

# MADYSS Matters

October 2023 No.200

## Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to:

- Colin Huck
- Sue Pembery

Hope you each have a lovely day.

## Social Events

### Indian Meal, Viceroy, Bollington SK11 5RF 29 October, 1.30 pm

The cost will be £12.95 per person. Cash payment will be due at the October monthly meeting. Should you prefer to pay via BACS, please ensure you include your SURNAME and INDIAN as the reference.

### Tatton Park Coach Trip Sunday 3 December

Our November event will actually take place on Sunday, 3 December. It will be a coach trip to Tatton Park; as it will be dark when we leave, the Committee has decided that a coach was the best option. On arrival we will have lunch at 12.30 pm followed by a self-guided tour of the Mansion to see the Christmas decorations. There is no entry time for the Mansion tour but visitors must be in before 3.00 pm. The decorations are all on the Ground Floor.

There will also be a Craft Fair and people will be free to explore this after the tour. It should be accessible for members as it is near the Mansion, but the Craft Fair closes at 4.00 pm.

Electric scooters are not allowed in the Mansion but there are some wheelchairs available. These must be booked as soon as possible so if anyone will need one, please let us know quickly.

The total cost will be £25.00 and a £10.00 deposit will be needed at the October meeting. The balance is to be paid at the 13 November meeting.

Again, those paying via BACS must include their SURNAME and TATTON as the BACS reference.

### Report on British Iron Works Coach Trip Thursday 27 September By Kay Evans

It was a little concerning when we went to The British Ironworks as Storm Agnes was forecast. We were very lucky and although the weather could have been kinder to us it wasn't too bad. Cool and a little rain now and again. Of course, the sun shone on the way home! Having originally had our highest number of 29 booked for the coach trip, on the day we were a small select group of 13! For some people it was unavoidable health issues that prevented them going.

On arrival we all set off for the Café and enjoyed lunch before exploring. It wasn't as busy as it usually is, which was good. Everyone went their own way afterwards and some of us (after finding the recycling bins of which there are now 10) went to visit Ned in his shed where we watched him create a lovely little decorative piece from a plain block of wood. He demonstrated how he looks at, treats, and creates with his wood. It was extremely interesting.



*Ned at work in his shed*

We then looked at some of the metal creations that were amazingly realistic. Once back on the coach and before we set sail for home, we were given free ice cream and free passes for a future visit which was lovely.



*One of the many realistic sculptures on display*

Our driver, Stuart, was then allowed to drive around the area that we had not seen before we left. He was given ice cream too and deserved it. He was very thoughtful and helpful to us all and the route he chose was easy with no holdups so we were earlier than expected in both directions. When we arrived back in Macclesfield, Agnes was waiting for us!

## Change of Venue and Date for Christmas Meal

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are unable to have our Christmas meal at the Deanwater Hotel in Handforth as the Hotel will be closing its doors on 18 November. Instead, The Plough at Eaton is booked for **Monday 11 December**, which is our usual monthly meeting date. Please make a note of the change of date and location in your diaries or calendars.

The cost of the Christmas meal at The Plough will be £25.00 and that will need to be paid **in full at the November meeting, 13 November**. Please note that menu choices will be taken at that meeting as we need to submit them the next day! However, the menu will also be available at the October meeting if some members wish to make their choices at that point and pay then too. Would BACS payees please use their SURNAME and THE PLOUGH as reference.

## The Poachers Quiz Night

The quiz was held on Sunday, 24 September and as is usual at The Poachers, there was a very good turnout. We'd like to say a huge thank you once again to the local Community for their very generous support. A total of £135 was raised from our raffle; thank you to those who donated prizes.

Our MADYSS quiz team was given the name Madyssation, and we came a very respectable third. The team members were: Sue Stephenson and daughter Emma, Kay Kennedy, Tracey Higgins, Kay Evans, and Debbie and Mike (who were representing Anne and John Swindell in their enforced absence).

We are now booked in for another fundraising quiz in September 2024!

## Bonus Ball Competition

There was no winner last month as the bonus ball was number 6, which no one had selected. It is therefore a roll-over month.

## News of Our Members

It seems that COVID is back, but it had probably never gone away. **Tina Yearsley** and **Val Bush** have both had the virus. Tina is working again and Val is better but taking things steady.

**John Swindell** had surgery on his back last month and is now home but in some discomfort. We send our best wishes to John for his recovery.

Our thoughts are with **Ramala Bakaya** who has lost her very dear friend Patrick. He was a close neighbour in Poynton and helped her look after the house.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on**

**Monday, 9 October 2003**

### MADYSS Committee

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