

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

It's time to say Happy Birthday to the following members whose special days are in May:

- Chris Barlow
- Tracey Higgins
- Ron Loughran
- Monica Meah
- John Swindell

Social Events

Knowsley Safari Park, Wednesday 24 June

A coach outing to Knowsley Safari Park has been arranged for 24 June. The coach will leave the Flower Pot at 10.00 am. On arrival after a short break, we will reboard the coach to drive around the park. Following this, we will have opportunity for a light lunch.

We plan to depart the Safari Park at 4.00 pm for the return journey. The cost is £30 for members and £35 for non-members.

Albert Dock, Liverpool Coach Trip Report

It was a beautiful, sunny day for the 28 members and friends who embarked on a trip to Liverpool in April. After the coach dropped us off in the Albert Dock area we went our separate ways, with early refreshments on the menu for many.



Ready for the off at Albert Dock

Several in the group took the opportunity to visit the Museum of Liverpool, which contains sections covering many aspects of the city's life, including its famous entertainers: Cilla Black, Ken Dodd, Paul O'Grady, and of course The Beatles.

Sport forms an important element of the Museum. The Wondrous Place gallery has running shoes worn by the 2019 World Champion heptathlete Katarina Johnson-Thompson, the jockey silks worn by Rachael Blackmore from her 2019 win of the Aintree Grand National (the only woman to have done so), and also here is the costume of Mel C from the Spice Girls.



Museum of Liverpool

Unfortunately, the lift was out of order in the Royal Institute of British Architects where some of the Tate Liverpool exhibits were on display while the Tate itself undergoes extensive modifications. One of the rooms where exhibits had been on display wasn't open as the items were in the process of being replaced with new ones. The lift was also not working at The Beatles Story – not an ideal situation for many, so the writer is unsure whether any of our party went here.

A ride on the 60 metre high Wheel of Liverpool offers spectacular views of the skyline, water front and river Mersey, but it isn't really for those who suffer from vertigo as Jim Borggren will testify, particularly on a very windy day, which it was when we visited the city! There is also a Hop On, Hop Off Bus Tour that visits the city's main attractions.



Wheel of Liverpool

Albert Dock has a variety of cafes and restaurants to enjoy lunch, including Greek, Italian, American and Indian. We had an enjoyable day and couldn't have asked for better weather. Sincere thanks must go to Kay Evans for organising the outing and arranging for the almost (with the exception of the wind) perfect weather.



A view of the Mersey and Albert Dock from the Wheel of Liverpool

MADYSS Annual General Meeting

Please make every effort to attend the AGM at Macclesfield Tennis Club (SK11 8JR) on 11 May. Entry is from **12.30 onwards** and the meeting will start at 1.00 pm. Once the business of the AGM is concluded we will break for a buffet lunch, after which our secret speaker will give a talk.

Bonus Ball Competition

Last month's winning bonus ball was number 25, which no one had selected, so it is another roll over month.

Thought for the Month

In a moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing to do, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing.

Theodore Roosevelt

**The next meeting is the AGM on
Monday 11 May 2026
at Macclesfield Tennis Club**

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