

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

Our best wishes for a Happy Birthday go to:

- Chris Barlow
- David Clayton
- Monica Meah
- John Swindell

Hope you each have a lovely day.

Subscriptions Due

MADYSS subscription renewals for 2023-2024 are required at or by the Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Macclesfield Tennis Club on Wednesday 10 May. The cost remains at £20 per member and payment can be paid via BACS to the MADYSS account, using your last name and subs as the reference (e.g. Brown Subs), or by cash at the AGM.

Social Events

Thursday 3 May, Coffee Morning, Gawsworth Methodist Church Hall, 10.00–11.30 am

A brief reminder that MADYSS has been chosen as the beneficiary for this Thursday's coffee morning. Do come along to support the event and can the bakers among you please bring cakes, scones, etc., on the day and pass these to Diane Thomas.

**Wednesday 10 May, Annual General Meeting
Macclesfield Tennis Club, SK11 8JR
12.30 pm to mid-afternoon**

As noted in the previous newsletter, entry to the Club is **from 12.30 onwards**. The AGM itself will start at 1.00 pm and include a Review of the Year, the Treasurer's Report, and voting for Committee members. A buffet lunch will then be served, after which our invited speaker will give a presentation. Do make every effort to attend as a quorum is required by the MADYSS Constitution.

Coach Trip to Cadbury World, Bournville Report by Anne Swindell

Nineteen of us left the Flower Pot on time on Thursday, 28 April for the two-hour journey to Cadbury World. On arrival the cafe was the first port of call before our self-guided tour around the facilities, starting with the discovery of the origins of the cocoa bean, amidst trees and waterfalls deep in the ancient tropical rainforests.



A poster detailing the making and decorating skills required by the 'Cadbury Angels'

As part of the tour, we watched a film where John Cadbury tells the inspiring story of his early struggles to establish the business and which introduced his sons, Richard and George. Their Quaker beliefs led them to build a new and better kind of factory in a Greenfield site away from the smoke and grime of the city.

The video also informed us how Dairy Milk chocolate got its name. You will all know the old Cadbury's advertisement slogan about the chocolate bar that used to say "there's a glass and a half in every one." There was a lot to see and learn as we walked around. We learnt how to thicken the chocolate and write with it.



Example of our writing skills in chocolate

Of course we also had to have a drink and saw some of the staff making and decorating various chocolate items. One of the items that they had made recently and was on display during the tour was a massive copy of King Charles III Coronation chair!



The Coronation chair, sceptre and orb made from chocolate

At 2.30 pm we met up again for afternoon tea before taking a coach trip around the grounds and buildings which form Cadbury World. One of the Cadbury guides accompanied us on the coach and gave an informative tour of the area as we went around.

It was a wonderful, colourful and very informative day out with so much to learn. Did you know that each day they produce:

- 400 million Chocolate Buttons
- 1.2 million Crème Eggs
- 5.5 million Dairy Milk Chocolate Bars

Quite a surprise!

Bonus Ball Competition

The April bonus ball was number 46 and we did have a winner, Michael Fleming. Clearly he has the knack, but more likely is just plain lucky as he won in February too and March was a roll-over month. Congratulations; please share your secret Michael!

Thoughts for the Month

Only a life lived for others is worthwhile
Albert Einstein

Never see a need without doing
something about it
Mary Mackillop

**The next meeting is the AGM on
Wednesday 10 May 2023
at the Macclesfield Tennis Club**

MADYSS Committee

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