

MADYSS Matters

June 2024 No.208

Birthday Greetings

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

We wish all of you a very Happy Birthday and many more!

Social Events

Llandudno Coach Trip, Monday 24 June

The coach is booked for 9.00 am and we plan to depart from the Flower Pot by 9.30 am, or earlier if we can. The cost is £25 for members and £30 for guests. After arrival in Llandudno, members are free to do their own thing for the day with an expected departure of 4.00 pm.

Fryers Garden Centre and Gauntlet Birds of Prey, Knutsford, Tuesday, 16 July

Members should make their own way to Fryers Garden Centre where lunch is now booked for 12.30 pm in the restaurant. The restaurant has asked that we choose from the menu in advance of our arrival. Anne will bring the menu to the Flower Pot monthly meeting on 10 June where choices can be made.

We are booked into the Gauntlet Birds of Prey centre for a display at 2.30 pm; the show lasts for 40 minutes. So, please make your way there for that time. The cost for the show is £12.50 p.p.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM on 13 May at Macclesfield Tennis Club was attended by 37 members. As it was the 20th anniversary of MADYSS, in addition to the normal Review of the Year's activities by our Chair John, and the Treasurer's Report presented by Judy, we had a special cake to celebrate the occasion and we each had a glass of bubbly too, with which to say here's to MADYSS and the next 20 years. The

cake was cut by Gary and Tina Yearsley as they had been members of the MADYSS group from its inception in 2004.



John referred to the monthly outings in his Review, including coach trips to the National Arboretum, Port Sunlight, Cadbury World and the British Ironworks. He also thanked the families of members who had passed away for the In Memoriam donations that the Group has received.

Copies of the unaudited accounts for the year ended 5 April 2024 were made available by Judy as she gave her Treasurer's Report. She noted how expensive coach outings are and then gave a number of examples to members.

Judy informed us that MADYSS had made a loss of £108 and stated that the loss would have been much greater if it were not for the generous donation of £1,176 that we had received from the Co op Community Fund.

Our special guest was no other than the Chester Town Crier. He entertained us for almost an hour with stories about how members of the public reacted to his daily performances. He related a number of funny encounters with American tourists, but as the one member of MADYSS who is American noted, his accent left something to be desired! He also told us a funny story about a bride who wanted her horse to be part of her wedding. The Town Crier valiantly agreed to sit on the horse after a few practices on the animal beforehand, so that when he rang his bell the horse didn't jump out of its skin when he did so at

the Church. The one thing he hadn't practised was shouting out "oyez, oyez", which the horse took exception to!



Chester's Town Crier as he announces the 20th anniversary of MADYSS



The buffet was enjoyed by many attendees

Bonus Ball Competition

We did not have a bonus ball competition in May as it was the AGM. So, make sure you attend the Flower Pot meeting this month and choose a ball

or two. Remember, *you* could be a big winner as April was a roll-over month!

Donation

MADYSS has received a generous donation from a close relative of one of our members. The relative knew that we were having a fundraising coffee morning at Gawsorth on 30 May and kindly decided to donate to our cause.

Overdue Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions were due at the AGM in May. If you have not yet resubscribed, please do so as soon as possible. The cost remains at £20 per person and payment by BACS (include your surname and Subs as the reference) or by cash at the June meeting should be made. You will not receive the newsletter or information on outings beyond June if you do not rejoin.

News of Our Members

It was lovely to see **Margaret Barry** in May. She had come over from Sheffield especially to attend the AGM. Having received a lift over from Dystleigh Grange with Sue, **Ramala Bakaya** was also at the meeting. The AGM offered a chance to catch up with many old faces.

Bev Eccles has spent some time in Macclesfield General Hospital recently due to her diverticulitis. The perforated bowel that she experienced and caused her much pain has thankfully healed. Bev has now moved to Ward 1, has had several visitors from MADYSS, but she would welcome anyone else who'd like to go and visit her in MGH.

The next Flower Pot meeting is on

Monday 10 June 2024

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