

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

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

- Ramala Bakaya
- Maria Barlow
- Sylvia Brown
- Roger Snelling

We hope you each have a good day!

Social Events

Chilli Banana, Macclesfield, SK10 1JX Sunday 29 March, 12.00 to 2.00 pm

The visit to the Chilli Banana will be for the Buffet Lunch, costing £20 for members and £25 for guests. Payment via BACS with **your name and Chilli** as the reference or cash at the Flower Pot meeting. The restaurant doesn't open until 12.00 noon but please arrive on time so we can all be seated. Notify Kay of any dietary requirements.

Museum of Liverpool and Albert Dock Coach Trip, Wednesday 22 April

The coach will leave the Flower Pot at 10.00 am. The Museum areas focus on Liverpool's history, people, transport, and sport. It has its own café for refreshments or lunch. Albert Dock is interesting to explore with many restaurants and cafes to choose from also. 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. We plan to leave at 4.00 pm for the return journey.

Bingo Night Report, Macclesfield Tennis Club

The bingo evening was very well attended with 47 members and guests present. In a change to the original plan, we had the meat and potato pie or quiche at the start of the evening, setting us up nicely for the rounds of bingo that followed.



Anne, Sheila and Sue ready to serve out the supper

Our bingo caller, Tracey Higgins, handed out bingo booklets to everyone ready for her to call the numbers. We had ten rounds of bingo altogether with the first to get a Line and then House for each round. Her friend, Mandy, assisted by collected the winning sheets and took each up to Tracey for checking. This made it much more efficient than those of us with limited mobility trying to wend our way through the tables! Mandy's husband had provided the bingo machine that showed the number called.



Tracey calling the numbers, which were also displayed on the bingo machine



A packed Tennis Club for the Bingo

Half way through the evening we took a short break when the raffle was drawn. After this, the bingo continued. At the end of the evening, each winner of either a Line or House received a box of truffles or bottle of wine, respectively.



The bingo prizes awaiting collection by the winners

Bonus Ball Competition

The bonus ball for 11 February draw was number 52. Unfortunately, no one had chosen this number so it is a roll over for February's competition.

What a Joke!

- A man went into a furniture shop wanting to buy a sofa. The sales person showed him one and said this one will seat five without any problems. The man said I don't know five people without any problems. Anyway, where would I sit?
- A man walks past a beggar on the corner of the street where he works. The beggar holds out his one hand and the man drops a coin into his hand. One day the man walks pass the beggar again and notices he is holding out both hands. He asks: "Why are you holding out both of your hands?" The beggar replies, "You see sir, business is going so well I decided to open another branch."

Thoughts for the Month

Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value.

Albert Einstein

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear — not absence of fear.

Mark Twain

The next Flower Pot meeting is on

Monday, 9 March

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