

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

Three of our members celebrate their birthdays this month:

- Colin Huck
- Valerie Hayward
- Keith Pembery

Happy Birthday to each of you!

Income from the Inn

The Poacher's Inn, Bollington, held a Quiz Night and raffle on 14 September, the proceeds from which were donated to MADYSS and came to £130. Several of our members attended too.

Social Events

Quiz Night, Macclesfield Tennis Club Saturday, 25 October, 7.00 pm

The quiz night at Macclesfield Tennis Club has now become an annual event that is usually well attended. Once again, our able quiz setter will be Tracey Higgins who will pose a range of questions with which to rack our brains. In addition to the quiz, we will have a Roll the Coin competition to win various bottles. Please bring along a few £1 coins so that you have a go.

The cost will be £10 p.p., which includes a pizza supper. Where possible, please pay via BACS with Quiz and your name as the reference. Cash payments also will be accepted at the October Flower Pot meeting.

Curry Meal, Sunday 23 November, 4.00 pm Bay Leaf Restaurant, Bollington, SK10 5HT

The subsidised cost of this four-course meal (with nan, rice or chips counting as one course) will be £12 p.p. BACS payment with Curry and your name as the reference is preferred.

National Arboretum Coach Trip Report by John Swindell Photos by Tina Yearsley

Members enjoyed a blustery day out in Staffordshire at the National Arboretum. It was a fine windy day, which began with a short service at the chapel starting with a bugle call symbolising 'The Last Post', then the two minutes silence before the 'Reveille' and the soldier's blessing – a moving beginning.



Chapel altar at the 11.00 am service

This was followed by a ride on a train around the site with a commentary describing memorials. Many of us were surprised at the range of commemorations, which include all aspects of those who participated in various conflicts from the early years onwards, from land girls, police and firemen to other volunteers.



MADYSS members setting off on the train ride

We then enjoyed a hot lunch before free time to look around the park and find memorials of personal interest. We particularly sought out the Cheshire Regiment site which is flanked by steel figures of soldiers from 17th century to 2007, when the regiment was incorporated into a larger group.



One of the striking memorials at the Arboretum

Did you know that horse chestnut wood was first used by police forces to make their truncheons because of the hardness of the wood? You learn something new every day!



Rearing horse made from tank parts. It's estimated that 8 million horses died in WW1.

Bonus Ball Competition

It was number 13 that was chosen as the bonus ball for the National Lottery in the week of our

September Flower Pot meeting. On this occasion number 13 was clearly lucky, but perhaps as it is considered unlucky by some, no one had selected it. Therefore, we have yet another roll over!

News of Our Members

Monica Meah has fractured her shoulder in two places as she fell in Rome when on a pilgrimage and currently is wearing a sling. She did get a fantastic photo of the Pope going past in his Popemobile however, which she showed off proudly to several of us at the Bollington Friday group.

Continuing the falls theme, **Anne Swindell** had a fall when she and John were away in Amsterdam at the end of last month. She is in hospital there with a broken elbow and pelvic injury. We wish you a speedy recovery and hope you can get home soon.

A visit to Canada to see his daughter has been undertaken by Colin Huck. We hope you have had a lovely visit across the Pond. **Kay Evans** has been for tests at Wrightington Hospital for a hip replacement.

Unfortunately, **Mark Stansfield** has been notified recently that his stoma reversal surgery will not go ahead as he had hoped. This is the second time that the operation has been cancelled, which is very demoralising. Mark, do try and stay positive, but of course we understand it is difficult.

Gawsworth Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning that took place at Gawsworth Methodist Church Hall late last month raised £295 for Meet, Move and Improve, which many of our members attend. Donations allowed a further £35 to be added, making a grand total of £230. Thank you to all of our members who gave tombola and raffle prizes, or plants, supported the event on the day, baked goodies or worked behind the stalls and in the kitchen.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is
Monday, 13 October**

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