

# MADYSS Matters

January 2025 No.215

## Birthday Greetings

January is the second busiest month of the year for birthdays:

- Sheila Blamire
- Don Brown
- Val Bush
- Vincent Carr
- Gary Higgins
- Lesley John
- Diane Thomas
- Diane Sutcliffe

Happy Birthday everyone!

## Social Events

**Ten-pin bowling, Superbowl UK**  
**Lyme Green, Macclesfield, SK11 0TB**  
**Wednesday 22 January 2025**

Our January activity will be the usual and popular afternoon's bowling at Superbowl UK, 1.45 pm for a 2.00 pm start, followed by a meal at the Rising Sun. Anne will have menus at January's meeting.

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

There will be the usual buffet from which lovers of Thai food can choose. The cost to be paid at or by February's meeting will be £15 p.p. Please arrive from 12.15 pm, the buffet is at 12.30 pm.

**Report on 11 December Christmas Meal at the Davenport Golf Club**

Forty-five members assembled at the Davenport Golf Club for the group's Christmas meal. Not present, unfortunately, were Michael Fleming and Alan Stansfield who were both in hospital (see Notes of Our Members section). It was lovely that Judy, Barbara and Mark felt able to attend despite worries about their loved ones. We were seated at six round tables that were each festooned with

alternating red and ivory crackers, red serviettes, and an attractive table centre piece of a Father Christmas face made from wood.



*Father Christmas Table Decoration*

A choice from four starters, four mains and four desserts had already been made by attendees, but we didn't have to remember what we had ordered luckily. Anne Swindell had painstakingly made individual place holders and neatly written the chosen starter, main and dessert on each one, for which we were extremely grateful as it was several weeks previously that we had made our selections!



*MADYSS members at the Christmas meal*

Following collecting our drinks from the bar, which was conveniently positioned at the side of the function room, we naturally had to pull crackers, don paper hats and share the inevitable corny jokes while awaiting the first course. The waiting

staff distributed starters of prawn cocktail, patè, melon or soup to MADYSS diners.

If the writer's table of eight people was typical, the starters ranged across the entire selection with the patè and prawn cocktail proving popular choices although all were represented.



*Our Chair John (in red top hat) speaks to the assembled company*

The selections made for the main course were less diverse with most choosing the turkey dinner apart from our one vegetarian at the table who of course had opted for the nut roast. To finish the meal, we had desserts: yule log, lemon roulade, fresh fruit salad or traditional Christmas pudding, followed by tea or coffee and mince pies. All in all, quite a sumptuous feast was delivered! Anne, thank you for organising the event and all the work beforehand creating the place cards and noting members' menu choices originally.

## Bonus Ball Competition

We did not have a competition for December as there was no Flower Pot meeting, but please come prepared with your £1 coins at the January monthly meeting when we will restart the bonus ball competition.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on Monday, 13 January 2025**

## News of Our Members

**Ramala Bakaya** sends best wishes to members for 2025.

**Michael Fleming** has been in Stepping Hill since 24 November after collapsing at home. While in hospital, he has contracted pneumonia and has had severe asthma. After changing from the Acute Stroke Ward A10 to E1, the Stroke Rehab Ward, he caught 'flu. In a recent photo taken when Judy and the rest of his family visited on Christmas Day, he is still smiling, despite what must be quite an ordeal. Judy pays daily visits, but the journey is tiring. We send our best wishes to Michael who is still very weak, and look forward to his return to MADYSS when he has fully recovered.

**Alan Stansfield** was admitted to Macclesfield General Hospital last month after a fall while going to pay for fuel at a petrol station. He dislocated his right shoulder and is having support to regain the use of the arm. Fortunately, the facial bruising he sustained is beginning to fade. His wife Barbara and son Mark have been coping at home since he was discharged by 12 December, and they were all able to go out for Christmas lunch, a good sign.

## What a Joke!

This is a Christmas cracker joke that came from a cracker at the Davenport Golf Club meal. No one at one table could understand how the answer applied to the first of the two statements.

If you can, please explain it at the next monthly meeting in January. Thank you!

- I'm as strong as a rock but a word can destroy me. What am I?  
Answer: Silence

### MADYSS Committee

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