

# MADYSS Matters

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## Birthday Greetings

It was feast in January and then famine now as we have just three birthdays this month:

- Margaret Barry
- Judy Fleming
- Michael Fleming

Happy Birthday to you!

Apologies for those with January birthdays who did not receive a MADYSS birthday card. It was half way through January before we managed to find a volunteer to take on this commitment. Sue Pembery has kindly agreed to do this on behalf of the Committee.

Thank you, Sue.

## Social Events

### Coach Travel

We plan to have at least three excursions a year that will involve coach hire. Each one of these will be quite expensive, so we do require as many members and guests as possible to go on trips and make the coach hire viable.

From now on, therefore, all members and guests will need to put down a non-refundable deposit of £10 per person payable in advance when the trip is announced.

### Chilli Banana Lunch, Macclesfield SK10 1JX Sunday, 25 February

Our annual Thai lunch at the Chilli Banana is now reserved. You may arrive from 12.00 onwards with lunch served at 12.30 pm. Please note that the restaurant only opens at noon so don't arrive any earlier!

The cost is £15.00 per person and while BACS payment is preferred, cash will be accepted also. All payments must be made at or by the next Flower Pot meeting.

### Bingo, Macclesfield Tennis Club, SK11 8JR Saturday, 23 March

This should be a fun evening. The Clubhouse will be open to members from 6.30 pm with the first round of bingo starting at 7.00 pm. Tracey Higgs (Gary Higgs' sister) will be the bingo caller. At around 8.00 pm we will have a break for a meat and potato pie or quiche with red cabbage supper. The second bingo session will start after we have finished eating and the evening should finish at approximately 10.00 pm.

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

The World of Glass trip looks like it is going to be a super day out! Everyone should be at the Flower Pot by 9.45 am 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 be a tour of the Tank House and tunnels, then a visit to the gift shop and we will depart at 3.30 pm. The cost is £30 for members and £40 for guests. A deposit of £10 per person to be paid at February Flower Pot meeting (or by BACS in advance).

### Lyme Green Bowling, Wednesday, 24 January Report by Kay Evans

The Superbowl UK at Lyme Green Business Park was ready for us and well organised so a big thank you to Lisa, Nathan and the team. Sixteen people took part in our fun afternoon and then 18 of us enjoyed a very relaxing time plus nice food at The Rising Sun afterwards, where we were very well looked after by the lovely and cheerful Shelley.

John and Val were able to join us for our meal and once we were all full and comfy, John informed us of our winner for this year. Paul had hoped to defend his win from last year but was more than happy to be beaten into second place by a small margin by Mark Stansfield.



*Enjoying meals at The Rising Sun*

I'm sure that Mark, Alan and Barbara will not mind MADYSS members being reminded that last year Mark was very seriously ill in hospital after having suffered a severe stroke on New Year's Day 2023. This meant that although Alan and Barbara joined us for our meal last year where they were able to rest a little, they had been unable to join us for the bowling as they were spending many hours at the hospital hoping against hope for Mark's recovery.



*Alan, Mark (the winner), and Barbara Stansfield at the 10-pin bowling outing*

Huge congratulations must go to Mark for his win. It was lovely to see you on top form, enjoying your games and spending a lovely afternoon with your parents. It was so rewarding for us all to see you happily together again and, of course, it is what MADYSS is all about. Thank you to everyone who

participated and for making it, once again, a very good event. A fun time was had by all and here's to next year.



*Sylvia using the chute, ideal for those unable to hold the bowling balls*

## Bonus Ball Competition

Last month's winner was Geoff Blamire, our website administrator. He had correctly selected number 2. Congratulations Geoff.

## Welcome & Welcome Back

We are pleased to welcome Margaret Millwood as a new member of MADYSS. John Swindell introduced her at last month's Flower Pot meeting, and it was good to see him and Anne able to attend following his two back surgeries. John thanked Sue Stephenson for filling in for the last few months when he hasn't been able to chair the meetings.

## News of Our Members

**Judy Fleming** has attended the Fracture Clinic on Monday this week and now no longer needs to wear the boot. She has also had the Community Physiotherapist and the Reablement Team visit to assist her to mobilise, but initially this will be only under supervision. Judy has informed MADYSS that the Reablement Team will then assist her on a daily basis until she's discharged.

For several weeks, **Bev Eccles** has little energy and has been experiencing severe fatigue. She had tests at Macclesfield Hospital in late January and is booked in for a CT scan and possibly more investigations on 1 February. We send her our

best wishes and hope she gets some answers as to the cause. On the positive side, Bev who is diabetic has now lost more than 9 stones in weight by following a Slimming World programme for several years. That is a fantastic achievement – many congratulations!

**Jim Borggren** will go into hospital on 16 February for hip replacement surgery. He needs a double hip replacement, but his left hip will be the first one. As others who have had the surgery will know, Jim will be unable to drive for six to eight weeks. Nurse Kath will try to ensure that he does his physio exercises though.

Unfortunately, **Kath Wilkinson** injured her right leg in late January as she dismounted after a riding lesson so will be limited to offering verbal encouragement to Jim rather than having their care roles reversed! She sustained ligament and soft tissue damage, which severely affects her ability to move.

## Suggestions for Outings

The Committee have looked at all the suggestions that were made by members at the last Flower Pot meeting and thank members for their input. These are now being considered for later in 2024.

## Annual General Meeting

Monday, 13 May has been booked for the AGM at the Macclesfield Tennis Club. Please make a note of this on your calendar or in your diary. More details will follow in due course.

## Fundraiser for MADYSS

We will be holding a coffee morning to raise funds for our group at Gawsorth Methodist Church Hall on Thursday, 30 May. Further information will be available nearer the time.

### HELP!

We urgently need somebody to help Judy Fleming and be the Treasurer's Assistant (Judy is more than happy to train you). Please contact Judy and don't be shy!

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on Monday 12 February 2024**

### MADYSS Committee

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