

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

Had a hiccup with birthday greetings last month so this may seem like déjà vu, but for April the Editor hopefully can identify correctly the members who have birthdays this month:

- Francis Carr
- Mavis Derbyshire
- Gill Mosley
- Sue Stephenson
- Ruth Wardle

Belated birthday greetings must go to these members who had their birthdays in March:

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

Apologies to you for the late acknowledgement!

Social Events

Piece Hall and Museum, April Coach Trip Monday, 28 April

This month's outing is to the Grade 1 listed Piece Hall and Museum, Halifax. This 18th-century cloth hall now houses history exhibits, shops, bars and restaurants. We will have a guided tour of the Hall and can also visit the Museum. Both are fully accessible for disabled visitors.

The cost will be £20 for members and £25 for guests. Please note that we need a minimum of 26 attendees to make the cost of hiring the coach viable, so the outing will ONLY go ahead if we have sufficient numbers.

Payment is required by the April Flower Pot meeting. **BACS payments are preferred using the reference 'Piece' and your name.** Cash payments at the April meeting will be accepted. If the visit goes ahead, please be at the Flower Pot for 9.45 am to board and ready for the coach leaving at 10.00 am. We have booked a private, one-hour tour at 1.30 pm; afterwards members can choose what to do at the venue. We plan to depart at 4.00 pm or possibly earlier.

Coffee Morning in aid of MADYSS Gawsworth Church Hall, Thursday, 22 May

Items for the book stall, bric-a-brac, raffle and tombola prizes (the tombola is so popular) will be welcomed but NO ALCOHOL. As usual, there will be a cake stall and we hope the bakers among you can help stock this! Prizes of food cupboard items are sought too.

Report of Bingo Night

We had a good evening at Macclesfield Tennis Club when more than 30 members and friends gathered for playing bingo. Before the bingo began, there were several Roll the Pound Coin competitions. Bottles of wine, port, whiskey, prosecco and beers formed the five rounds when players tried to get their coins nearest the bottle. The contests raised £80 for MADYSS funds.



Sue checking her coin roll as Tracey watches on.

Our bingo caller, Tracey Higgins, distributed sets of bingo booklets to attendees, which contained 10 coloured sheets with numbers. For each sheet, there were two games played: complete a line and then complete the whole sheet. This divided nicely into five sheets before the supper break and five sheets afterwards. Tracey was ably assisted by Mandy who collected sheets from those who shouted "Line" or "House" to check the numbers and then gave out to the winners a Line or House ticket accordingly. At the end of the evening,

winners were able to collect their prizes of Easter Eggs.



Easter Eggs await the winners

However, as the evening wore on an air of incredulity surfaced among attendees when just two of the players won a large proportion of the rounds. If the crowd had been less polite, there may have been shouts of "Fix, fix". In fact, the two players were vying to see who would dominate the contest as each player won FOUR rounds!



The meat and potato pie, red cabbage, mushy peas, or quiche and salad provided by caterer Debbie from The Windmill Café went down very well before the second part of the evening.

Our thanks go to Macclesfield Tennis Club for use of the venue and to bartenders Margaret and Jane to whom we gave flowers. Also thank you to Tracey our bingo caller and her assistant Mandy. We really appreciate the work of Anne Swindell, Kay Evans, Diane Thomas, Sue Pembery and Jenny in the kitchen who served up the food and, importantly, washed plates and cutlery afterwards.

The next Flower Pot meeting is on Monday, 14 April 2025

Welcome

At the March monthly meeting, Sue who chaired the meeting in John and Anne's absence, introduced two new attendees, Adele and Philip who were visiting for the first time. We do hope that they decide to join MADYSS so please make them welcome if they come again. Also, Sue went on to announce that Jenny Mason and her daughter Francesca have now become members. Welcome to both of you!

News of Our Members

It was great to see **Yvonne and Roger Smith** at the Flower Pot meeting last month after many months' absence. Yvonne has a neat little oxygen tank that she's able to roll along (a bit like a mini shopping trolley!), which makes life a little easier. We look forward to their being able to attend more regularly this year.

Sylvia Brown injured her shoulder some time ago when falling at home. Don said it isn't healing as it should. A shoulder specialist at Wythenshawe Hospital has informed them that replacing the joint may be required, but a further scan is needed. Luckily, Don and Sylvia are still able to go on their Norwegian Fjords cruise. Should an operation be required, it won't be undertaken until after they return.

Annual General Meeting

A note for your diary: our AGM is going to be on Monday, 12 May at Macclesfield Tennis Club. Please arrive from 12.30 pm; the AGM itself will start at 1.00 p.m.

Bonus Ball Competition

The bonus ball for March was number 44. As no one had chosen this number, we have yet another roll over.

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