

# MADYSS Matters

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## Birthday Greetings

Six of our members have birthdays during this festive month. They are:

- Jim Borggren
- Jean Clayton
- Carol Gatley
- Justi Harman
- Paul Hilgart
- Ike Karnon

We wish each of you a very Happy Birthday.

## Social Events

### Flower Pot Carols and Festivities Saturday 14 December, from 5.00 pm

As we mentioned in the November newsletter, a fundraiser event for MADYSS is again going to be held at the pub this year (let's hope the weather is more co-operative than last time).

We have now received lots of donations for the tombola so thank you to everyone who has contributed. Please make every effort to come along, and bring your friends in support of this fundraising evening.

### Christmas Lunch, Davenport Golf Club Poynton, SK12 1TS Monday, 16 December

All who are attending this year's lunch should have passed their menu choices to Monica at the last meeting so we will be all set. The meal will be served at 1.00 pm and arrival from 12.30 onwards is recommended. Don't forget to bring along some spare cash for drinks and to buy a few raffle tickets for the sumptuous hamper that Thelma again has put together in memory of her husband Keith.

## Report on Coach Trip to Chatsworth House

Thirty-seven members and friends gathered on a drizzly Tuesday morning at the Flower Pot for a 9.00 am start to take the coach to Chatsworth. We had an uneventful journey there, initially stopping at the cafe and farm shop. Here we refreshed ourselves before going on to the Christmas market and tour of the House.

The market comprised a large number of stalls that sold a wide range of items from foods such as cheese, chocolates and pies, to all sorts of items suitable for Christmas gifts. Among these were ceramics, jewellery, wooden sculptures and jigsaw puzzles for children.



*Ian, Monica and Kay at the Christmas market.*

After going our separate ways to wander on our own around the stalls, we met up near the House for the 2.45 pm tour Monica had booked for the group. The theme was based on Phileas Fogg's and Amelia Earhart's journeys around the world.

The rooms were themed according to different countries' celebrations of Christmas. Signposts in each room indicated distances from Chatsworth and amounts of snowfall in December. Countries in Europe, Asia, North and South America were all

**May everyone have a lovely Christmas  
and a very Happy and Healthy New Year**

represented. These included The Netherlands, Spain, China, Japan, Brazil, USA and Canada.

## 2020 MADYSS Holiday

Next year's MADYSS group holiday will be to Gunton Hall, a Warner hotel which is located in Lowestoft, Suffolk. The dates for the holiday are Monday, 21 September to Friday, 25 September. Although it doesn't seem long since our last holiday and next September feels like a long way off, Monica and Kay need to get the rooms booked and non-refundable deposits paid before Friday, 13 December.

The cost for 4 nights' dinner, bed and breakfast is £285 for a twin or double premier room and £265 for a single standard room. There may be some additional costs for optional excursions. If you are interested in going on the holiday, please book at our next meeting on the 9 December. A non-refundable deposit of £30 per person is required. Places are limited so don't leave it too long if you wish to go.

## Bollington Break

For those members who attend the Meet Move and Improve sessions at the Bollington Health and Leisure Centre, the last session of this year will take place on Friday, 6 December. The following Friday, 13 December, a Christmas meal will be held at the Legh Arms, which has been organised by Thelma. Please note that there will be no Bollington session prior to the meal.



*Delft chinaware and tulips on dining chairs in The Netherlands*

We got back to the Flower Pot just before 6.00 pm after a long day, but comments and the numerous bags suggested that the trip had been enjoyed by many. Our thanks go to Monica and Kay for the arrangements and to Chatsworth staff for efficient execution of this annual logistical nightmare!

## News of our Members

It was good to see that **Leo McMahon** was able to attend the last Flower Pot meeting following another stroke. **Ramala Bakaya** will be going into hospital in mid-December for an operation and then spending several weeks at the Disley care home to recuperate over the worst of the winter months.

## Bonus Ball Competition

The winner of last month's competition was Kath Wilkinson who had chosen 11 as one of her numbers. "At last" she said to herself!

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on Monday 9 December 2019**

### MADYSS Committee

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