

MADYSS Matters

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May you all have a safe and enjoyable festive season.
MADYSS would like to wish each of you a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Birthday Greetings

There are three birthdays to announce for this festive month:

- Jim Borggren
- Jean Clayton
- Carol Gatley

Hope you all have a very Happy Birthday.

Social Events

Christmas Meal, The Plough, Eaton CW12 2NH Monday 11 December

As was announced at the November meeting, the suggested arrival time for members is 12.30 pm onwards. The meal itself will be served in the barn at 1.00 pm.

Report on Tatton Park Coach Trip by Monica Meah

Sixteen people braved the ice and snow to spend the afternoon at Tatton Park. Knutsford. The majority of the group went on the accessible coach. It was good to meet up with the driver Patrick who we hadn't met since our holiday to the Isle of Wight in 2018.

Patrick dropped us off near the 'stables' (not used for horses anymore) where we had our lunch. We had a lovely pumpkin soup, warm roll and butter, followed by a warm mince pie and coffee or tea. We then visited the house. The theme of the decorations was 'Wonderland' based on Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland. Different rooms were decorated in different themes from the story. Following in Alice's footsteps, we went through the

Duchess Garden, the Queen of Hearts grand palace and on through the amazing Magic Forest. We then saw the fantastic Mad Hatter's Tea Party before entering the Queen of Hearts kitchen. The route was decorated with beautiful Christmas trees and Christmas decorations.



After the house tour we visited the Christmas Market; this was indoors, for which everyone was grateful. There were a lot of stalls with a variety of



wares: woolly hats and scarves, jewellery, art work, whisky gifts and tasters, crafts, Christmas decorations, and ladies and children's clothes.

Our final stop was for mulled wine or a Bailey's coffee, which were eagerly drunk by some of us. We enjoyed the afternoon, and it got us into the Christmas spirit. Thanks to the Committee for organising an enjoyable outing.

Bowling at the Macclesfield Superbowl Lyme Green, Wednesday 24 January

The January bowling outing will be at 2.00 pm, followed by a meal at the Rising Sun at 5.00 pm.

News of Our Members

We are sorry to announce that **Julie Karnon** passed away on 21 November. Her daughter Ruth has said that the family got to spend some time with her at home before she died. Also, that her Mum had a happy and fulfilling life with Dad [Ike, our late Chairman] and will be very much missed. Cards and letters of condolence may be sent to Ruth at Julie's old address. Please contact Judy at judy.fleming@ntlworld.com if you should need the address. Julie's funeral will be held at Macclesfield Crematorium on Thursday, 14 December 2023 at 11:30 am, followed by a wake at The Plough Inn, Eaton, Congleton, CW12 2NH.

Kay Evans and Monica paid a visit to **Vinnie and Fran Carr** last Thursday. Vinnie is looking very well after his recent heart operation and made them both extremely welcome. Fran was pleased to see Kay and Monica too.

Unfortunately, **Judy Fleming** has received news from the Fracture Clinic at the hospital that she must keep wearing the boot to support her ankle injury for another four weeks. She will return to the Clinic for a further examination the week before Christmas. Judy was informed that the type of fracture she had is difficult and long-winded to treat, not news she wanted to hear, and made even more difficult with Judy having Rheumatoid Arthritis and the immune suppressant infusions and medication that she takes.

John Swindell has had a second back operation as one morning he woke up and found his legs could not support him, again. He was in hospital for three weeks and later released. However, he is still unable to walk more than a few steps but at least he's back at home and under Anne's tender care. We send our best wishes to both of them.

MADYSS is a Co-op Local Community Cause

The recent email sent to all who have email addresses said that we were successful in becoming a local community cause. In November Co-op held a Welcome Meeting for us and the other local cause that had been selected.

Louise Little the Co-op's Member Pioneer leads the scheme and ran the meeting. She was keen that we tried to get everyone we know to obtain a Co-op member card and choose MADYSS as the charity. In case you don't know, the card is only £1, and 2% of all Co-op brand purchases you then make will go to MADYSS. Members receive special discount offers for products and monetary rewards that can add up nicely so you can treat yourself to something special!

Co-op will also match all donations and funds raised through its Christmas campaign, running until 31 December. These will be shared equally between all 2,500 current Local Community Fund causes and will be paid out in early 2024.

So, please get everyone you know to sign up and CHOOSE MADYSS.

Meet, Move and Improve

For members who attend the Bollington group, please note that the last session before Christmas is 15 December. Sixteen people have booked to go to the Butley Ash for a bite to eat after the dance class finishes. MMI will start up again on Friday, 5 January 2024.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is
Monday 8 January 2024**

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