

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

With the exception of one member, it seems to be a month for those who have surnames beginning with the letter B:

- Ramala Bakaya Sylvia Brown
- Maria Barlow Roger Snelling

Hope you all have b... b... b... brilliant birthdays!

Social Events

Saturday 18 March, Quiz Night and Supper Macclesfield Tennis Club, SK11 8JR

Members (and friends) who wish to attend the quiz should now have paid Kay or done a BACS transfer to the MADYSS account. The bar will be open from 6.30 pm and the quiz will start promptly at 7.00 pm. There will be a break at approximately 8.00 pm for meat and potato pie, mushy peas and red cabbage, or for vegetarian quiche and salad. We will also be holding a raffle.

Thursday 27 April, Cadbury World, Bournville, Birmingham

For those who love chocolate, Thursday 27 April has been booked for a coach trip to Cadbury's World. The plan is to leave the Flower Pot by 10.15 am. Upon arrival we will have time to look around the shop area, and afternoon tea has been arranged for 2.30 pm. At 3.15 pm, we will have a guided heritage coach trip around the complex. The cost is £25 for MADYSS members and £30 for non-members. We will need names and a £10.00 non-refundable deposit at the April Flower Pot meeting.

Thursday 4 May, Coffee Morning, 10.00–11.30 Gawsworth Methodist Church Hall, Dark Lane, Gawsworth, SK11 9QZ

To recap, MADYSS is the charity chosen as beneficiary for the May coffee morning. We are planning to have a tombola stall, a cake stall and

of course, a great raffle. However, we do need your help with prizes, and cakes or preserves, jams, etc.

The theme for this year's tombola stall is useful things from your store cupboard. Bottles such as fruit juice, ketchup, brown sauce, salad cream, BUT NO ALCOHOL. Also welcome are tea bags, coffee, biscuits, chocolates, any tinned goods, e.g. fruit, soup, tuna, etc.

Would all you fabulous bakers please make your favourite cakes, biscuits or preserves. These are always popular items and should be passed to Diane Thomas on the day itself.

Report on Chilli Banana Banquet Lunch

Twenty-five of us met at the Macclesfield branch of the Chilli Banana for the Banquet Lunch on Thursday, 16 February. It was unfortunate that Tina Yearsley couldn't join us as she was unwell. Her husband Gary will no doubt have reported back on the delicious meal that she missed.



One of the two MADYSS tables

We sat down at two long tables armed with various drinks and chatted as we awaited our five starters that the waiters brought to each table for groups of four. These included spring rolls, pork and prawn crackers, Thai fishcakes, and chicken skewers, which were accompanied with dips of varying spiciness. Our waiters then served us

individually with rice for the main dishes. Among these were sweet and sour chicken, a beef and crispy basil leaves dish, Thai green curry, garlic chicken and tofu noodles. Our banquet concluded with Ice cream and tea or coffee.



Paul, Elaine and Gary's end of the table

All in all an excellent meal, and many of us preferred the sit-down banquet to the Sunday buffet that we've sampled here previously. However, we did miss the lovely prawns, which were an integral part of the Sunday buffet!



The second MADYSS table

A huge thank you goes to our Activities person, Kay Evans, for organising the event and for negotiating a sizeable deduction with the Manager from the standard Banquet price! And, of course, to MADYSS for its additional subsidy of the meal.

KAY IS HOPING TO HAVE ANOTHER MADYSS MEMBER TO ASSIST HER WITH THE SOCIAL EVENTS, WHICH WILL SAVE HER DAUGHTER STEPHANIE HAVING TO HELP. PLEASE CAN YOU OFFER TO ASSIST? WE NEED YOU!

Welcome to . . .

At February's meeting, our Chairman was pleased to introduce Colin Huck who had come along to see what MADYSS was all about. Those of you who go to the Meet, Move and Improve group at Bollington Leisure Centre on Fridays will already know Colin who attends there regularly.

If you didn't get a chance to say hello last month, we hope that Colin will decide to become a member and you can chat with him at future meetings.

Bonus Ball Competition

The winner of last month's bonus ball competition was Michael Fleming who had chosen number 14.

Well done Michael.

What a Joke!

- Apple have started a clothing line for pirates. Their best seller so far is the iPatch.
- My wife thinks its weird that I stare at the window during a heavy rainstorm. It would be a lot less weird if she'd just let me in.
- I told my son that I saw a deer on the way to work this morning. He said, "How did you know it was on its way to work?"

The next Flower Pot meeting is

Monday, 13 March 2023

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