

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

This month our birthday best wishes go to:

- Mike Arrowsmith
- Kay Evans
- Pat Snelling

Social Events

Shugborough Hall Coach Trip Thursday, 24 June

The coach will leave the Flower Pot car park at 10.00 am prompt. Members may wish to visit the Hall, which has wheelchair access to the ground floor, and there is also a farm, gift shop and grounds to explore. While the coach will be free, the entrance fee which includes afternoon tea is £12 for National Trust members and £16.50 for non-members. Without tea, the cost is £6 and £10.50, respectively; payment is due by 13 June.

Canal Boat Trip, Higher Poynton, SK12 1TH Thursday, 11 August and Tuesday, 23 August

Names were taken at the AGM for these two canal trips. The first one is now fully booked and there are very few spaces left on the second, which takes place on 23 August. Please be at the Lord Vernon Wharf in Higher Poynton by 10.45 am as the boat will leave promptly at 11.00 am.

AGM Report

The AGM was held on **Monday, 9 May** at The Weaver pub, Macclesfield, with 30 members in attendance. The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Peter Stephenson, and Sue then read the Chairman's Report on his behalf. A review of the monthly social activities during the year formed part of the Report. These included trips to Dunham Massey and also to the Anderton Boat Lift, while closer to home other events included a Cinemac visit and lunch at the Chilli Banana.

Thelma Farrell, as Treasurer, then continued by summarising the financial position of MADYSS

and reporting on the total income and expenditure. It was good to hear that the Group is solvent! Over the year, the group received donations of £3790.

It was confirmed that Peter will step down as Chairman but that he will continue to run the group's website. Sue will also relinquish her role as Administrative Secretary. Following these two announcements, Ike Karnon kindly offered his services as Chairman of MADYSS and received a unanimous vote from members. His wife Julie will also join the Committee as an Ordinary Member, while Pat Snelling will no longer continue as an Ordinary Member. The Committee has decided that each of its members will take a one-month turn as Secretary since no one has come forward to take on Sue's role. Among other duties, this involves organising the monthly social event, which can be a time-consuming and responsible job.

Once the business of the AGM was concluded, members enjoyed sandwiches, crisps and sweet bites while socialising. Glenn Farrell, Thelma's son, then arrived and handed over a cheque for £410, the proceeds of the bungee jump he had undertaken when MADYSS was his chosen charity.

Thought for the Month

We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.

Frederick Koenig

News of our Members

Pat Snelling remains on the ward at Wrightington Hospital followed her hip/leg surgery. She will be returning to Macclesfield General Hospital when circumstances permit.

Scooter Ride Success

Many MADYSS members go to the Meet, Move and Improve group at Bollington Leisure Centre each Friday. One of the regular stroke attendees at this group, George Higginson, decided that he would take on the challenge of riding his mobility scooter from Congleton to Bollington to support Stroke Awareness month as part of the Make May Purple campaign.

Luckily, the weather on the day was kind to George who successfully completed the journey on Friday, 20 May, as the photographs here demonstrate. The logistics of this feat involved notification of his route to the police; escort vehicles in front and behind, which were ably provided by his wife and daughter; recharging the scooter on the way; and friends lending their moral and practical support too. In addition to individual sponsors, George received sponsorship from various commercial sponsors, including Boots, Dormus, Marks and Spencer, Plastering Solutions North West, and Vision Express.



George and his decorated mean machine reach the Bollington Leisure Centre



The Bollington group meet George at the finish

Our Treasurer, Thelma Farrell, who was assisted by her neighbour, Joan, provided a delicious sandwich buffet and cup cakes to celebrate his arrival at Bollington. With the room bedecked in colourful bunting and purple and gold balloons (Stroke Association colours), we certainly enjoyed the buffet. Nothing had been forgotten – we even had purple napkins!

On behalf of George, thank you to everyone who contributed in whatever way to ensure that this was a truly memorable and successful event. He has raised the magnificent sum of over £300, which will be donated to The Stroke Association North West. From the splendid raffle that George also held, the Meet, Move and Improve group was able to contribute a further £182. Well done George!

Bonus Ball Competition

As May was the AGM, we did not hold a bonus ball competition so again it is a roll-over month.

The next meeting is on Monday, 13 June at The Flower Pot

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