

# MADYSS Matters

September 2022 No.187

## Birthday Greetings

This month we have four members to whom we can wish Happy Birthday:

- Kay Kennedy
- Ann Pape
- Anne Swindell
- Gary Yearsley

May you each enjoy your special day.

## Social Events

### National Memorial Arboretum Coach Trip Thursday, 27 September

Final payments and names must be submitted by the September meeting, which takes place on Monday, 12 September. The trip cost is £20 for MADYSS members and £25 for guests. Payment can be made by BACS or cash. Please let Kay Evans know as soon as possible if you would like to book a mobility scooter as numbers are limited.

### Port Sunlight Coach Trip Thursday, 20 October

A buffet lunch has been booked at The Bridge Inn in the Port Sunlight village. This was the only suitable venue in the village for our group. More information on the trip will follow, but names and payment will be taken at the October meeting on Monday, 10 October.

### Report on Trip to Dunham Massey Tuesday, 16 August

The warning of thunder and lightening that had threatened to affect our day out at Dunham Massey proved unfounded. Fifteen members gathered at the Stamford café's outside tables from 11.00 onwards while we enjoyed drinks and a chat for an hour. Keith and Sue's grandchildren also came along. It was particularly lovely that Fran and Vin Carr, whose son Phillip came to act as wheelchair pusher for Fran, were able to join us following a long enforced absence from MADYSS activities.

After being fortified with liquid refreshments, we gradually went our separate ways for tours of the house and strolls through the extensive grounds. The Rose Garden had many beautiful specimens which, according to a posted notice, require the gardeners and volunteers to spend around 100 hours each week deadheading in the summer months.



*Clock Tower (and can you spot Don and Sylvia?)*



*Rosa 'Darcy Bussell' in the Rose Garden*

The seemingly tame deer proved an attraction in particular for younger visitors, and signs saying do not feed or touch the deer were certainly required – wouldn't fancy getting entangled with any of those antlers! Several members bumped into each other again in the Stables Restaurant where we enjoyed a variety of lunch dishes. Many of the group later convened at tables near the gift shop



*A deer with magnificent antlers*

in the afternoon, the shop proving an irresistible temptation for the avid shopper. A pleasant and convivial day at Dunham Massey ended as we went our separate ways. Our thanks go to Kay Evans for organising the event and for arranging the hire of mobility scooters, which were made good use of by two of our members.



*Bev and Sue enjoy ice cream, while Keith enjoys a rest*

## News of our Members

**Roger Snelling** is now back at home with a care plan in place. We feel sure that he must be glad to be in his own, familiar surroundings finally. Welcome home Roger!

Our thoughts and good wishes go to **Ian and Monica Meah** as Ian is having ongoing treatment at Manchester Royal Hospital.

As mentioned in the Dunham Massey report, we were pleased that **Fran Carr** felt well enough to come out to an event, and we hope that she and husband Vin can join us occasionally in future too.

## Meet, Move and Improve

Those members who attend the Bollington group are aware that the café area was undergoing extensive alterations during August, including the installation of air conditioning. Unfortunately, the work will not be finished by 2 September so the start-back date is now Friday, 9 September. Kay Evans will be contacting those who are not members of MADYSS to let them know.

## Bonus Ball Competition

The winning bonus ball that followed the August monthly meeting was number 30. However, as many people were away for the last meeting, the number wasn't chosen so we will have a rollover to the September meeting.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on  
Monday 12 September 2022**

### MADYSS Committee

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