

MADYSS Matters

December 2017 No.140

Peter Stephenson

6 November 1945–23 November 2017

Peter was the Chairman of MADYSS for eight years, a position he was extremely proud to have held.

His caring and compassionate nature, along with the ability to make members feel welcome and valued, were some of the qualities he brought to MADYSS members and their families.

He had a wicked sense of humour, was full of fun and brought many a smile to the faces of so many people.

Peter will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

Sue has suggested that donations, If desired, may be made in Peter's memory to MADYSS.

Birthday Greetings

This festive month our birthday wishes go to:

- Jim Borggren
- Ike Karnon
- Jean Clayton

Social Events

Christmas Meal – Friday, 15 December 2017
Davenport Golf Club, Worth Hall, Poynton
SK12 1TS, 01625 876951

The meal has been booked for 12.30 pm; all should have given their menu choices to Monica Meah by now. Monica still has some maps of how to get to the Golf Club if you would like one.

Bowling at Superbowl UK, Lyme Green Business Park, Macclesfield SK11 0TB
Thursday, 18 January 2018

The first event for the New Year will be bowling that will start at 4.00 pm. This will be followed by an evening meal at the Flower Pot at 6.00 pm.

Even if you are not coming bowling, you will be very welcome to join us for food at the Flower Pot.

Bents Garden Centre Coach Trip Report by Val Bush

Our trip to Bents near Warrington on Thursday, 23 November was "interesting", which is another way of saying difficult at times and our English late autumn weather added to our woes; it was bitterly cold, windy and wet. We had problems before we set off as the lift for wheelchairs onto the coach had an intermittent fault, which was corrected when the driver moved the coach to a more level spot and we all breathed a sigh of relief when we were finally underway. Fortunately, the journey was fault free and only took about an hour until we faced the icy blast transferring from the coach inside Bents.



Alan Bush, Monica and Ian Meah at Bents

Those of us who expected a garden centre to have a variety of plants may have been a little disappointed by their absence as pretty much the whole store was devoted to Christmas, with synthetic Christmas trees, decorations, cuddly santas, dwarves and snowmen; but having said that, Val managed to find some very pretty red cyclamen.

Besides a big cafeteria, there was a tapas bar that served indifferent tapas but nice wine. Then it was time to brave the weather and set off with our purchases to a replacement coach, only to find the

wheelchair lift on that one didn't work either! The driver phoned through to the depot to have another coach sent out for us. Most of us went back inside to keep warm.

When the new coach arrived we all quickly climbed aboard amidst cheers, applause and much relieved laughter. So we set off and reached the Flower Pot at about 6.30 pm. Overall, despite the mechanical mishaps and dreadful weather it had been a good day because of the good company. Hopefully we can do something similar again with a company that keeps its coaches better maintained. Ike will take the matter up with Bostocks Coaches.

Bonus Ball Competition

There was no holder of bonus ball number 7 for the November competition so this makes it a roll-over month. Some extra Christmas money may come in useful if we have a winner in December. Make sure you have a chance by choosing numbers at the December Flower Pot meeting, only £1 per number.

Wildlife of Peru Calendars

For those of you who may not have collected calendars that you ordered, Sheila Blamire will have remaining calendars at this month's Flower Pot meeting. The calendars cost £10 each and cash or cheques made payable to Sheila Blamire will be accepted.

News of our Members

George Higginson and **Ian Meah** are both home now but have been in local hospitals. George has recently had a pacemaker fitted. We send our best wishes to each for their continued recovery.

The next meeting is on Monday, 11 December at The Flower Pot

What a Joke!

More blunders to share this month from radio and television quiz show contestants.

BEG, BORROW OR STEAL (BBC 2)

Jamie Theakston: Where do you think Cambridge University is?

Contestant: Geography isn't my strong point.

Jamie Theakston: There is a clue in the title.

Contestant: Leicester?

BEACON RADIO (WOLVERHAMPTON)

DJ Mark: For 10 points, what is the nationality of the Pope?

Ruth from Rowley Regis: I think I know that one. Is he Jewish?

GWR FM (Bristol)

Presenter: What happened in Dallas on November 22, 1963?

Contestant: I don't know, I wasn't watching it then.

MADYSS Committee

Ike Karnon (Chairman) 01260 273969; Thelma Farrell (Treasurer) 01625 431043; Yvonne Smith (Membership Secretary) 01260 274479; Monica Meah (Events Secretary) 01625 428951; Kay Evans (Fundraiser) 01625 574330; Sue Stephenson (Administrative Secretary) 01625 876285; Julie Karnon (Ordinary Member) 01260 273969.