

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

It is time to say Happy Birthday to:

- Roger Smith
- Samantha Lakin

Welcome

Michael, our Deputy Chairman who was standing in for Ike at the October meeting, was pleased to introduce mother and daughter **Justi** and **Adele Harman** who are now members of MADYSS. Do say hello when you see them at future events.

Social Events

Cadbury World Coach Trip Thursday, 15 November

The coach will leave the Flower Pot at 10.00 a.m. We have arranged for a Cadbury World member of staff to come onto the coach at 1.00 p.m. and give a talk as we do the Heritage Tour. Following the Tour, an afternoon cream tea will be served to the group. The cost of the trip, which is highly subsidised, is £12.00 per person. If you have not yet paid, please do so at the Flower Pot meeting on 12 November.

Isle of Wight Holiday Report by Tina Yearsley

After a delicious breakfast of bacon butties we set off in the sunshine. We made great time to Portsmouth which gave us time to visit the Marie Rose (pub that is). We all settled into our rooms and got our bearings in the hotel, in time for our evening meal and the entertainment.

We were blessed with beautiful weather all week, and got to see the Island at its best. As Gary and I had been to the Isle of Wight before we thought this prior knowledge would help organising the first day out. Not so, as we have never toured the Island by coach and found the restrictions of parking to be quite a challenge. Luckily our lovely driver Patrick was calm and relaxed, and we

managed a few hours in the picturesque village of Shanklin. The hills were tricky to say the least, so it was hard going.

Once back on the coach we enjoyed a tour of the island, passing through Godshill, with its thatched cottages and tea rooms. More parking problems ensued as we moved onto Arreton Barns craft centre. It was lovely watching the glass blowing and enjoying ice creams in the sun while Gary enjoyed the vintage one armed bandits.

Day two was Osborne House, Queen Victoria's summer hideaway with private beach. Very regal it was too, enjoying an insight into the home of The Royal Family. The grounds were vast so we all split up to enjoy the day. There were buses to help transport us to the beach, Swiss Cottage, the museum and back to the house with its lavish gardens. The evening entertainment was 60s night, which lured many out onto the dance floor to shake a tail feather and do our Tina Turner impressions. You know who you are! Ha ha.



MADYSS members at Osborne House

On Thursday it was a difficult decision for what to do as various choices were on offer. Some set off early on a boat trip, to rest and bask in the sun on board. Patrick drove us to Quarr Abbey then carried on to Cowes with the most adventurous group who ended up going mountaineering. Of course they didn't mean too, just more parking restrictions and a very steep hill. The less said the better.

Quarr Abbey was relaxing with beautiful gardens and lovely woodland walk. I achieved my ambition of finally spotting the elusive red squirrels, which made my year. Those who stayed behind at the hotel to rest ended up competing in self-inflicted tournaments. In this way they enjoyed some of the sports facilities on offer: table tennis, mini golf, boules, swimming, sunbathing and drinking.

We returned from our day out in time for me to join in with the final event, which turned out to be a rather inebriated race in and out of the ornamental box trees, over the hedges, and back to the Spanish gardens. All I can say is much hilarity ensued, and I may have evidence of Sue's attempt on my phone for a small fee! Needless to say everyone was exhausted by the end of the week.

Our final evening meal and the last night's entertainment saw considerably fewer of us on the dance floor! I would like to personally thank Don and Sylvia for keeping us entertained every night until the staff were desperate to go to bed. As perhaps our most adventurous holiday yet, Gary and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I would like to thank the MADYSS Committee and everyone involved who helped to organise such a fabulous trip.

High Legh Garden Centre Report by Kay Evans



Cliff, Di, Yvonne & Julie enjoy lunch at High Legh

We had a good time at High Legh Garden Centre. Fourteen people went and we were extremely well looked after during our lunch by very pleasant and attentive staff. We sat down at 12.00 noon and were so comfortable that it was 2.00 pm when we moved off to look around the Centre and do a little shopping. We'll definitely be going again next year.

Gawsworth Coffee Morning

Please note that we are seeking bric a brac, home-made cakes to sell and donations for the bottle tombola at the 22 November coffee morning (10.00 a.m. start), where MADYSS is the chosen charity. Would be great if everyone could donate something. Do make an effort to attend too as a lot of work goes into it and it is **our** event. Items may be given to Thelma Farrell.

Bonus Ball Competition

Congratulations go to Chris Willett who won the October competition by choosing number 4.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on
Monday, 12 November**



Patrick, our ever patient coach driver, poses with the group for a break from our long journey home

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