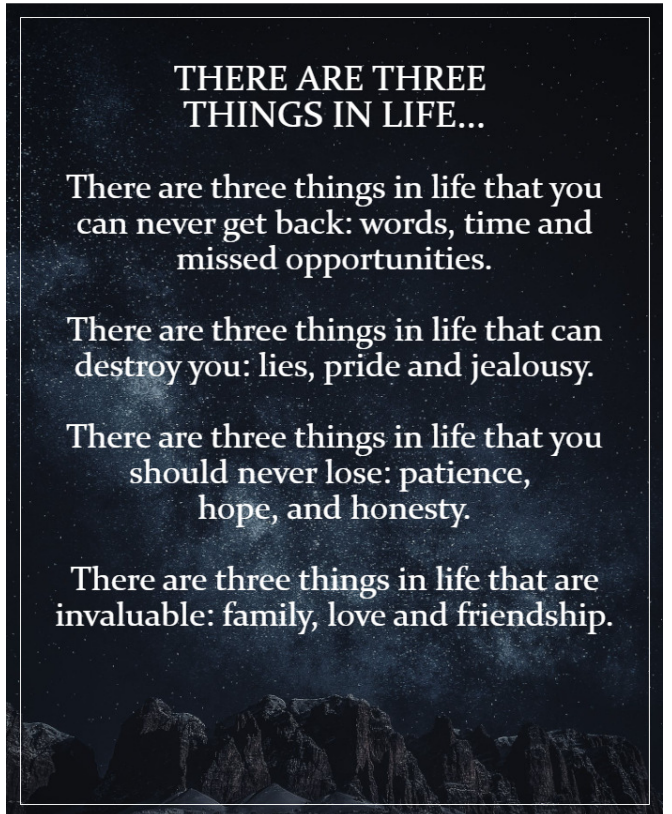


News of Our Members

Roger Smith hasn't been too well recently. He was hoping to be able to spend Christmas at his son's, but we don't know whether this was possible or not. Our best wishes go to Roger for improved health and we trust he has a speedy recovery.

Thought for the Month

The room was well suited to a group such as ours with round tables each seating six guests so allowing for plenty of social interaction. We began the meal with a cream of vegetable soup, which several members noted was delicious, followed by traditional turkey main course with all the trimmings for the meat eaters or a vegetarian tart option. The meal was rounded off with baked vanilla cheesecake and berry compote, or a Christmas pudding and brandy sauce. For those who were not yet full, mince pies were then served with tea or coffee.



Ike said a few words about how great it was to be able to have the MADYSS Christmas lunch this year after the 2020 meal had to be cancelled due to lockdown. He wished all members a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on
Monday, 10 January 2022**

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