

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

It's time to say Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

- Mavis Derbyshire
- Gill Mosely
- Sue Stephenson
- Ruth Wardle

We hope that each of you has a lovely day.

Social Events

Coach Trip to Albert Dock, Liverpool Wednesday, 22 April

If you have not yet done so and hope to attend, please sign up for this trip by 13 April meeting. The Museum of Liverpool provides an interesting introduction to the city's history, people, transport, and sport. It has its own café for refreshments or lunch.

Albert Dock is also interesting to explore with many restaurants and cafes to choose from. The Beatles Story is located here. Cost is £20 for members and £25 for guests. Pay via BACS with **your name and Liverpool** as the reference or cash at the meeting. The coach will leave the Flower Pot at 10.00 am. We plan to depart at 4.00 pm for the return journey.

Second outing to the Chilli Banana Sunday, 26 April

We had so many members and guests who wanted to go for the Sunday Buffet Lunch here that the March one was quickly booked up! (See the report of the outing below.) As such, we are having another visit in April.

A reminder that the cost is £20 for members and £25 for guests. Again, please pay via BACS with **your name and Chilli** as the reference, or with cash at the April meeting.

Report on March visit to the Chilli Banana by Colin Huck

On Sunday, 29 March 2026, 27 members and guests braved the very wet weather to enjoy a trip to the Chilli Banana in Macclesfield. We have been to the restaurant on several previous occasions and, as before, we were treated to a veritable feast!

There was a good selection of starters and main courses finished off with ice-cream or sorbet. The staff looked after us very well and topped up the buffet several times so that no one went hungry! There were a lot of happy faces at the end (and a good few "doggy bags" for the food we couldn't manage). The trip was oversubscribed and a second visit has been arranged for 26 April 2026.



Some of the MADYSS group



Joyce and David Bailey enjoying the Chilli Banana food



Another table of MADYSS folk

Annual General Meeting

A reminder that our AGM at Macclesfield Tennis Club will be held on **Monday, 11 May**. Entry to the Club is **from 12.30 pm onwards**, which will give members time to get a drink and find a seat. The business section of the meeting itself will start at 1.00 pm. For personal reasons, Kay Kennedy has sadly decided to leave the Committee, so we now have three vacancies that need to be filled as soon as possible. If you would like to contribute to the future of MADYSS, please talk to any member of the Committee for more information. It will be nothing too onerous, promise!

The meeting will include a Review of the Year, the Treasurer's Report, a Vote for the Members of the Committee and consider Any Other Business. Member. After a buffet lunch, enjoy a very delightful talk from our secret guest speaker.

Please note that membership subscriptions for 2026-27 will be due. The cost has not increased for many years and will remain at £20 per member for the next year. However, it will be necessary to increase the subscription to £25 for 2027-28 as our costs continue to increase. BACS payment is preferred, but cash payable at the AGM is another option.

New Faces

We were pleased to welcome two new attendees at the last meeting, George and Kath Robertson. Also, Bill and Adele visited for a second time. Should either couple return again, we hope that you will introduce yourselves to them and that they decide to join MADYSS.

Bonus Ball Competition

Good news to share! We have a winner for last month, which was a roll-over. George Oliver had chosen the correct number for the bonus ball, 14. Many congratulations George.

News of Our Members

We send our best wishes to **Mark Stansfield** who is currently still recovering from his operation. Let's hope that it isn't too long before we see you again Mark.

Thought for the Month

Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious.

St Thomas Aquinas

The next Flower Pot meeting is on

Monday 13 April 2026

MADYSS Committee

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