

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

Just like last year, we still have no members with birthdays this month, despite enrolling a few new members. We need to recruit some people with October birthdays!

Social Events

Glenn, the Flower Pot manager, has requested that when going on coach trips from the Flower Pot, can MADYSS members please park in the small car park at the side of the pub and not the main car park.

For all outings, BACS payments are preferred to sort code 16 28 23, account no. 10100957. Please note, cash will also be accepted by the dates specified.

Port Sunlight Coach Trip Thursday, 20 October

The coach will leave the Flower Pot at 8.45 am. We will have a guide join the coach once there for a tour and explanation of the village's history. A buffet lunch at the Bridge Inn will be followed by a visit to the Port Sunlight Museum at 2.00 pm and then to the Soap Works Museum at 3.00 pm. After these are completed, we will travel back to Macclesfield.

The cost is £27 for members and, should any places still be available, £35 for non-members. Bookings for the trip were taken at the Flower Pot meeting on 12 September with **full payment to be received on or before 10 October.**

Chatsworth House and Christmas Market Coach Trip, Tuesday, 8 November

As with the Port Sunlight trip above, the coach will leave the Flower Pot at 8.45 am. Before arrival at the House for a 12.00 noon tour, there will be an opportunity for browsing or refreshments at the Chatsworth Farm Shop. Following the House tour, there will be plenty of time for selecting Christmas gifts and food at the Christmas market.

The cost is £26 per person for members, which includes entrance to Chatsworth House but lunch will be at your own cost. Again, non-members are welcome to join us at £35 each if there are places available. Payment details are as above, but both booking and payment to secure your place **must be received by Monday 10 October.**

National Arboretum Visit, 27 September Report by Lesley John

In the pouring rain, 21 MADYSS members left The Flowerpot at 9.00 am for our trip to the National Arboretum. When we arrived there at 10.50 am it had stopped raining, but unfortunately we were 10 minutes too late for the chapel service as needed to be in the chapel by then. After a well-needed coffee break, it was time for the train ride around the Memorial Gardens, which we found very interesting.



The Cheshire Regiment memorial

We all then headed back to the restaurant for an excellent two-course lunch. We then had two hours free to do our own thing, either walking back to see more of the memorials in detail or take photographs. The weather was cool and breezy but it kept dry. Following a visit to the gift shop, it was time to return home by a different route to a wet Macclesfield after a very enjoyable day out.



Obviously a good joke being told at lunch!

News of our Members

We extend a warm welcome to our two newest members, **Paul and Diane Sutcliffe**. We hope that you enjoy MADYSS and look forward to seeing you at future events.

At the September meeting, **Margaret Barry** thanked everyone for all their good wishes, kind thoughts, cards, and donations made to Lower Moss Wood Nature Reserve and Wildlife Hospital following the death of husband Dave. Margaret is going to be moving to Sheffield to live with her daughter Fiona. We wish her all the best with the move and trust she settles well in her new environment.

Christmas Meal Date

The date for the Christmas Meal this year will be Thursday, 15 December. It will take place at The Deanwater Hotel where we had our meal last year. Further details will be available in due course, but please put it in your diaries, phones, or on your calendars as soon as possible to avoid any conflicts.

What a Joke!

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

To help save the economy in this economic crisis, the Government will announce - next week - that the Home Office and Immigration Department will start deporting pensioners instead of asylum seekers, to lower welfare benefits and NHS costs.

Older people are easier to catch, and will not remember how to get back home. Be sure to send this notice to all your relatives and friends so they'll know what happened to you.

I'll see you on the bus!

Bonus Ball Winner

Last month we finally had a winner for the Bonus Ball Competition. It was no less than Kay Evans who, as you know, is the one who roams the Flower Pot tables encouraging others to purchase numbers. Evidently Kay had chosen number 30 as her usual choices had already been taken. It was obviously meant to be! Congratulations on your roll-over win Kay.

The next Flower Pot meeting is on

Monday, 10 October 2022

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