

# MADYSS Matters

December 2025 No.226

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas  
and a peaceful and healthy New Year

## Birthday Greetings

Only two birthdays in this festive month:

- Jim Borggren
- Carol Gatley

Happy Birthday to each of you!

## Social Events

**Christmas Meal, Pinewood Hotel, Handforth**  
**Monday 8 December, 12.30 for 1.00 pm meal**

This is a quick reminder that we will be holding the MADYSS Christmas meal in just over a week's time at the Pinewood Hotel, SK9 3LF. The Hotel appears to be well-suited to our requirements with a spacious room in which to have our lunch. The disabled toilets are conveniently located nearby.

**Ten Pin Bowling, Superbowl UK, Lyme Green**  
**Wednesday, 21 January 2026**

Our annual bowling outing noted above will start at 2.00 pm. Lanes have already been reserved and the cost for two games is £8.00, for either members or guests. As usual, a meal at the Rising Sun will follow (individuals to pay for themselves). Please inform Kay Evans if you will be attending, particularly if you intend to go to the meal afterwards as she will need to inform the pub of the numbers. Payment via BACS with **your name and Bowling** as the reference please, or pay at the 12 January Flower Pot meeting.

### Report on Bay Leaf Restaurant Meal

We had an enjoyable curry meal in Bollington on Sunday 23 November at the Bay Leaf Restaurant. Twenty-one members went and had poppadoms with the usual range of accompaniments before tucking into the main courses.

Everyone chose from the extensive menu with chicken and lamb proving popular meat choices combined with a variety of sauces that ranged from very mild to medium spiciness. Don't think anyone was brave enough to tackle curry with hot or very hot sauces!



*Members decide on what to eat*



## Other 2026 Social Events

### Bingo Night, Macclesfield Tennis Club

Our February event will be a Bingo Night with a meat and potato supper. There will also be a

raffle. The exact date is yet to be arranged but we will let you know in due course.

### **Chilli Banana Lunch** **Sunday, 29 March 2026, 12.00 to 2.00 pm**

The visit to the Chilli Banana in Macclesfield, SK10 1JX, will be for the Buffet Lunch as above. More details in the New Year but Kay will need to know numbers by February's meeting so that she can make the reservation.

## **News of Our Members**

Sadly, we received news that **Yvonne Smith** died in hospital last week. She and her husband Roger have been members of MADYSS for many years and used to enjoy trips out and also attending the monthly Flower Pot meetings. Funeral details are not yet available but we will endeavour to share these when we have them.

Those of us who have been long-time members of MADYSS will know of **Ramala Bakaya**. Two of us visited her last month at Dystlegh Grange where she now resides. Ramala has asked that we remember her to you.

**John Swindell** is recovering from an operation to remove one of his kidneys due to a return of his cancer. His wife **Anne** who broke her elbow on a birthday trip to Amsterdam is now recovering well. We send our best wishes to both of them.

On Friday last week, **Jim Borggren** underwent a hip replacement operation for his right hip. The surgeon has said it went well. It will be at least eight weeks before he can drive.

## **Bonus Ball Competition**

The November winning bonus ball was number 7. The number had no name written against it so we have yet another roll over. We will not be holding a bonus ball competition in December as there is no Flower Pot meeting. The competition will start up again at the 12 January 2026 meeting, so it will be the February newsletter when the next winner is (hopefully) announced.

## **Co-op Community Fund**

Thank you to all our members, family members and friends who chose MADYSS as their local cause to support for the last year. We have been lucky enough to receive £1,826 from the Co-op's Community Fund.

Special thanks must also go to Judy Fleming who prepared and submitted the MADYSS application to the company in the first place. We hope that those of you who are Co-op members have been able to make use of the special discounts that the Co-op offers in its stores.

## **Thought for the Month**

Success is not final;  
Failure is not fatal;  
It is the courage  
to continue that counts.  
**Winston S. Churchill**

## **MMI Benefits**

Many MADYSS members also attend the Meet, Move and Improve group that meets at the Bollington Health and Leisure Centre on Fridays. The following details are for those who weren't at a recent MMI meeting. A Charities Bazaar was held in Macclesfield at St Michael's Church last month; several local charities including MMI were represented. The MMI stall was able to raise a fantastic £220, which will be used to continue to fund the Bollington group run by Kay Evans.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on**

**Monday, 12 January 2026**

### **MADYSS Committee**

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