

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

Lots of birthdays to welcome in what we hope will be a lovely summer:

- Mike Arrowsmith
- Bev Eccles
- Kay Evans
- Alan Gatley
- Leo McMahon
- Paul Sutcliffe

Social Events

RHS Garden Bridgewater, Salford, Coach Trip Tuesday, 27 June

The coach will depart the Flower Pot at 10.15 am. On arrival the Meet and Greet team will hand over plans of the garden for your enjoyment. At 12.00 noon a stroll around the walled garden is booked with a knowledgeable tour guide; here you can stimulate your senses. After this, the time is your own until departure at 4.00 pm. Please be sure to visit the Chinese garden. Cost is £20 for members and £25 for guests, via BACS or cash.

There is a large shop, a plants for sale nursery, and two eateries. The main one is in the principal building and there might be a wait here to be served. However, 'The Stables' café in the Walled Garden serves a range of delicious pizzas and a wide selection of non-alcoholic drinks, or take a picnic. It should be a fabulous day out for all.

Jodrell Bank Observatory Bornish Lane, Macclesfield SK11 9DW Thursday, 13 July

Everyone should make their own way there (the car park is £4.00 so car share where possible) and meet up at 11.30 am in the main building. We have booked the 12.00 noon show in The Dome, a fabulous planetarium where you are guided on a 45-minute show called 'JOURNEY THROUGH THE NIGHT SKY'. After that, you are free to wander around. There are two free films at various times throughout the afternoon: one on the story of Jodrell Bank and the other on Telescope Talks.

You'll need to check the times when we arrive. The Arboretum is well worth a visit as are the various galleries dotted around. It should be a most enjoyable and interesting day out. Cost is £15.00 per person, this includes guests, pay via BACS or cash at the Flower Pot meeting.

August Outing to Wilmslow Garden Centre

This will take place on either Thursday, 24 August or Thursday, 31 August. At 4.30 pm we can take advantage of the garden centre's dining deal of two main courses for £15.00. Pudding would be an extra £3.00. This is a very good deal and there is a nice choice of five different meals. An arrival time around 3.00 pm is suggested so there is time to browse and shop before dining. Please let Kay know if you are interested as she needs to book.

Report on AGM at Macclesfield Tennis Club Wednesday, 10 May 2023

The 16th Annual General Meeting was well attended by members with 37 present including the Committee. John Swindell opened the meeting and paid tribute to those members who sadly were no longer with us: Dave Barry, our former Chair Ike Karnon, and Ian Meah.

John then reviewed MADYSS social events over the past year, which included trips to Llandudno, Port Sunlight, and Cadbury World, as well as meals out at the Chilli Banana and Viceroy Indian. Judy Fleming followed on and presented details from the Treasurer's Report.



Awaiting the start of the AGM

The Committee was reappointed en bloc, and Bev Eccles also was elected as Activities Assistant to Kay Evans due to Monica Meah's stepping down from this role.

After an enjoyable buffet lunch, which was catered by the Windmill Sandwich Bar, our speaker for the AGM was Helen Howe of Just-Ice. The charity helps survivors from modern slavery and supports victims of human trafficking.



Fruit basket carved by the Windmill Sandwich Bar

Just-Ice has set up and runs a café in Poynton, which employs survivors to work in the café and gain useful skills and confidence. The Poynton café specialises in ice cream, but it also offers breakfast, lunch, and afternoon teas to eat in or take away. Helen gave an interesting presentation and provided examples of three case studies that illustrated how Just-Ice is aiming to positively influenced individuals who have had very negative experiences in life.



An attentive audience for our AGM speaker



Helen Howe from the Just-Ice charity

News of our Members

We send our best wishes to **Vinnie and Fran Carr** as Vinnie was in hospital recently, but he is now back at home.

Michael Fleming had another bad fall a few weeks ago that requires regular visits to his GP for the practice nurse to change dressings on his arm and his elbow. He isn't eligible for home visits. Travelling to the Practice is stressful for Judy and Michael, but it has now been arranged for a security guard to bring a wheelchair down to their car in the car park. He helps transfer Michael into the chair and up to the Practice by the lift, returning with him to the car afterwards. Let's hope that Judy and Michael will find this a workable arrangement.

On Thursday, 1 June, **Bev Eccles** has been given a hospital appointment about her repetitive strain injury. She has been very pleased to get the request by her doctor progressed so quickly.

Bonus Ball Competition

We did not have a bonus ball competition last month as May was the AGM. Do make sure that you buy your numbers at the June Flower Pot meeting. You could be the winner and have your name in next month's newsletter!

The next meeting is Monday, 12 June 2023 at the Flower Pot

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