



February 2012

Dear Friends

*Did you know* that the Friday after Ash Wednesday used to be called 'Kissing Friday'? English schoolboys were once entitled to kiss girls without fear of punishment, a custom that lasted until the 1940s. In Sileby, Leicestershire, the day was known as 'Nippy Hug Day' when men could demand a kiss from a woman of their choice. If their petition was denied they had the right to 'louse' or pinch the woman's posterior, perhaps mimicking the pinching of lice!

It's still a bit cold out there in the evenings but come and warm yourself and have a natter with friends at the **Holiday Inn, Basingstoke Road on 16<sup>th</sup> February** – the incentive is that the first drink is on the house so we hope to see a number of you there from 7.30pm.

Come along to a **pamper evening at the Berkshire MS Therapy Centre, Reading on 20<sup>th</sup> March**, who will benefit from the proceeds. Treatments on offer range from massage to manicures and threading. Refreshments will be available along with items for sale such as jewellery and handbags. To get your £5 entry ticket please either see the BMSTC Facebook page, contact Kirsten Shakeri on (0118) 9016000 or email [kirsten@bmstc.org](mailto:kirsten@bmstc.org), for more information.

Our March event is the **Calcot Hotel Quiz'n'Dine on 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. We hope to welcome some new-comers to the 3-course meal and quiz as they complete their Getting to Grips sessions. You pay just £7 a head so **please use the form overleaf or email us to book your places. Please make sure we receive payment by 01 March.**



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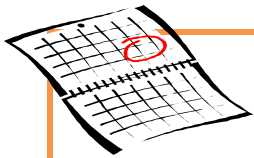
Welcome to Sally Hurst who has joined us to help organise MSquared events, please note Sally's contact details below.

Our programme of events for 2012 is overleaf. If you have any ideas for our third Thursdays, would like to suggest a new venue or have other events you would like to include in the monthly newsletter, please get in touch with Ros. You can see all the proposed dates on the calendar, overleaf – please note events, dates and times are all provisional until marked ✓Confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Andy, Sally and Ros

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## 2012 MSquared Events Calendar

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Please contact Andy or Ros if you want to check that events are running on the day, e.g. adverse weather, or to let us know if you are unable to attend an event you are booked on.

<b>January</b>	<b>February 16<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm</b>  Social gathering for a drink at Holiday Inn, Basingstoke Road – the first drink is 'on the house'  ✓Confirmed	<b>March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7.30pm</b>  Quiz'n'Dine night at the Calcot Hotel, Bath Road - £7. a head for three course meal and entry to the quiz  ✓Confirmed
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm</b>  Meal at the Pack Horse, Woodcote Road	<b>May 17<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm</b>  Social gathering for a drink at Holiday Inn, Basingstoke Road - the first drink is 'on the house'	<b>June 21<sup>st</sup></b>  Skittles evening with buffet at the Red Lion, Theale
<b>July 19<sup>th</sup></b>  Picnic at Dinton Pastures	<b>August</b>  No event	<b>September 20<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm</b>  Social gathering for a drink at local hostelry - tbc
<b>October 18<sup>th</sup></b>  Quiz night	<b>November 15<sup>th</sup></b>  tbc	<b>December</b>  Annual MSquared Dinner & Dance



### Booking Form

<b>Event</b>	Quiz'n'Dine at the Calcot Hotel at £7 per person		
<b>Date</b>	22 March 2012	<b>No. of places required</b>	
<b>Names, address &amp; phone no. of attendees</b>		<b>Would you like help with transport?</b>	Y / N
		<b>Booking information</b>	
		Make cheques payable to <b>The MS Society</b>	
		Post to Mr A Welch 266 Rodway Road, Tilehurst Reading RG30 6EG	