

MADYSS Matters

September 2025 No.223

Birthday Greetings

Lots of our members have birthdays this month:

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| – Sheila Dove | – Denise Potts |
| – Kay Kennedy | – Mark Stansfield |
| – Gordon Page | – Anne Swindell |
| – Ann Pape | – Gary Yearsley |
| – Sue Pembery | |

Social Events

National Arboretum, Staffordshire Coach Trip Monday, 15 September

Please note that to ensure we arrive in time for the 11.00 am service, THE COACH WILL LEAVE THE FLOWER POT AT 9.00 AM PROMPT. It is very important that you are ready to leave by then.

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

Quiz Night, Macclesfield Tennis Club Saturday, 25 October

Please make a note of the Quiz Night date. More information to follow in due course.

November Curry Outing

We have decided to go out for a curry for our November social get together. However, the date and venue are still under discussion so details will be made available nearer the time.

Report on Canal Boat Trip

Initially, there was some concern that the trips might not go ahead when MADYSS was contacted by the canal boat company to warn that

low water levels may prevent our excursions. However, the day before the first outing we received the positive news that the water level was just high enough, hurrah! As we've had no rain since, the second one was cancelled.

With the help of the crew, 12 members and guests negotiated the steep slope at Lord Vernon's Wharf, Higher Poynton on Monday 18 August to allow them to embark the Mary Sunley 2.



Participants on canal outing

The group then spent a few pleasant hours chatting and admiring the scenery, with the sighting of a heron and some curious young cattle among the highlights.



Part way through the trip, attendees enjoyed the delicious boxed lunches provided by Poynton Tea Rooms. Particular thanks must go to Colin Huck, who was instrumental in arranging and collecting the lunches, and also in sharing regular updates of the outing via WhatsApp.

Bonus Ball Competition

The winning bonus ball for last month was number 4. Finally, we had someone who had picked the correct number, and so congratulations go to David Pope who will be receiving a tidy sum. Very well done.

Important!

At the August Flower Pot meeting, a bill for two drinks delivered to a member or members of our group in the new function room remained unpaid. As a result, Kay Evans ended up having to pay £5 for these. It is easy to forget to return to the bar and pay, but if you are this person could you please reimburse Kay.

News of Our Members

We are pleased to welcome **Pam and Gordon Page** who became members last month. Those of you who attended the August Flower Pot meeting may have chatted to Pam and Gordon. They first came along to our July meeting, and we didn't scare them off, luckily! We hope that you will enjoy being part of the group.

Poachers Quiz Night

The Poachers Inn in Bollington is holding a quiz on Sunday, 14 September at 8.00 pm. MADYSS will be the beneficiary of proceeds from the quiz and raffle. Any contributions for raffle prizes would be gratefully received and may be passed on to Kay Evans. Also, as we are the group being supported, if a few members could attend it would be appreciated. The post code is SK10 5RE.

Gawsworth Coffee Morning

The coffee morning that is to be held at Gawsworth Methodist Church Hall, SK11 9QZ, on Thursday 25 September, 10.00–12.00, will be a fundraiser for MADYSS.

We are seeking items for the book stall, tombola, raffle and cake stall plus any food cupboard items. Please note that the Methodist Church allows NO ALCOHOL so donations of this nature should be avoided. If anyone has contacts with a garden centre that would be willing to donate some spring bulbs to us, please let any Committee member know. Cakes, biscuits, etc., from the bakers amongst you are always eagerly received and sell well. Other, non-perishable items can be brought to the September Flower Pot meeting or given to any member of the Committee.

Goodbye Glenn

John made a presentation to Glenn Farrell, the Flower Pot Manager, at the August meeting. He is going to be transferring to manage the Dun Cow, another Robinson's pub near Knutsford. Glenn has always been very accommodating as far as the MADYSS group is concerned. He has allowed coaches to collect and drop off members from the car park for outings, and also for us to leave our cars parked there while on trips. Let's hope that the new manager is as flexible!

John gave Glenn a voucher for the James Martin restaurant in Manchester, where Glenn and his wife Sam have enjoyed meals, and also a Good Luck balloon to wish him well in his new venture. It was particularly nice that we had our first meeting in the new extension at the pub. This function room provides greater privacy for our group and was well-suited for making Glenn's presentation.



John gives Glenn the voucher and balloon

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**The next Flower Pot meeting is on
Monday, 8 September 2025**

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