

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

We have only four birthdays to note for this month:

- Mike Arrowsmith
- Alan Gatley
- Kay Evans
- Leo McMahon

Hope the sun shines for you on your special day.

Social Events

Sunday, 12 June, Quiz Night

WE NEED YOU!

A quiz night is to be held at the Poachers Pub in Bollington. We need a team to compete for MADYSS. At the last quiz night only four of us turned up and unfortunately, against some of the bigger teams of seven plus, we came last. So let's show them! It's a 7.30 pm start and a great selection of raffle prizes will be on offer. Please contact Kay on 07889 299891.

Thursday, 16 June, Llandudno Coach Trip

The coach will leave the Flower Pot at 10.00 am. More details will be available at the June meeting.

Thursday 7 July, Canal Trip

So far we only have two takers for this event (the one on 5 July is full). Unless anyone else shows an interest, we will unfortunately have to cancel.

The canal boat leaves from Nelson's Pit, Higher Poynton and goes as far as Marple; the trip lasts for about four hours. We need to be there at about 10.30 am for departure at 11.00 am with the boat scheduled back for around 3.00 pm.

A fish and chips lunch can be ordered and a designated person will "jump" off and collect it for you. Sounds good doesn't it? Think of all those lovely views, fresh air and very relaxing too. Please contact Kay Evans on 07889 299891.

Report on Gawsorth Coffee Morning Thursday 5 May

The morning, for which MADYSS was the charity to benefit, was very well supported and the car park was overflowing with more than twenty cars counted.

Only a very few baked goods were on offer for late arrivals as they had nearly all been snapped up in the first thirty minutes! The raffle was a popular one with sales of tickets amounting to £120. In total, £364.25 was raised at the coffee morning. In addition, a £20 donation was received from Julie Karnon who was unable to attend, which brought the grand total to £384.25.

AGM Report

The meeting was very well attended with around 45 members present. In Ike's absence due to ill health, the meeting was chaired by Sue Stephenson. Anne Swindell opened the meeting by reading a letter out that Ike had sent to MADYSS, saying how he had enjoyed his Chairmanship and also what an honour and privilege it had been.



Members at the AGM, Macclesfield Tennis Club

Judy Fleming, who had taken on the role of acting Treasurer after Thelma Farrell's sudden death, gave the Treasurer's Report which showed that MADYSS was in a strong financial position despite Covid. Judy then thanked the families of members who had passed away for choosing MADYSS as a charity for donations in their memory. She also reminded members of the Support Fund that was available for anyone who

may need to access it to attend outings. The Committee should be contacted if you wish to apply for funding.

John Swindell received a unanimous vote to take on the role as the new MADYSS Chair, and the rest of the current Committee were also all voted back in, with Judy Fleming officially accepting the role of Treasurer. Kay Kennedy will join the Committee in the newly created position of Meeter and Greeter.

After we enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch, we were entertained by Alex from Bollington Balloons. He made some amazing balloon creations for us, speedily and with great dexterity. Following his presentation, a number of members asked him to make balloons for their grandchildren.



Sue with the Little Mermaid that Alex made for her



Sylva holding monkey climbing a palm tree

Retirement of Ike Karnon

For a gift to mark his retirement as Chair, Ike had requested that MADYSS make a donation to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine fund. Everyone at the AGM was invited to sign a retirement card in recognition of Ike's services and to sign a card that would be sent with the Ukraine donation. The group also had a mug made that was presented to Ike, on which his name and MADYSS Chairman 2016–2022 were recorded.

Flower Pot Update

Monthly meetings will continue as normal at the Flower Pot. Currently on Mondays, lunch will be served only to MADYSS and to prebooked funeral groups due to staff shortages. In May, Sam the wife of landlord Glenn, lost both her parents just three weeks' apart. A card of condolence has been sent from MADYSS,

News of our Members

Ian Meah was in Manchester Royal Infirmary in late May for surgery. Monica has reported that the surgery went well and he is now recovering at home.

Jim Borggren was taken to Stepping Hill hospital by ambulance on the morning of 24 May for a brain scan as he was experiencing symptoms similar to a stroke. Luckily, it turned out to be Bell's Palsy and he was back at home by early afternoon, armed with scores of tablets!

Again, the NHS and ambulance service were fantastic. We really don't appreciate how fortunate we are in this country. Jim thought it would have probably cost about \$10,000 in the U.S.

The next Flower Pot meeting is on

Monday 13 June 2022

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