

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to:

- John Higgins
- Monica Meah
- Cliff Thomas

We hope that you each enjoy your birthday.

Social Events

Coach trip to Chester
Tuesday, 20 June 2017

Please reserve this date if you would be interested in a trip to Chester. More details will follow in due course.

Please note: There is no May social event as it is the AGM this month

Report on The World of Glass, St Helen's
Thursday 27 April 2017

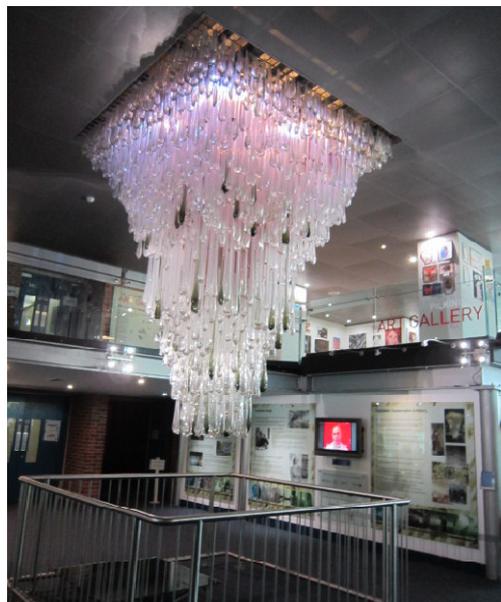
We had a splendid day at The World of Glass last Thursday and participated in many and varied fascinating activities. On arrival, we were greeted with tea or coffee and some delicious biscuits to fortify us for the day ahead. When we were suitably refreshed, we then watched a 20-minute film focusing on the history of glass through the centuries. The film informed us that glass was first



Members learning about the 2-ton chandelier

invented by the Romans in the first century B.C. and reminded us of the many uses of glass to the present day, and its potential for the future.

After the film, we were able to watch a glass-blowing demonstration, which provided to be both educational and quite a spectacle. The heating chamber used during the glass-blowing process evidently has a temperature of 1200 degrees!



Chandelier originally from Manchester Airport Terminal

Following lunch, there were opportunities to visit the museum, the tunnels, the art gallery and the gift shop for souvenirs. A huge thank you goes to our Events Secretary, Monica Meah, who was the organiser of a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

Bonus Ball Competition

The lucky winner of the bonus ball competition was Lesley John. As it consisted of several roll overs, she picked up the princely sum of £62.00 so well done Lesley on choosing number 50.

Welcome to New Members

We are pleased to announce that Michael and Judy Fleming have now joined the group. They came along to their first meeting in March to see

what MADYSS was about. Members clearly showed that we were a friendly group so by the April meeting the couple had decided to become members, which is excellent news. If you have not yet introduced yourself to them, please do so.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will begin at the usual time of 12.30 pm and is to be held at Macclesfield Tennis Club on Monday, 8 May. Ike informed members at the April Flower Pot meeting that the speaker for the AGM would be someone from Roberts Bakery. As Ike has heard the speaker previously and can recommend him, we hope that many of you will come along and then we can give the speaker a warm welcome. There may be some bakery goodie bags to take home too. That should no doubt encourage our attendance!

Yvonne Smith has volunteered to become our Membership Secretary, but she has requested a 'mate' who could help her share the burden. Please could someone HELP! It really isn't too demanding and you may enjoy assisting. We are still searching for a Deputy Chair. As Ike has said, you may be fed up of hearing this message but we are equally fed up of saying it. A quick reminder that annual subscriptions to MADYSS will come due at the meeting. The membership fee will remain the same at £20 each. Please bring either cash or cheque (made payable to MADYSS) along to the AGM.

By George!

Once again this year, George Higginson will be raising funds for The Stroke Association during the Make May Purple campaign for stroke awareness. Last year we reported in the June issue that George, who has now become a MADYSS member, completed a mobility scooter ride from Congleton to Bollington Leisure Centre, where many of our members attend the Meet, Move and Improve group each week. This year on 26 May, George will be riding his scooter again

to Bollington, but it will be mounted on the back of his son's flat-bed classic truck.

Once there, not one to pass on a challenge, George will be aiming to complete an hour's gym work at the Leisure Centre. He has been trained hard and hopes to manage stints on the stationary bike, the treadmill and the rowing machine, along with numerous repetitions of various exercises. The writer is feeling tired just thinking about it! There will also be a bring and buy stall in Congleton that George's wife is organising, for which items to sell are sought from members. If you would like to sponsor George, a sponsorship form will be available at the May meeting so please give generously. You can also show your support for the Make May Purple campaign by wearing something purple at the AGM on 8 May.

What a Joke!

These sentences are alleged to have actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The Fasting & Prayer conference includes a meal.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'.

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

June Flower Pot Meeting

At the 12 June meeting, we will have a representative from the University of Manchester who is doing a project to help monitor stroke sufferers living alone. It will be of interest to everyone but especially to those who live alone.

The next meeting is the AGM on Monday, 8 May at Macclesfield Tennis Club

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