

MADYSS Matters

June 2026 No.232

Birthday Greetings

We have the following members who have their birthdays this month:

- Mike Arrowsmith
- Kay Evans
- Carol Gatley
- Paul Sutcliffe

Happy Birthday!

Social Events

Gawsworth Coffee Morning Thursday 11 June

For this MADYSS fundraising event, we would like to receive items for the bric a brac stall such as cups, scarves, handbags, and personal toiletries (hand creams, body lotions, etc). The usual raffle prizes (no alcohol) and baked goods for the cake stall would also be appreciated.

Strawberry Fayre, St Albans Parish Hall Wednesday 17 June, 2.00 pm

The St Albans Church Ladies Group will be giving all proceeds from this event to MADYSS, as we are the Group's chosen charity of the year. Please see the enclosed leaflet for more details.

Knowsley Safari Park Coach Trip Wednesday 24 June

The coach will leave the Flower Pot at 10.00 am and depart from Knowsley around 4.00 pm. After a short break on arrival, we will reboard the coach to go around the Safari Park. The Park has a café and gift shop.

The cost is £30 for members and £35 for guests. Either pay Kay at the Flower Pot meeting or use BACS with **reference Knowsley and your name**. Please note that we need sufficient numbers to ensure this coach trip is viable.

AGM Report

The MADYSS AGM took place on Monday, 11 May at the Tennis Club in Macclesfield with 30 members attending. The meeting began with a review of events over the past year. These included: Afternoon Tea at Shrigley Hall; a coach trip to the National Arboretum; a Quiz Night at Macclesfield Tennis Club; Indian Meal, Bollington; and a coach trip to the Albert Dock in Liverpool. John referred to those members who had passed away, thanking family, friends and members for £385 In Memoriam donations that were received.



Annual General Meeting attendees

Judy then gave the Treasurer's Report when she noted that unfortunately our submission to the Co-op Community Fund had not been successful this time around. Although currently the Group appears financially healthy, our resources will dwindle if we do not do more fundraising. Without more money, in four or five years MADYSS will be struggling. The cost of coach trips is a major expense, and the increase in fuel prices has made this worse.

New Committee members Mavis Derbyshire, Val Bush and Diane Thomas were voted in, and Kay Kennedy resigned from her position as Meeter and Greeter due to other commitments.

Before the AGM business meeting concluded, Carol Gatley accepted the bowling trophy on behalf of her husband, Alan, who wasn't able to attend. We then took a break for a buffet lunch that had been catered for by The Windmill Café.



Members selecting from the buffet

After we finished lunch our guest speaker was the Cheshire Cat (AKA Tina Yearsley). She loves writing children's books and gave an entertaining presentation of her picture book, *The Wizarding Spell*©. Using rhymes it tells the story of the wizard of Alderley Edge who casts a spell to prevent dogs pooing in the woods so that poo bags could no longer be left hanging from trees.

Our speaker then offered to sign copies of the complimentary books she had brought with her for members to take away with them.



*The Cheshire Cat presents *The Wizarding Spell*©*

Bonus Ball Competition

There was no Bonus Ball in May as we held the Group's AGM. The Bonus Ball Competition will return at the June Flower Pot meeting.

What a Joke!

Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert?
Because she was stuffed.

What's the smartest insect? A spelling bee!

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on
Monday 8 June 2026**

MADYSS Committee

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