

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

In May, we have five members' birthdays so can offer our greetings to:

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

Annual General Meeting

Monday 13 May, Macclesfield Tennis Club

As previously announced, it is our 20th anniversary and we will be having a special AGM to mark the occasion. Members should arrive from 12.30 pm for a 1.00 pm start. Those who are not MADYSS members cannot vote, so any non-members who are present will not have voting rights. Annual membership fees will be due and remain at £20.00 each. Payment via BACS is preferred using your last name and subs as the reference (e.g., Brown Subs) or cash on the day if a BACS transfer isn't possible.

We have three vacancies on the Committee and urgently need them filling. Please come and join our friendly team to ensure that your voice is heard and you can bring some new ideas to MADYSS. The vacancies are as follows:

Fundraising Secretary: only twice a year and certainly lots of helpers to assist.

Assistant to Treasurer: Judy will guide you all the way.

Assistant Organiser: required to assist Kay.

Please note that Alex Greenwood and Louise Little from the Co-op will be coming to the AGM to talk to members about MADYSS, get feedback, and take photographs for their in-house magazine. This will also give their readers an indication of how the Co-op is spending members' charitable contributions.

Social Events

Gawsworth Coffee Morning, Thursday 30 May
We still need raffle, tombola and bric-a-brac items.

Llandudno Coach Trip, Monday 24 June
More details of this outing are to follow.

St Helen's Glass Coach Outing, 23 April
Report by Don Brown

Twenty-two members and two guests left The Flower Pot for our trip to St Helens Glass at around 10.15 am on a dullish but dry Tuesday morning, our driver Mustapha having some difficulties with the chairlift on our brand-new coach. A quick phone call and all was rectified, and throughout the remainder of our trip Mustapha proved to be a pleasant, helpful and attentive host.

We arrived at St Helens at around 11.00 am, the weather having by this time brightened somewhat. When we had safely disembarked, we were met by our guide for the day, Faye, who had laid on a very welcome "cuppa" to start the proceedings. The tour began with a visit to the museum. Those of us who had been on our previous visit would have noticed a re-worked and considerably improved layout to this facility with lots of hands-on features to play with; these caused much amusement to all!



Learning about St Helen's Glass in the Museum

Suitably replenished, those with the energy crossed the canal to the glass furnace beneath the distinctive cone chimney where we were given descriptions of the arduous tasks performed by the glass workers of old times, quenching their thirst from the sweltering heat with beer. Poor chaps!

After the essential visit to the gift shop, we re-joined our coach for the journey home, having had a very pleasant day out with great company once again.



Tunnels where the cold air flow kept the workers cool

Welcome

At last month's meeting, Sue Stephenson welcomed Valerie, Mark and Sheila who had come along to see what MADYSS was all about. Sue kindly led the meeting in John and Anne's absence on holiday. We were pleased to see David Pope again who has now become a member of MADYSS. We hope that you will take the opportunity to introduce yourselves to David if you've not yet done so, and also to any of the other newcomers should they decide to return.

Bonus Ball Competition

It is a roll-over month as no one had chosen the winning number for the April competition (no. 55).

News of Our Members

We have received the news that **Gary and Tina Yearsley** have become grandparents to Ember. She is the daughter of their son Joby and his partner Fern; mother and baby are both doing well.

Judy Fleming had to visit Macclesfield A&E twice last month due to an agonisingly painful leg. She was given liquid morphine and had her hip x-rayed. Judy has also had an ultrasound scan of the abdomen and pelvic area, but nothing has shown up as to the cause. Of course, Judy must try and continue to look after Michael when carers are not there to do so. We send our best wishes to her and hope that the investigations provide answers for the pain she's experiencing.

A diagnosis of diverticulitis has now been received by **Bev Eccles** for the problems that she has had for several months. There are a number of options that Bev needs to consider, including surgery.

Co-op Community Prizes

The Co-op has just launched a new scheme called The Winner Shares It All. Every month, 10 Co-op Members will win £500 for themselves and £5,000 for their chosen Local Community Fund cause, so MADYSS could be in with a chance of winning some extra money.

Ten local causes will win £5,000 every month depending on the randomly selected winning Co-op members' cause choice. All that you need to do is to have selected MADYSS as your cause, spend a minimum of £5 at your local Co-op, then swipe your membership card. You never know, we may be lucky!

The next meeting is our A.G.M. on

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