

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

- Richard Challis
- Liz Leech
- Ian Meah
- Yvonne Smith

Our best wishes to each of you for a Happy Birthday.

Social Events

Canal Boat Trips, Monday 6 August and Thursday 30 August, SK12 1TH

Details for both trips are the same. Please arrive at Lord Vernon Wharf, Lyme Road, Higher Poynton, SK12 1TH by 10.30 am. The Mary Sunley 2 boat will leave at 11.00 am and return at 3.00 pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided and you can either take a packed lunch or buy fish and chips on the way. Note: please confirm with Monica that you are attending.

Treasure Hunt and BBQ, Sunday 19 August

A treasure hunt and BBQ will be held on the above date in memory of John Evans the founder of MADYSS. It is organised by John's daughter, Stephanie, and the hunt will start and end at Naychurch Farm (ST13 8UE) near Leek from 11.45 am. Members should take their own meat or vegetarian option for the BBQ after the treasure hunt. Kay Evans noted from past experience that four people in a car works out best: one to drive, one to navigate and two to look for the clues. The cost will be £4 per adult and £2 per child (aged 12 and under). All proceeds will go to MADYSS.

Tittesworth Reservoir, Thursday 19 July Report by Kay Evans

Ten members of MADYSS met at Tittesworth Water, Meerbrook where we were able to enjoy refreshments before a wander around the well-stocked Visitor Centre. Some of us then followed this with a gentle stroll in glorious sunshine.

It was my first trip to Tittesworth and I cannot fathom why! It's well planned with very pleasant, modern facilities, bright and airy, very accessible and has lovely grounds. It has good parking, a children's play area and a reasonably priced and interesting menu, which we had to forego as we were moving on for lunch.

This being a Water Sports Centre it was lovely to see and hear trainee canoeists having instructive fun. Although water levels were low there was a huge amount of space both for the canoes and for the water fowl.



Canoe lessons at scenic Tittesworth Reservoir

The interesting sculpture (see photograph below) created by Jason Thomson in 2003 is called 'Earth Man' and is meant to represent the close connection between humans and nature. Although a strange sight on first encountering, when studied the meaning becomes clear.



MADYSS members with the Earth Man

From Tittesworth it was onwards to Sheila's Tea Rooms at Intake Farm, Rushton Spencer where we met four more MADYSS members and enjoyed a very nice three-course lunch, after which we relaxed and chatted over coffee and tea in a welcoming and very pleasant dining room. Thank you to the team who looked after us so well. Such a shame that 'Sheila's' is closing at the end of July due to retirement.

News of our Members

Fran Carr was in hospital for a couple of days to have a pacemaker fitted last month. All went well and she was in and out very quickly. It is very good to be able to report that **Ramala Bakaya** is now back at home following a lengthy stay at Dystlegh Grange in Disley, having at last found a suitable carer. Must feel great to be able to be back in your own home Ramala. **Roger Snelling** attended the July Flower Pot meeting together with Pat after several spells in hospital recently, following falls, a broken ankle and then developing sepsis. You are obviously very tough Roger!

Bollington Break

Would members who attend the Meet, Move and Improve group at Bollington Leisure Centre please note that sessions as usual will start up again on Friday, 7 September. The last session before the summer break was on 13 July. Many of the group then met on 20 July for afternoon tea at Sheila's Tea Rooms, Rushton Spencer.

Omissions and Errata

The notes from the June Flower Pot meeting were unfortunately mislaid before the July newsletter, which meant that important information was omitted. However, these have now turned up so apologies for the late inclusion of the following points. Four members of MADYSS have now been made honorary members. These are Kay Evans, whose late husband John was instrumental in setting up the group, Tina and Gary Yearsley, and Ann Pape who have also been with the group since it was founded.

At the June meeting, Margaret Barry reported that a magnificent £250 had been raised from her sales of various items. In fact this total had grown to £300 by the July meeting! Those who have purchased her tote bags, glasses cases, casual bags, etc., know that these items are beautifully made and have taken so much time and effort with additional work required for many made with a patchwork design. Thank you so much Margaret; your hard work is really appreciated. We also extend a sincere thank you to Hilary Wheelock for supplying the many rolls of lovely materials in all their rich array of colours, without which Margaret could not have produced so much.

Unlike the Queen, Fran Carr does not have two birthdays. The newsletter listed her birthday as first being in March and then again in July, neither of which is correct. Her 'official' birthday is in fact 17 April. Our apologies Fran for perpetuating this error.

Thought for the Month

Always do your best. What you
plant now, you will harvest later.

Og Mandino

Bonus Ball Competition

Finally, Sue Stephenson chose lucky number 13 and was the winner after many roll overs. She will receive £63.50 so it was worth the wait.

All Change

The system for ordering food at the Flower Pot for the monthly meetings will change. Thelma will be able to provide more details on 13 August.

**The next Flower Pot meeting will be
Monday 13 August**

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