

MADYSS Matters

November 2025 No.225

Birthday Greetings

Just one member to whom we can send birthday wishes this month and that is:

- Roger Smith.

Social Events

Curry Meal, Sunday 23 November, 4.00 pm
Bay Leaf Restaurant, Bollington, SK10 5HT

As mentioned at the October monthly meeting, this will be our next social event. The subsidised cost of the meal will be £12 p.p. Please ensure if making a BACS payment that you include **Your Name and Curry** as the reference. Judy does not want to have to undertake detective work to establish who has paid! Cash at the next Flower Pot meeting is also accepted.

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

We have received the Christmas lunch menu from the Hotel. This will be available at the November Flower Pot meeting so that you can select from the choices offered. The cost for the three-course meal is £20, which reflects a heavy subsidy from the Group's funds. Only members may attend the meal. If paying by BACS, include **Your name and Xmas meal** for the reference. Otherwise, cash payments can be made at the monthly meeting.

Report of Canal Trip, 23 October

A full complement of MADYSS members filled the canal barge for the second of our canal trips. The weather was kind and we chatted to each other as the scenery went by. We enjoyed eating a lovely packed lunch part way through the journey.

It was good to have Don and Sylvia with us who we hadn't seen for some time. Don was suffering with a heavy cold but manage to make it through. Similarly, it was great that Tina and Gary also were able to come along on the trip.



Gary and Tina spot something of interest on the canal

Report on MADYSS Quiz Night Saturday 25 October

Thirty members and friends participated in the Quiz Night at Macclesfield Tennis Club and split into five teams for the evening's entertainment. Tracey Higgins was again our experienced quiz setter and hurled a range of questions at us to get our little grey cells working overtime. The quiz categories included General Knowledge, Sport, Geography, American Words, Music, Pot Luck, and Television. Tracey also distributed sheets with advertising slogans and photographs of well-known people to each table, which teams filled in at their leisure.



Quizzers await the second part of the quiz

Half-way through the evening we paused to enjoy a varied selection of pizzas provided by 73 and Pizza. Everyone was catered for with vegetarian and gluten-free options among the choices. The teams' finishing positions were, in reverse order, 5. No Chancers; 4. The Winners; 3. Only Cock in the Henhouse; 2. Young at Heart; and 1. The DC's. The two Tennis Club bar staff, Margaret and Siobhan, also took part. The ladies did very well quizzing and would have been the runners up!

Roll A Coin competitions were held to win a number of bottles and raised £77. Our thanks must go to Tracey for all of her time and not inconsiderable effort in arranging the evening's entertainment. Thank you also to Kay for ordering the pizza supper and organising the Quiz; and to Geoff, Sheila and Diane for their help. Last but not least we thank the Tennis Club for allowing us to use the Club and the bar staff for their excellent service.



Attendees queue up for the pizzas

New Manager

Our Deputy Chair, Jim Borggren, who chaired the October meeting in John and Anne's absence introduced the new Manager at the Flower Pot, also called John, to the Group. He has said that he would be happy to continue the relationship established when Glenn was Manager and if we needed anything, just to ask.

John has already indicated that he is fine for members to leave their cars in the pub car park when going on coach trips. He would also allow access to the toilets if needed before trips, useful to know if the coach is delayed before getting to us, as has happened for outings previously.

Bonus Ball Competition

The winning bonus ball for last month's lottery was number 52. We had no winner so it is a roll over.

News of Our Members

Yvonne Smith has been in hospital for 12 days with pneumonia, but thankfully is now back at home. Her brother Michael has been up to care for her husband, Roger. Yvonne said she had all her equipment and oxygen levels changed while in hospital, so she now needs to adjust to the new system. We send our thoughts and love to both of them.

Jim Borggren has reached a stage where he can no longer delay his right hip replacement. It is scheduled for Friday, 28 November. He had his left hip surgery in February 2024, so soon he may be like the bionic man!

Anne Swindell is now recovering at home from her fall when on holiday in Amsterdam. It will be at least 8 weeks before she will be active again.

We were joined at the last monthly meeting by Maria Hart. Her husband Michael Hart has had a TIA, but as he was otherwise engaged Maria came along to find out a little more about us. She already knows Kay Evans and Monica. Please do say hello if she and Michael should visit again.

No Flower Pot meeting will be held in December as it is our Christmas Meal.

The next regular monthly meeting will be 8 January 2026.

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