

# MADYSS Matters

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## Birthday Greetings

Members with birthdays this festive month are:

- Jim Borggren
- Jean Clayton
- Justi Harman
- Ike Karnon

Many Happy Returns to each of you.

## Social Events

### Christmas Meal, Friday 14 December 2017 Davenport Golf Club, Poynton, SK12 1TS

The MADYSS Christmas meal will be held at the Golf Club once again. Please arrange to arrive from 12.30 pm onwards; the meal will be served at 1.00 pm. As in previous years, Thelma Farrell is putting together a hamper in memory of her late husband Keith. Raffle tickets for this splendid prize will be available to purchase at the meal and the winner will be drawn on the day.

### January 2019: Ten-pin Bowling

### February 2019: Chilli Banana Meal

Details of the first two social events in 2019 are not yet available, but more information will appear in the January newsletter.

### Cadbury World Coach Trip Report

A lovely warm day with blue skies and sunshine meant that we could enjoy the autumn colours during our trouble-free journey down to Bournville and to Cadbury World. A total of 32 MADYSS members and friends had decided that a trip to chocolate heaven was a great idea and so it proved.

Our first part of the day comprised an heritage tour around Bournville on the coach, accompanied by a Cadbury guide. As an 18-year veteran of doing these tours, he was very informative on the

buildings that we passed, the Cadbury's Quaker background and the lives of the workers.

Once back at the tour entrance, we were each given a Crunchie and bar of Cadbury's Milk before going through the first parts of the exhibition. These focused on how Europe was first introduced to the cocoa bean after Cortes' explorations of South America, and on his meeting the Aztec and Mayan civilisations who used cocoa to make a beverage from which today's hot chocolate eventually developed.

We continued to a seated area where we viewed a film showing how the Quaker John Cadbury and sons, Richard and George, set up the company in 1832 in Birmingham. The Cadburys realised that a happy workforce was a productive workforce and, true to their Quaker ethics, introduced a number of benefits that were unusual at the time: annual holiday, a pension scheme, and a day off each week for leisure and outdoor activities too in the Bournville village which the founders had built.



After viewing a demonstration of how chocolate was made (before modern machinery took over many of the processes), we proceeded back to the cafe for afternoon tea of sandwiches, scones, jam and clotted cream.

There was just time to take a stroll through the World's Biggest Cadbury Shop and stock up on a large variety of chocolate products before rejoining the coach. A huge thank you to Monica Meah and Kay Evans for organising a day out that was so 'sweetly' successful.

## IMPORTANT!

Following the recent unfortunate incident with Cliff on the trip to Cadbury World, the paramedics advised us that in certain circumstances it is helpful to have the person's NHS number. It will enable treatment to be speeded up, and we are therefore requesting that **all members** should give Yvonne Smith their NHS numbers and she will add them to each of the registration forms. If you will be at the December Flower Pot meeting, please bring your NHS number with you or call Yvonne with it. Of course, the information is subject to our confidentiality undertaking. Please do so without delay.

## Gawsworth Coffee Morning

We had a very successful morning at the Gawsworth Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 22 November. Twenty-four members were present and this month MADYSS was the chosen charity; a total of £507 was raised for MADYSS.

A HUGE thank you to Thelma and the MADYSS ladies Yvonne, Margaret, Monica, Liz, Sue, Chris, Jill, and Diane, together with all the others who worked very hard to ensure that the event was a success. Thank you to all of you who donated items and who came along to support the event. Without you it could not have been such a successful event. THANK YOU!

## MADYSS Christmas Card

As we do every year, we shall circulate our MADYSS Christmas card at the next meeting. Please sign it and give a generous donation (preferably no coins, notes only!). This will save you a great deal by not having to send individual cards to members.

## Bonus Ball Competition

The winner of the November competition was Barbara Stansfield who had selected number 16.

## What a Joke!



## News of our Members

**Cliff Thomas** has been in and out of hospital on several occasions in recent weeks, but it has been good to see him in attendance at various social events despite this.

Those of you at the November Flower Pot meeting will have heard Ike announce that **Ian Meah** unfortunately has had to have a part amputation of his right leg. The operation went well and of course he can't wait to go home. Naturally, a few adaptations to the house need to be arranged and implemented first, which as many of you will know can take some time.

We send our best wishes to both Cliff and Ian, and also to their wives, Diane and Monica, who have had to deal with so much in the last few weeks.

## Meet Move and Improve

Would those MADYSS members who attend the Bollington group on Friday mornings please note that the last session will take place on Friday, 7 December. The Meet, Move and Improve group will start up again on 4 January 2019.

**The next Flower Pot meeting will be on Monday 10 December**

### MADYSS Committee

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