

# MADYSS Matters

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We hope that all members have a joyful festive season  
and send our best wishes for a Happy New Year.

## Birthday Greetings

We can send Happy Birthday wishes this month to the following members:

- Jim Borggren
- Carol Gatley
- Jean Clayton

## Social Events

**Christmas Lunch, Deanwater Hotel SK7 1RJ  
Thursday, 15 December**

Menu choices for 45 attendees have been sent to the hotel. Arrivals are from noon onwards and the meal will be served at 1.00 pm.

**Report on outing to Chatsworth and the  
Christmas market by John Swindell**

Twenty-one members and partners left the Flower Pot on Tuesday, 8th November for Chatsworth. Despite leaving a little late, our skilful driver caught up time so that we arrived at the Farm Shop in time for a delicious breakfast in a private area served by excellent and friendly staff. The shop also proved bountiful!

We then reboarded the coach for the short hop to Chatsworth itself, arriving a quarter of an hour before our scheduled entry time (really good for those in wheelchairs or slow-walkers). This year's concept was 'Nordic', so the house was decorated throughout with snow scenes and massive trees with trolls peeping out everywhere.

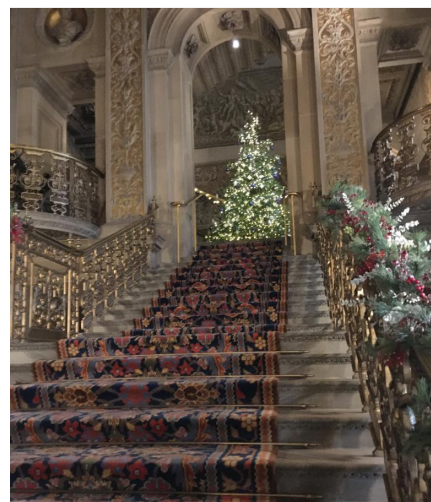


*One of the Nordic trees*

We even met 'Loki', who is a traditional Norwegian magician of mischief character dressed up for the occasion. Inevitably, the next stop was the well-stocked gift shop, which saw many of us relieved of some of our Christmas funds!



*Danni, the café supervisor, holding bowls of festive baubles to decorate the MADYSS seating area*



*Decorated main staircase at Chatsworth House*

At 4.00 pm it was time to get back on the coach to start the journey back through the gloaming to Macclesfield and on to home.



One of the beautiful Christmas trees at Chatsworth

## Bollington Closure

Would all members who attend the Meet, Move and Improve group at Bollington Health and Leisure please note that the last session of the year will be on Friday 16 December. We hope to take a photograph of the group that we can send to Vas who is back in Greece for several months.

We will start up again on Friday 6 January 2023.

## Bonus Ball Competition

The winning number for November was 58 and, once again, no one had selected this number. It is yet another roll over month therefore, with a tidy sum now awaiting some lucky person, which will be a perfect Christmas present from MADYSS!

## News of our Members

Unfortunately, **Yvonne Smith** received the news from the Regency Hospital that they are unable to perform her hip surgery due to concerns about possible medical complications given her other health issues. It had been due to take place on 18 November. Instead she will undergo the operation at MGH, which is better equipped to deal with any problems that may arise.

Our thoughts are with **Ian Meah** and Monica as Ian has been admitted to MGH again and is undergoing tests.

## What a Joke!

And so, in the words of the broadcaster Gyles Brandreth who advocated learning a poem for Christmas as a challenge to stave off dementia to help memory and morale, "there was a young man from Peru whose limerick stopped at line 2."



**The next Flower Pot meeting is on Monday 9 January 2023**

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