

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

We can say Happy Birthday this month to a very large group of members:

- Geoffrey Blamire
- Sharon Clements
- Francis Carr
- Thelma Farrell
- Lee-Anne Higginson
- Susan Lakin
- George Oliver
- Alan Stansfield
- Barbara Stansfield
- Kath Wilkinson
- Chris Willett
- Tina Yearsley



Lesley, Val, Margaret and Kay enjoying the cruise

Social Events

Llandudno Coach Trip Thursday, 13 July

Our next social event is a trip to Llandudno. The cost will be £15.00 each and payment should be made at the July Flower Pot meeting. We will leave the Flower Pot by 10.00 am prompt so please ensure you arrive in good time. Our pick up from Llandudno will be at 5.00 pm. Nothing organised is planned for Llandudno – everyone is free to do their own thing.

Trip to Chester on Thursday, 22 June Report by Monica Meah

Nineteen members went on the Chester coach trip which took place on a lovely sunny day. While four MADYSS members chose to go shopping in the city, the remainder decided to take a two-hour cruise along the river Dee (see photos below). The boat trip was followed by lunch in a delightful restaurant by the river. A lovely pleasant day that was enjoyed by all participants.



Stroke Assembly

30–31 May 2017, Crewe Hall, Crewe
Report by Ike Karnon

More than 150 delegates attended the Assembly, including five representatives from MADYSS (Thelma, Monica Liz, Julie and Ike). The venue was excellent and the Stroke Assembly was most informative and interesting.

The stories of some stroke survivors were both touching and amazing. The courage and determination of these people have to be admired. One member who suffers from aphasia made a speech that required a lot of effort. It was very touching. Another who could hardly walk gave a wonderful talk and has certainly not lost his sense of humour!

The Stroke Association (SA) supports a great number of research projects at several UK universities. Some of these may not be finished in time to benefit our current members, but they will make life after stroke a lot easier for future generations.

The SA is also fighting very hard to stop the present postcode lottery with regard to care facilities and rehabilitation for stroke survivors. A lot of effort is invested in this topic. Your support is required now. If you go online to:

www.stroke.org.uk/GE17Action and then click as directed, a letter will automatically go to your MP to urge him/her to take immediate action to support us. And thank you everybody for supporting me.

News of our Members

Sadly, we must report that **Yvette Cregan** passed away in early June. Many of you will know that Yvette used to come on holidays and days out with us together with Kay Evans (Yvette joined the group when Kay's husband John was running MADYSS). We send our sincere sympathy to her family and to her close friends like Kay.

Peter Stephenson was taken ill while on holiday in Anglesey with Sue. Following a spell in Bangor hospital, he has now been discharged. Our best wishes go to Peter and Sue for his continued recovery.

Gawsworth Coffee Morning

The coffee morning that took place on Thursday 29 June at Gawsworth Methodist Church Hall was a great success. We raised the magnificent total of £442, which included £109 from the bottle tombola, £61 for selling raffle tickets for the St Helen's World of Glass, and £91 from tea, coffee and cake sales. Our stall also had bric-a-brac, craft items, and cards available. Despite the inclement weather (or perhaps because of it!) lots of people attended.

Thank you to everyone who donated goods for the stall and for the bottle tombola and thank you also to all those who came along on the day. The MADYSS coffee morning team, together with their family members who worked so hard, deserve a special thank you. Our appreciation must also go to Gawsworth Methodist Church for the use of their lovely hall, and for their help and support.



MADYSS stall staffed by Thelma Farrell and Kay Kennedy at the Gawsworth Coffee Morning

The next meeting is on Monday, 10 July at The Flower Pot

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