

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

For May, we send our best wishes for a Happy Birthday to:

- David Clayton
- Tracey Higgins
- John Higgins
- Monica Meah
- Cliff Thomas

Social Events

Annual General Meeting, 14 May Macclesfield Tennis Club, SK11 8JR

Following the business part of the meeting when reports are given by the Chairman, Treasurer, and a new Committee elected, a sandwich lunch will be provided. Our guest, Mr Nick Barnes, will entertain us with magic and humour before and during lunch. The meeting will start at 12.30 pm.

Membership fees will be payable following the AGM and they remain at £20 per person.

Please note: There is no Flower Pot meeting as it is the AGM this month

Report on Trip to World of Wedgwood Barlaston, Stoke on Trent

A group of 22 MADYSS members and friends gathered at the Flower Pot for our coach trip to the World of Wedgwood in The Potteries. We were waved off by our Social Secretary, Monica Meah who had organised the outing, but unfortunately personal circumstances prevented her joining us.

The journey was trouble-free but not so our arrival on site, which involved a 20-minute detour through somewhat narrow country roads. The Wedgwood estate unhelpfully provided no directional signs to our coach driver when a height barrier meant only low vehicles could access from the direction we were approaching! He expertly manoeuvred the coach around, both at this entrance and when

searching for an alternative coach-friendly route into the estate.

Rejuvenated after a welcoming tea or coffee we split up, with some embarking on the self-guided factory tour and others heading for the museum. On the factory tour we had a chance to look down from the first floor level to the ground floor below and watch the workers engaged in the different processes involved to produce ceramics. We also learned that a large spray dryer on display (no longer in use) would have contained enough water to make *two million* cups of tea or supply a family of four's needs for two years! And did you know that Charles Darwin (*The Origin of Species*) was the grandson of Josiah Wedgwood? Proceeding down to ground level, we walked by some of the artists who paint intricate and delicate designs on the china ornaments and dinner ware.

Those who hadn't already toured the museum took the opportunity to have lunch before tackling this next part of the estate. It was chronologically arranged with areas devoted to the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. Each of these showed a vast range of china, experimentation in colouring processes, and decorative designs. The museum provided a fascinating insight into how pottery has evolved over the past 250 years.



Kath, Yvonne, her friend Jane, and Lesley having lunch in the Wedgwood Dining Hall

Of course the Wedgwood Tea Room which served drinks in Wedgwood bone china was a popular refreshment venue before the journey home. Our thanks go to Monica for arranging an enjoyable and educational day out.

Future Events

Concert, Saturday 23 June

It is the 10th anniversary of Kay Evans' husband John's death coming up. Kay announced that a concert with Bollington Festival Players will be held at Bollington Arts Centre in June.

Kay's daughter Stephanie is organising the event. Proceeds from the Saturday evening concert will be donated to MADYSS. Tickets to the event are £10 each.

Southport Pier, Monday 25 June

A coach trip to Southport Pier is planned and will also call at Crosby Beach.

Tittesworth Reservoir, Thursday 19 July

Canal Boat Trips, Monday 6 August and Thursday 30 August

Treasure Hunt, Sunday 19 August

This will take place near Leek. A BBQ after the Treasure Hunt is planned for all those taking part.

More details on all of the above trips will follow nearer the time.

Bonus Ball Competition

There was no winner of the April competition as the bonus ball number was number 28 that week, which no one had chosen. It is therefore a roll-over month. We will not hold a competition in May as it is the AGM. Thus the next chance for you to win will be at the June Flower Pot meeting.

News of our Members

Unfortunately we must report that **Roger Snelling** has broken his ankle. We wish him all the best for a speedy recovery.

Voting for the Committee

If you cannot attend the AGM, you can vote by proxy. To do so please telephone Ike on 01260 273969. Our present Committee are all willing to be re-elected. In addition, Michael Fleming has offered to be Vice Chairman and Judy Fleming to be Administrative Secretary. Liz Leech has also put herself forward. If elected Liz will take over as fundraiser from Kay Evans. Kay will then assist Monica on the social events side of MADYSS.

Do try to attend. In order to be compliant with the Constitution we need 40% of members voting at the AGM.

The next meeting is on Monday, 14 May at Macclesfield Tennis Club

MADYSS Committee

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