

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

This month it's time to say Happy Birthday to the following members:

- Fran Carr
- Gill Mosley
- Sue Stephenson
- Ruth Wardle

We hope that you each have a good day.

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will mark the 20th anniversary for MADYSS. The meeting will be held on Monday, 13 May at Macclesfield Tennis Club. We will be having some special events as part of the AGM for our anniversary year.

Do please make every effort to be there to vote for members of the Committee. All members are up for re-election apart from Diane Thomas, so there will be a vacancy for Fundraiser. The Assistant Treasurer role also still needs to be filled.

Social Events

World of Glass Coach Trip, St Helens Tuesday, 23 April

Members who have booked for this trip should be at the Flower Pot by 9.45 am to allow for a prompt 10.00 am departure. On arrival we will be met by a Guide, after which we will have tea and coffee. This will be followed by a guided tour of the Museum, the Galleries and a glass-blowing demonstration. After a light lunch, there will a tour of the Tank House and tunnels, then a visit to the gift shop and we will depart at 3.30 pm.

Coffee Morning, Gawsworth Methodist Hall Dark Lane, SK11 9QZ Thursday, 30 May 10.00 – 11.30 am

MADYSS is the chosen charity for Gawsworth's late May coffee morning. We are planning to have a tombola, cake stall, raffle, and a bric a brac stall.

We need food cupboard prizes for the tombola, plus any donations you can make for raffle prizes, but NO ALCOHOL, would be appreciated. For the bric a brac stall in particular, we seek scarves, both dress scarves and outdoor scarves, and hats. Please ensure that these are clean or have been washed before donating.

Would all those who like to bake, 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 of Bingo Night held at Macclesfield Tennis Club, Saturday, 23 March

An enjoyable evening of bingo took place when 33 members and friends gathered for ten hard-fought rounds of this traditional game. Tracey Higgins was our proficient caller who came equipped with what appeared to be some very professional bingo paraphernalia. Generally, she managed to keep our rowdy rabble under control, which was in itself a remarkable achievement!



Pens and bingo sheets at the ready for MADYSS members and friends

Two rounds for each bingo game involved first getting a winning row of numbers (shout "line") and then a whole set of numbers (shout "house" or "bingo"). Simple enough, but some of us with a short-term memory had difficulty recalling whether we were on "line" or "house". Other miscreants who had thought they'd won had to suffer the

ignominy of Tracey's able assistant Mandy returning checked sheets to these offenders.



Genuine winners were awarded with a variety of prizes including wine, gin, and given the time of year, Easter eggs naturally. At half-way we tucked into a tasty supper of meat and potato pie with mushy peas and red cabbage, or for the attendees seeking a healthier alternative, quiche with salad.

Sincere thanks go to the organisers of the evening, Anne Swindell and Kay Evans, and also to the kitchen serving staff and washing up helpers: Sue, Kay Kennedy, Sheila, and Anne. We would like to thank the Tennis Club and notably Margaret Jordan and Mike Beresford who acted as bartenders.

Bonus Ball Competition

The winner of the March bonus ball competition was David Clayton who had chosen number 48. Many congratulations David.

Co-op Donation

We have already received a very generous donation of £1,176 from the Co-op for the three-month period from October 2023 to the end of December 2023. You may recall that MADYSS is named as one of their local community causes until October 2024. We will use any donations

from the Co-op to subsidise coach outings. As you are aware, coaches are very expensive to hire.

The amount that we are given by the Co-op will increase if more people choose MADYSS as their charitable cause. As noted previously, you just need to become a Co-op member by obtaining the Co-op card (cost £1). This also entitles you to discounts on many popular items. Once you have a card, all you need to do is go to the membership web site or use the Co-op app to select MADYSS as your chosen cause. If you are unsure how to do this, Sue Stephenson or another Committee member will be happy to show you; it is very easy to do.

Please encourage all your family and friends to choose MADYSS as the size of the donation we receive will be impacted by how many Co-op members choose MADYSS. It doesn't matter where they live in the U.K. Prospective supporters need to sign into their Co-op account online. Type in <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/75489>

Please don't forget to act now!

The next Flower Pot meeting is on

Monday, 8 April 2024

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