

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

Our June birthday greetings go to:

- Mike Arrowsmith
- Kay Evans
- Leo McMahan
- Pat Snelling

Social Events

Chester Zoo Coach Trip
Thursday 27 June

Rudyard Hotel Lunch
Thursday 18 July

Llandudno Coach Trip
Thursday 29 August

The above forthcoming social events were announced at the AGM. Further details will be available on these in due course. Trips organised for September onwards will be announced in later issues of the newsletter.

High Legh Garden Centre, 2 May 2019
Report by Ike Karnon

It was local elections day. We were fed up with politics and politicians. So what better than to ignore them and spend the day at High Legh Garden Centre instead.

It was our second visit this year, which perhaps explains why there were only 12 of us present, but nevertheless it was a lovely day. Nice weather, except for one or two showers and a wonderful place to visit.

We met at noon only to find that Thelma and Jill had been shopping since 10.00 am, emptied all the shelves and appeared ready for a rest, so we all gathered in the café, which was quite busy for a mid-week lunch time. We had reserved tables and were very well looked after by the staff. We all enjoyed a hearty lunch, drinks, and delicious desserts. After coffee and a chat we went our

separate ways to enjoy the vast shopping area. Somebody said that at High Legh you can find anything and everything you don't need. Perhaps so, but what a choice! If you are a keen gardener you will be planting for weeks after your visit.

It was nice to see Val there and also Ian who seemed to enjoy his day. Thank you both for coming. We all had an enjoyable day and left with empty wallets and full cars. Perhaps we will give it a miss for a while, but don't worry we will be back.

Annual General Meeting

The meeting took place at Macclesfield Tennis Club on 13 May and was attended by 44 members. Only a brief summary of the meeting will be reported for the newsletter here, but official Minutes will be available later.

Two new Committee members were elected: Sue Stephenson as Membership Secretary and Diane Thomas as Fundraiser. Following a review of the year and the Treasurer's report, the members and Committee held extensive discussions about the proposed changes to the Constitution.

As the business meeting had extended far beyond the time planned, the invited speaker sensibly proposed to return to the group on another occasion to present to us. Ike thanked him for that offer, which we will take up at a future date.



MADYSS Committee and members at the AGM

After the meeting we were all ready for something to eat and eagerly tackled the buffet, which Kay Evans had kindly organised and picked up from Sainsbury's earlier that day.



Hungry AGM attendees collecting the buffet food

A range of delicious cakes were baked and donated by Judy and Michael's daughter and daughter-in-law, and by three kind ladies who had no links to MADYSS whatsoever! Other members provided items for the two huge hampers that Thelma put together, sold tickets, and supported the concert in a variety of ways. Thank you everyone, the end result was well worth it.



Thelma and daughter-in-law Janet with the array of donated cakes. Those not eaten during the interval were either sold after the concert or taken to the AGM.

And the Winner is . . .

MADYSS! You will all be pleased to know that the Capriccio Concert raised a fantastic £1,755 on the day, and additional donations took the total amount to over £1,800. Quite superb. We must say a huge thank you to Judy Fleming for organising the event, even if it did give her a few grey hairs (!), and to MADYSS members who came along to help on the day.



Judy with Thelma proudly showing the Capriccio concert cheque

News of our Members

Alan Stansfield is back in hospital, as is **Cliff Thomas**. We send both of them our best wishes and hope that we will see them back at MADYSS events in the not too distant future. Update: Cliff is now at home again.

Afternoon Tea

On Saturday, 22 June a fundraising event for MADYSS will take place at Gawsworth Methodist Church from 2.00-4.00 pm. There will be a variety of stalls, including a cake stall, a raffle, and tea/coffee and biscuits will be served. Please bring items to the next meeting or take to the event on the day. Please support this event.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 10 June at the Flower Pot

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