

# MADYSS Matters

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## Birthday Greetings

May is definitely a quiet month for birthdays with only two to note:

- Monica Meah
- Cliff Thomas

Monica and Cliff, best wishes to each of you for a Happy Birthday.

## Social Events

### Shugborough Hall Coach Trip Thursday, 23 June

If you are interested in going on this trip and haven't yet let anyone know, please inform Sue Stephenson by Monday, 9 May. The coach will be free, but payment of the entrance fee and afternoon tea will be required.

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

This summer we have organised the canal boat trips that we first referred to last year. The boat will leave from Lord Vernon's Wharf at Higher Poynton and sail along the Macclesfield Canal. As the maximum number of passengers per boat is 12, we have booked the two dates given above. The boat takes a maximum of four wheelchairs and sets off at 11.00 am returning at 3.00 pm.

The cost of £10 each will be paid by MADYSS. You can bring your own lunch or buy fish and chips for which we will take orders and collect the food in Marple. Names for the trip will be taken at the AGM on 9 May, but if you are not at the meeting please telephone Monica Meah on 01625 428951, or email [monicameah@hotmail.com](mailto:monicameah@hotmail.com) and give the date that you would like to go.

### Report on Meal at Rudyard Hotel, Rudyard

Eleven of us met at the Rudyard Hotel on the most perfect day we could have hoped for: blue skies, sunshine and pleasantly warm. Following a drink outside to enjoy the sunny weather, we then

went in to the hotel where we tucked into the plentiful carvery.

To make the most of the lovely weather, we took a short walk to the lakeside where some of us enjoyed ice creams while pondering the top-hatted figure being carved on one of the tree trunks in the car park. Initial thoughts that perhaps it was Abraham Lincoln soon gave way to the decision that it was Rudyard Kipling as we were at Rudyard Lake after all!



*A beautiful scene at Rudyard Lake*

## AGM

The meeting will be held on **Monday, 9 May** at 12.30 pm and take place at The Weaver, Thornton Square, Macclesfield, SK11 7XZ. After the AGM business is concluded, attendees will have the opportunity to circulate and chat with each other over a sandwich lunch.

## Payment for Holiday

Could those of you who are going on the MADYSS holiday please note that payment is required by 31 July. The total, which can be paid by instalments, is £200 per person for a double room or £280 for a single room as £50 deposits were made previously.

## Bonus Ball Competition

There was no winner of the April competition so we have a rollover for May.

## News of our Members

Do you know the name Danny Willett? Even if you are not a golf fan, probably you heard on the news that he was the winner of the U.S. Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta, Georgia. It turns out that Danny is the nephew of our own Chris Willett! The April Flower Pot meeting was held the day after Danny won, and with a close relative in our midst we felt that we too were connected and we were happy to warmly applaud the announcement!

In mid-April, **Pat Snelling** unfortunately broke her femur just below the hip replacement she had already had on this limb and was admitted to Macclesfield Hospital. She was waiting for a bed to become available at Wrightington Hospital where the specialist surgery she required could be undertaken. She has now transferred there and had the operation on Tuesday.

## Bungee Jump

Glenn Farrell has raised the magnificent sum of £400 from his daring feat outside The Weaver on Saturday, 9 April. Several members went along to support him for the jump and MADYSS also had poster boards on display to inform those who were watching about our Group. A collection bucket that we took to the event resulted in a further £30 of donations. The jump was certainly not for the fainthearted, and neither was watching as Chris Willett's face demonstrated in some photos (sadly,



*Definitely not for vertigo sufferers!*

not for public display although she may let you have a peek for a small donation to MADYSS!).

## Thought for the Month

We do not remember days, we remember moments.

*Cesare Pavese*

### RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

We are conducting research through the University of Liverpool, investigating the impact of visual impairment following stroke and potential health inequalities.

We will require research volunteers for focus groups, questionnaires, interviews, and assessments. If you have ever had a **visual impairment after a stroke** and might like to participate in this research, please contact us and we will keep you updated with further information:

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**The next meeting (AGM) is on Monday 9 May at The Weaver**