# MADYSS Matters

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# **Birthday Greetings**

No fewer than 11 members have their birthdays this month:

Geoff Blamire
Thelma Farrell
Adele Harman
Lee Anne Higginson
Susan Lakin
Alan Stansfield
Barbara Stansfield
Kath Wilkinson
Chris Willett
Tina Yearsley

George Oliver

Happy Birthday everyone.

### **Social Events**

#### Rudyard Hotel Lunch, Thursday 18 July

A choice of the carvery or another menu for lunch will be served in The Lake Room at 1.00 pm. All members should pay individually for their lunch and are to make their own way there, but do please let Monica or Kay know if you need a lift.

#### Llandudno Coach Trip, Thursday 29 August

Details of this outing will be published in the August newsletter and also be made available at that month's Flower Pot meeting.

#### **Chatsworth Coach Trip, Tuesday 26 November**

We have already booked this as Chatsworth is so popular for the Christmas market, but Monica needs to tell them how many of us will be going. If you were not at the June meeting so didn't give your name, please let either Monica or Kay know as soon as possible if you would like to join us and then you can be added to the list.

#### Report on Chester Zoo Trip Thursday, 27 June

Originally 26 members and friends had booked for the outing, but unfortunately illness, injury or other commitments meant that only 19 of us went to the zoo in the end. We had one of the warmest and sunniest days so far this year, which meant that many of the animals chose to stay hidden away in the shade or in the cool of their indoor enclosures, out of the view of prying eyes!

Once Kay and Monica had sorted out tickets and arranged for delivery of the scooters hired from the zoo to the coach park, we went our separate ways within the zoo itself. Certainly, those individuals who had hired scooters were able to cover many of the zoos different areas more easily and comfortably. We were rewarded with sights of the tiger, flamingoes, Humboldt penguins and Rothschild's giraffe to name a few.



Elegant Rothschild's giraffe enjoying the sunshine

A huge thank you goes to Kay and Monica for organising the trip, for arranging the lovely brand new coach from Belle Vue coaches and for the hire of the zoo scooters, which were much needed by many to explore the vast acreage of the zoo. Oh, and a special mention for NOT performing a rain dance!

## **MMI to Continue**

Last Friday Kay Evans informed those members who attend the Meet, Move and Improve group at Bollington Leisure Centre that it will continue to be held throughout August. In previous years, the group has often taken a break for the month. But there's no rest for the wicked this year — we can keep on exercising!

## **Bonus Ball Competition**

No one had chosen number 50 last month so it is a roll-over for this month. Make sure you bring plenty of £1 coins to the July Flower Pot meeting and *you* could be the next winner.

# **Afternoon Tea at Gawsworth**

Saturday 22 June 2019 Report by Ike Karnon

On a lovely sunny afternoon, Diane and some of our ladies arranged a wonderful Afternoon Tea and Bring and Buy Fair at the Methodist Church Hall in Gawsworth. The most outstanding feature was the superb offering of freshly baked cakes, which were donated by our members, friends and some of the Gawsworth regulars. We are still enjoying them, never mind the calories!



Attendees at the Afternoon Tea event

There were lovely stalls such as books, jewellery and pottery, ladies' bags and scarves, bric-a-brac, beautiful Venetian masks kindly donated by Yvonne's sister, Sandra, and of course a raffle with a variety of prizes, which raised £88. In total the Fair raised £277. A generous contribution to MADYSS!

We were disappointed by the poor attendance. The glorious sunshine was probably one of the reasons, but it would have been good if more MADYSS members (excluding the helpers) were able to come along.



Diane with the kitchen helpers at Gawsworth

Thank you Diane for organising this successful event. Thank you also to the ladies who looked after the kitchen. You worked hard and looked after us very well. You managed to raise £56. Thanks to all the helpers: Jill, Thelma, Val, Monica and Ian, Sue, Kay Kennedy, Kay Evans, and Lesley. And thank you to all who contributed and attended.

## **New Faces**

At the June Flower Pot meeting, Ike introduced Alan and Carol who were visiting MADYSS for the first time. Please do go and speak to them if you see them at a future meeting so that they know that we are a friendly and welcoming bunch.

## What a Joke!

A thief entered a house mid-afternoon. He tied up the woman and at knife-point asked the man to hand over the jewellery and money.

The man started sobbing and said, "You can take anything you want. You can kill me also. But please untie the rope and free her."

Thief: "You must really love your wife."

Man: "Not particularly but she will be home soon."

The next Flower Pot meeting is on Monday 8 July

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