

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

We have the following birthdays this month:

- Francis Carr
- Julie Karnon
- Jill Mosley
- Sue Stephenson
- Ruth Wardle

Happy Birthday everyone.

Social Events

Thursday 27 April, Coach Trip to Cadbury World, Bournville, Birmingham

The coach will leave the Flower Pot at 10.15 am. For MADYSS members the cost is £25 and for non-members £30, which includes a self-guided tour, afternoon tea, and guided heritage coach trip around the complex. Names and full payment are required at the 3 April Flower Pot meeting.

Wednesday 10 May, Annual General Meeting Macclesfield Tennis Club, SK11 8JR

Entry to the Club is **from 12.30 onwards**. The AGM itself will start at 1.00 pm. It will include a Review of the Year, the Treasurer's Report and voting for Committee members. A buffet lunch will then be served, after which our invited speaker will give a presentation.

Report on Quiz Night and Supper

Twenty-nine members and friends gathered at the Macclesfield Tennis Club on 18 March where we made valiant efforts to exercise our brains. Our quiz setter was Tracey Higgins (Gary's sister), and she had us tackle four rounds before supper and four rounds after. Subjects were wide-ranging and included Music, Film, Geography, Television, and What Was The Year. In addition, Tracey gave out sheets with twenty photographs of famous people for teams to identify.



Judy, Val, Michael and friends

Six teams competed in a tightly fought contest, and the winning quiz team was *Confused.com* who triumphed by the slender margin of half a point! The results were as follows:

TEAM NAME	TOTAL SCORE
Confused.com	82.5
The Quizlings	82.0
Silken Dream Team	76.0
Vunderbar	74.5
The Rejects	73.0
The Ancient Alers	71.0

The meat and potato pie with mushy peas and red cabbage served half-way through the evening was very good, whilst the vegetarians amongst the group had quiche and salad. The raffle raised £88 for MADYSS. Our thanks for an enjoyable social evening go to: Tracey for running the quiz; Kay as event organiser with Anne helping; Diane Thomas for the raffle; Kay Kennedy and Sue Stephenson for kitchen assistance; and to Debbie from The Windmill Sandwich Bar who did the catering.



Sue, Kay, Gill, Gary and Tracey at supper



Diane and Paul Sutcliffe with friends

New Member

Fortunately we didn't scare Colin Tuck away when he came along to the February meeting, and he has now joined MADYSS. It's good to have some new blood in the group, especially as he may be able to contribute a few new ideas that we can consider. Welcome Colin!

Pass It On

Kay Evans has suggested including a column with useful facts in the newsletter and has provided the following piece to start us off. While none of us perhaps vapes, we may know of friends or family members who do, so next time you see them you could mention this.

"I had a visitor recently who vaped, and I wasn't sure what to do with the cartridges so asked my bin men which bin I should put them in (the grey recycling bin or black bin). They had no idea and suggested I phone Cheshire East Waste Disposal who also had no idea.

"I then phoned my local Bollington Town Council Office where a very nice lady, Barbara, spent quite a while investigating. She informed me that ONLY the *disposable* ones can be put in the black bin. ALL OTHER battery vape cannisters should be taken to the local Recycling Tip and put in the ELECTRICAL collection bin, but that the batteries should be removed.

"The thought of the millions that will end up in landfill is quite horrifying to me, given the strong plastic they are made from. Many vapers will not care that they should be recycled at the local tip in the electrical waste. I do hope that I'm wrong! PLEASE pass on this information to others. Let's spread the word and perhaps those who vape will get the message. Maybe one day supermarkets will have vape recycling boxes. My next mission!"

If you have anything that could appear here for future issues, email kath_wilkinson@hotmail.com.

Warning: Stay Alert

Recently, one of our members was shopping in Macclesfield when she had her purse stolen from her handbag. She had returned to her car in the Grosvenor Centre multistorey car park and put her shopping and handbag on the back seat. She then walked round to the other side of her car where she was approached by three or four young women. Whilst one distracted her, another stole her purse from her bag. She wasn't aware of this until needing to use it later, by which time money had been taken from her bank account. Thankfully she was reimbursed by her bank.

This type of distraction theft is commonplace; we are all more vulnerable as we are less able and as we get older. Please try to stay alert at all times, especially if you are out on your own.

Bonus Ball Competition

No winner in March (bonus ball was number 36) so it is a roll-over month.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is
Monday 3 April 2023
(a week early as 10 April is Easter Monday)**

MADYSS Committee

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