

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

We have a slew of birthdays for this first month of the year:

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

Happy Birthday all!

Social Events

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

As noted in the December newsletter, the 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. A meal at the Rising Sun will follow (individuals to pay for themselves). Anyone joining us for the meal only and other attendees' meal selections are needed by the 12 January Flower Pot meeting. Anne will have the menu at the meeting.

Payment via BACS with **your name and Bowling** as the reference please, or cash payments at the 12 January Flower Pot meeting.

Bingo Night, Macclesfield Tennis Club 21 February, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start

The bingo night will include a meat and potato supper or vegetarian quiche option. Payment is preferred via BACS with **your name and Bingo** as the reference please, or pay cash at the February Flower Pot meeting.

Report on Christmas Meal 8 December 2025

The Christmas meal was attended by forty-one of us, who sat around tables of eight (one had nine members) in the spacious room. We were very well looked after by the attentive staff and enjoyed the high-quality food presented.



In addition to the crackers, the Pinewood also had party poppers and red Santa hats for each person. All those sat on the writer's table had chosen arancini to start with the exception of the writer who had decided on the tomato and basil soup. For the main course, turkey seemed popular with many diners, perhaps their first turkey meal of the festive season. Desserts included ice cream, a cheesecake, and of course the ubiquitous Christmas pudding.



Members were asked to write down suggestions for events in 2026 and these were collected up after the meal. John said a few words at the end

of the lunch, and took out a couple of mini koalas from his red top hat!



Each of us received a Malteser box of white or milk chocolate truffles before we left, when we were greeted by torrential rain outside the Pinewood. However, it was fine in Macclesfield and obviously hadn't rained there. Thank you to Anne Swindell for arranging the meal in the first place and for being able to organise its final preparations from her sick bed!

News of Our Members

The funeral of **Yvonne Smith** was held at Macclesfield Crematorium on Wednesday, 17 December. There were eight representatives from MADYSS who attended to pay our respects. Many of Yvonne's former colleagues were there too.

The service was live streamed so that Yvonne's sister in Italy and relatives in Canada could view the service. After the Crematorium, seven of us from MADYSS continued to the Wake. Although under sad circumstances, it was good to see Roger again who seemed to remember us well. He sat and chatted to us at The Plough at Eaton where the Wake was held, which was close to where Yvonne and Roger lived in Eaton.

Their son Michael informed us that Roger will be moving to live in a care home in St Neotts, Cambridgeshire. Evidently it is only three miles from where Michael and his family live, so it is ideal for Roger to be so close to them. He will continue to hear all about MADYSS and the group's activities as he will still receive this newsletter via his son.

Mike Arrowsmith is currently in Stepping Hill Hospital where he was waiting for gall bladder surgery to take place. We send our best wishes to him.

Bonus Ball Competition

The competition will start up again at the January Flower Pot meeting so please come prepared with one or two pound coins and *It Could Be You!*

What A Joke!

The following are courtesy of Christmas crackers. Groans are welcome!

What do you get if you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Frostbite

Which of Santa's Reindeer has the worst manners?

Rudolph

What do you call an old snowman?

Water

What goes black and white, black and white, black and white?

A penguin rolling down a hill

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on
Monday, 12 January 2026**

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