

# MADYSS Matters

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## Happy Anniversary

The group's newsletter in its current format, MADYSS Matters, is ten years old this month. Happy Tenth Anniversary MADYSS Matters.

## Birthday Greetings

No fewer than eight birthdays in July:

- Geoff Blamire
- Susan Lakin
- George Oliver
- Alan Stansfield
- Barbara Stansfield
- Kath Wilkinson
- Chris Willett
- Tina Yearsley

## Social Events

**Jodrell Bank Observatory**  
**Bornish Lane, Macclesfield SK11 9DW**  
**Thursday, 13 July**



*Lovell Telescope ©Jodrell Bank*

After making our own way there, we will meet up at 11.30 am at the Ticket Booth. Blue badges holders do not pay for parking, otherwise it costs £4.00. At the Ticket Booth we will each be issued with a site plan and tickets for the Space Dome. We need to be at the Dome for 11.45 am as we have booked the 12.00 noon show, which is called 'Journey through the Night Sky'.

After the show, you are free to wander around. Two films (these are free) are shown at various times throughout the afternoon: one is on the

story of Jodrell Bank, and the second is entitled Telescope Talks. The Arboretum is also well worth a visit. The £15.00 cost for both members and guests includes the Dome show. As usual, BACS payment is preferred (reference Jodrell Bank) or paid with cash at the July meeting.

**Wilmslow Garden Centre, Wilmslow SK9 2JN**  
**Thursday, 24 August**

The above date has been chosen for the garden centre visit. At 4.30 pm we can take advantage of the garden centre's dining deal of two main courses for £15.00. Pudding would be an extra £3.00. Please let Kay know if you are interested.

## Report on RHS Bridgewater Trip

We had a really good and very informative day at RHS Bridgewater on Tuesday. The 156-acre garden has been constructed on the former estate of the Duke of Bridgewater and opened in May 2021. We were split into two groups for our guided tour of the Walled Garden. The RHS volunteer guides, Gordon and Ashley, were excellent: providing an historical context to the garden, explaining about its development, then describing the different garden areas within the Walled Garden.



*MADYSS Walled Garden tour led by Gordon*

They also highlighted the urban themes that had been incorporated, and explained about a garden area that was devoted to community wellbeing

and another where local communities had plots they could work on and develop.

At the end of the tour we split up and went our separate ways, some having lunch either at the Stables Café or the larger, main Bridgewater Café before exploring the grounds further. A pleasant walk to Ellesmere Lake went through the Chinese Streamside Garden. Although it is still under construction (pagodas will be built there), the winding path to the lake comprised various pretty and colourful plants, and water elements with rocks and stones strategically placed along the route.



*Chinese Streamside Garden*

Our thanks go to Kay as main organiser and also to Bev for her able assistance, but we shouldn't forget Tony, our Belle Vue Coaches driver, who did a sterling job loading/unloading scooters and wheelchairs.

## News of Our Members

Recently, the Committee decided that **Margaret Barry** should become an Honorary Member of MADYSS. As many of you know, she was Social Secretary for a number of years and has recently moved to Sheffield where her daughter lives.

**Yvonne Smith** finally had her hip replacement surgery at Macclesfield Hospital in May. Her son Michael and his wife, Julie, stayed with Yvonne and Roger for two weeks so that they could look after them. Yvonne has said she is finding all the physiotherapy hard work, much more so than when she had her other hip surgery 10 years

ago, but she is persevering. We send our best wishes for her continued recovery.

On 9 June, **Kath Wilkinson** was in hospital as a day patient for a trapeziectomy in her left hand. The operation seemed to go well but she now has to have a number of physiotherapy sessions. Kath will be unable to ride for at least two months and isn't happy about this, but needs must!

In June, **Michael and Judy Fleming** had their Diamond wedding anniversary. Wow, 60 years together! They had a lovely day celebrating with family and friends. Many congratulations from all of us at MADYSS.

**Anne Swindell** was absent from the June trip to the RHS Bridgewater Gardens due to a hospital stay, and will also miss the Jodrell Bank outing as she will be recovering from her surgery. We hope that you are soon back among us Anne.

## Christmas Meal

For 2023, the MADYSS meal will again take place at the Deanwater Hotel, Handforth. The date that you need to put in your diaries and on your calendars is **Wednesday, 13 December**. More details will follow in due course.

## Membership Renewals

Please note that if you have not yet renewed your membership, you will no longer receive MADYSS MATTERS and will not be able to take advantage of any subsidies.

## Bonus Ball Competition

The winner of the June Bonus Ball was David Clayton, who had correctly selected number three. Well done David!

**The next meeting is Monday, 10 July 2023  
at the Flower Pot**

### MADYSS Committee

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