

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

The following three members have their birthdays this month:

- Margaret Barry
- Judy Fleming
- David Pope

We hope that you each have a good day.

Social Events

Chilli Banana, Macclesfield SK10 1JX Sunday, 23 February 2025

This month's outing to the Chilli Banana is fully booked. There will be the usual buffet from which lovers of Thai food can choose. Please arrive from 12.15 pm, the buffet is at 12.30 pm.

Bingo Night Macclesfield Tennis Club Saturday, 22 March

Members and friends are welcome to join us for what promises to be a fun evening. Please arrive from 6.30 pm onwards with the bingo itself starting promptly at 7.00 pm. We will have a break half way through the evening when a meat and potato pie with mushy peas or quiche with red cabbage supper will be available. The cost will be advised at a future date.

Report on Lyme Green Bowling Outing by Someone Who Wishes to be Anonymous!

Fifteen MADYSS members attended bowling at Lyme Green on Wednesday 29 January where, as usual, a good time was had by all. We played two games, cheering and clapping each other as great shots were achieved.

The winner this year was Kay Evans with a score of 126, proving it's never too late for a first. There was much teasing of Kay as she was wonderfully coached by Paul who should share the victory! Kay had decided that due to a very dodgy knee she probably wouldn't play. What a mistake that would have been! This was followed by a good

second place for Keith with a score of 116. Credit going hugely to Colin who, as well as bowling for himself, gallantly bowled on Keith's behalf. Third was Don with a score of 114, so all were very close. It was a very enjoyable afternoon for everyone.

Colin's wrist was complaining by the end of our tournament so Keith owes him. Whilst Colin was working on Keith's behalf, Keith socialised and chatted with Alan and Barbara who joined us to enjoy the afternoon whilst Mark bowled. It was lovely to have them all with us again and to catch up and chat.

It was also lovely that Margaret was able to come and enjoyed watching the games being played. Thank you, Sharon for giving your Mum a lift to join us.

After bowling, 17 of us went to The Rising Sun for tea and as usual we all enjoyed our food and being able to relax and chat. As we arrived, the Tina Turner Tribute Act had just finished. The artist was still in her wig and sparkly dress and we cheekily tried to persuade her to give us a song! Sadly, we didn't get one but she was very chatty and asked about our group. Evidently, she also does Whitney Houston together with another well-known singer.



Members relaxing in between bowling frames

Maybe one day we can have a MADYSS outing to one of the events put on by this venue. There are many different styles of performance. Here's

looking forward to next year. Who's turn will it be to take the bowling crown?



Paul prepares to bowl as Anne watches his technique

News of Our Members

The funeral for **David Clayton** took place at Macclesfield Crematorium on 22 January. Several members of the Committee, together with other MADYSS members were in attendance to pay their respects. The turnout for the funeral showed that he was clearly a very popular man and many, many family members and friends were present.

David was a devoted carer for his wife Jean and the couple regularly attended monthly meetings. Jean's sisters have been supporting her since her sad loss of David and we send our love at this very difficult time.

MADYSS has already notified members that our Deputy Chair, **Michael Fleming**, sadly passed away on Monday 13 January in Stepping Hill Hospital. His funeral will be at St Albans Catholic Church, Chester Road, Macclesfield SK11 8DJ on Friday 7 February at 1.30 pm. Please note that the boiler is broken so the Church is very, very cold. Make sure that you wrap up warmly. The service will be live streamed and can be accessed at <https://stalbanmacc.org.uk/> then by selecting live stream on the toolbar.

There will be a Private Committal at the Crematorium, for family and close friends only. The wake afterwards will start at 2.45 pm in the

VIP Suite, Bar 27, Macclesfield Town Football Club, Moss Lane, Macclesfield SK11 7SW. You may not be aware of this, but in his younger days Michael was a part-time professional footballer at the Club. All are welcome but Judy will definitely need names of attendees for catering numbers. Please either text her on 07976 604457, email her at judy.fleming@ntlworld.com or leave a message on 01625 426879.

Family flowers only but if desired, donations in Michael's memory may be made to the MADYSS Support Fund, sort code: 16-28-23, account no: 100881983. We send our heartfelt condolences to Judy, his children Richard and Michele, and to the rest of the family.

We wish **Kay Evans** well when she goes into hospital for her knee replacement surgery on 13 February, and hope that it proves successful.

Blue Tokens

Kay Evans has excitedly informed us that Meet, Move and Improve, which some members from MADYSS attend at the Bollington Leisure Centre, has been successful in obtaining support from the Tesco Blue Token scheme. Kay said it has only taken 18 months of trying!

If you, local family members and friends who shop at Tesco could put their blue tokens in the Bollington Health and Leisure box when they leave the checkouts, it would really help. Please do mention this to everyone you know as the Tesco stores at Broken Cross, Hibel Rd (the large store off the Silk Rd), Exchange Street in Macclesfield town centre, and the Bollington store are all involved.

Bonus Ball Competition

We did not have a winner of the first competition of the year as no one had chosen the winning number which was 43. It is therefore a roll-over month.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on
Monday, 11 February 2025**

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