

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

Our good wishes this month go to:

- Mike Arrowsmith
- Kay Evans
- Leo McMahan
- Pat Snelling

Happy Birthday!

Social Events

Chester Coach Trip Tuesday, 20 June 2017

MADYSS will be having a coach trip to Chester for our June social event. The coach will leave the Flower Pot at 10.30 am and then leave Chester at 4.00 pm for the return journey.

Members are free to choose what they do while there, perhaps take a boat trip for example, or visit the city walls. The boat trips leave every hour. There will be two drop-off points in Chester: by the river and in the city centre. The cost for the day out is £10.00 per person and payment is due at the Flower Pot meeting on 12 June.

Welcome to New Members

It is good news again on the membership front as we had two more new members join last month. Many of you may have seen **Leo and Jean McMahan** who were welcomed to the group by Ike at the AGM. The couple are owners of a young Cockerpoo so the dog lovers among us will no doubt have plenty to talk about with them.

Annual General Meeting

Thirty-eight members attended the AGM this year which was held at Macclesfield Tennis Club on Monday, 8 May. As Chairman, Ike welcomed everyone and after the minutes of the 2016 AGM were accepted, he then gave a review of the last year's activities and events. Among these were

days out at Shugborough, St Helens World of Glass, two canal boat trips, and meals at the Chilli Banana, the Tytherington Club, and Fina.

Thelma then presented the Treasurer's Report, which showed that we were in a suitably healthy position with £11,132.84. MADYSS had also received donations of £3,000 last year, mainly comprising the proceeds from the bungee jump that Glenn Farrell undertook, the Christmas Hamper raffle, and sales of Sheila Blamire's MADYSS calendar. Two generous donations from Kay Kennedy and Liz Leech were also received; they very kindly donated to MADYSS the entire collections from the funerals in memory of Colin and Desmond.

Ike warmly thanked Chris Willett for her many years of service as the Membership Secretary and presented her with a bouquet of flowers and John Lewis gift vouchers. Yvonne Smith was then voted on to the Committee as our new Membership Secretary. Gill Moseley has kindly agreed to act as Yvonne's assistant when required.



Chris admires her flowers

Once the business part of the meeting was concluded, we enjoyed a presentation on Roberts Bakery by Keith Burkett. It was interesting to hear how much the bakery has changed and expanded since it first began in Northwich in 1887, but it is still a family business that is managed and run by the current generation of the Roberts.

Keith presented a number of excellent slides, ranging from those showing the days when deliveries were made using a horse and cart to

one showing the current huge lorries that can each take 12,000 bakery goods all over the North of England, the Midlands, Wales, and Scotland.



Members watching and listening to the Roberts Bakery presentation

Please note that membership fees are now overdue. This will be the last newsletter that you will receive if you do not renew your membership before the end of the month.

Coffee Morning

Don't forget our coffee morning at Gawsworth Methodist Church Hall on Thursday, 29 June from 10.00 am. Please support this event; the entry fee

is £1.00 and money raised will help subsidise our MADYSS outings, activities, etc. Donations for our bottle tombola will be gratefully received at our Flower Pot meeting on 12 June. Thank you.

What a Joke!

An old lady asked the shelf stacker in a supermarket to help her find a small packet of washing powder. So she was slightly surprised when he handed her a box clearly marked 'Large'.

"But I asked for a small," she said. "They haven't made small for a long time, madam," she was told. "It comes in three sizes these days: Large, Giant and Super. I gave you the smallest size - Large."

June Flower Pot Meeting

At the 12 June meeting, we will have a representative from the University of Manchester who is doing a project to help monitor stroke survivors living alone. It will be of interest to everyone but especially to those who live alone.

The next meeting is on Monday, 12 June at The Flower Pot

MADYSS Committee

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