

# MADYSS Matters

August 2025 No.222

## Birthday Greetings

We have just two ladies to whom we can wish Happy Birthday this month:

- Joyce Bailey
- Yvonne Smith

Many Happy Returns!

## Social Events

**Canal Boat Trips, Lord Vernon's Wharf  
Higher Poynton SK12 1TH  
Monday, 18 August and Tuesday, 26 August**

Both canal trips are now fully booked. If you wish to be put on a waiting list should there be any last-minute cancellations, please contact Kay Evans or Anne. The boats will leave Lord Vernon's Wharf at 11.00 am and return at 3.00 pm. Please be there in plenty of time to get on the boat. Cars should be parked in the Nelson Pit Car Park and the boat leaves from the Upper Section.

Tea and coffee are available on board and a light lunch from Poynton Tea Rooms will be served. A lift to lower the wheelchairs onto the boat, or for those who cannot manage the few steps into the boat, can be used.

**National Arboretum, Staffordshire Coach Trip  
Monday, 15 September**

The outing cost of £30 for members and £40 for guests will include a two-course lunch, a ticket to go around the Arboretum by train and the coach journey. Please note that the coach itself costs £895 and so this trip is very heavily subsidised by MADYSS.

As with other coach outings, it will be useful to have ~26 people signing up. BACS payments are preferred, with your name and Arboretum as the reference. Cash payments can be made at the August Flower Pot meeting. On 15 September, the coach will leave the Flower Pot at 9.00 am

prompt; this early start is to ensure that we arrive in time for the 11.00 am service.

**Report on Afternoon Tea at Shrigley Hall  
by Keith and Sue Pembery**

Thirty-one of us met to enjoy afternoon tea on Thursday, 17 July. We had a slow start as the room was not ready, even though John and Anne had called in person on Tuesday to check that all arrangements were in place.



*The afternoon tea selection  
(Photo courtesy of Tracey Higgins)*



*Lesley, Val and Mavis at Shrigley Hall*

The tea did not come up to expectations either, and a shortage of staff was noticeable. This did not detract from the enjoyment of good company! We were very pleased to see Margaret Barry again. She was in very good spirits and enjoyed herself reminiscing with old friends.

## Potential New Members

At July's Flower Pot meeting, John welcomed Pam Page and her husband Gordon who were visiting the MADYSS meeting for the first time. Should they come along to another meeting, please go over and introduce yourselves.

## Bollington Break

A number of our members attend the Meet, Move and Improve group that takes place at Bollington Health and Leisure Centre each Friday. We said a fond farewell to Anne Marie who retired last month. Many of us received massages from her, and we always enjoyed a chat as she worked to try and relieve our aches and pains.



*Anne Marie with Kay as she cuts the cake for her retirement*

Meet Move and Improve had its last session on 25 July, but the group will start up again on Friday 29 August after taking a summer break.

## Bonus Ball Competition

The winning bonus ball number was 56. Yet again it is a roll over. Will someone PLEASE pick the winning number. For some reason, it seems no one likes to go for the larger numbers and the number 56 wasn't chosen in either March, April, or June! No competition was held in May as it was the AGM.

## News of Our Members

Unfortunately, **Kay Kennedy** had to spend a few days in Macclesfield Hospital last month. We hope that she is now recovering well at home.

**Kay Evans** and her daughter Steph were in Italy very recently for a holiday and to attend a family wedding. No doubt we will hear all about it when we see Kay next.

## Christmas Meal

The date for this year's Christmas meal is Monday 8 December and the Pinewood Hotel, Wilmslow has been booked for the event. Please make a note of it in your diaries and on your calendars. More details will be made available nearer the time.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on**

**Monday, 11 August 2025**

### MADYSS Committee

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