

MADYSS Matters

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Note from our Chair

Dear Members

Like you, I was both surprised and dismayed when I heard the news about the passing of Ike Karnon.

Anne and I have not been members of MADYSS for very long, so I felt it was more appropriate if a longer serving member compiled something about his life and MADYSS work. I am pleased to say that Sue Stephenson has agreed to do this on behalf of us all and the following are her words. Thank you Sue for your kindness.

John Swindell

Ike Karnon

11 December 1938–18 June 2022

Ike became Chairman of MADYSS in 2016 and only stepped down in May due to deteriorating health.

He worked hard for our group and kept us going through difficult times, in particular during Covid when we still got together via the infamous Zoom.

He attended stroke conferences on our behalf and enjoyed our outings and holidays. He cared about every member and felt their pain and sadness when there were problems to be overcome.

Ike was a true gentleman and will be greatly missed by the MADYSS family.

Birthday Greetings

For July, we can send happy birthday wishes to a large group of individuals:

- Geoff Blamire
- Susan Lakin
- George Oliver
- Alan Stansfield
- Barbara Stansfield
- Kath Wilkinson
- Chris Willett
- Tina Yearsley

Social Events

Canal Trips

Tuesday, 5 July and Thursday 7 July

We need to meet at Lord Vernon Wharf, Higher Poynton, SK12 1TH from 10.30 am. The canal barge will leave promptly at 11.00 am, returning to the wharf for 3.00 pm.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, a fish and chips lunch will be brought back to the barge when we are about half way for those who request it on the day. You may bring your own lunch if you wish.

Dunham Massey, Tuesday 16 August

Members are to make their own way to Dunham Massey, Altrincham WA14 4SJ. We will meet at 11.00 am in the café. As this is a National Trust property, don't forget to take your cards with you if you are NT members.

Outing to Blaze Farm, Wednesday 25 May Report by Kay Evans

Our trip to the Potty Sheep painting workshop at Blaze Farm proved to be a very rewarding day. The weather was a little grim and not at all May-like but as we were indoors most of the time it was not important. Sadly, two couples had to pull out at the last minute because of health problems and Ian was in hospital recovering from his operation. They are ready and eager to join us when we book in for our next session.



Val, Judy and Michael deep in concentration

Although we were a small group we all found the day both relaxing and extremely therapeutic. We each chose different pieces of pottery to decorate and were guided by Caroline and John as to how we should approach our work. There was quiet, soothing music playing in the background as we chatted, laughed, experienced times of silence, and were all quite impressed with what we managed to achieve.



Carol and Alan enjoying their work

One or two of us had lunch between the sessions and a couple of us could not leave without purchasing ice cream! When our work is ready for collection we will place it on show at a monthly meeting so that everyone can get more of an idea of what is involved. (Editor's note: displayed at June meeting.) And of course, admire our lovely creations!



Val's prettily decorated tray

I think you'll all probably agree that Val gets top marks, although we were all extremely happy with the lovely day we had and with our achievements.

Llandudno Coach Trip, 16 June Report by Bev Eccles

Twenty-seven of us set off from the Flower Pot and arrived before lunch. It was a beautiful day. Some went up the Great Orme and some even went down the copper mine; others went along the pier and on a boat trip around the bay.

We all had a lovely time and yes the seagulls tried to get fed! We couldn't have asked for a better day and all enjoyed our day out.

Profit at the Poachers

The MADYSS team did much better than last time at the Poachers Inn quiz night on 12 June, gaining a very respectable 73 points and the winners had 81 points. The even better news is that £260 was raised for MADYSS, which included a generous donation from Kay Evans' son.

Bonus Ball Competition

There was no winner for June's competition as no one had selected the bonus ball number of 36. We therefore have another rollover month.

Notes of our Members

In late June, **Michael Fleming** unfortunately had two falls at home on successive days, both of which required trips by ambulance to hospital and lengthy waits. He is battered and bruised but has no broken bones luckily. Judy has said he had to have complete rest for a week and, on the advice of the ambulance crew, they are also having alterations made to their bathroom to make it safer.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on
Monday 11 July 2022**

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