

# MADYSS Matters

October 2024 No.212

## Birthday Greetings

It's time to say Happy Birthday to:

- Valerie Hayward
- Colin Huck
- Keith Pembrey

Enjoy your special day.

## Social Events

**Afternoon Tea, Sutton Hall, Sutton,  
Macclesfield SK11 0HE  
Tuesday, 22 October at 2.30 pm**

If you have not yet signed up for this, don't worry there is still time. Sandwiches, cakes, and home-made scones with clotted cream served with a pot of tea or coffee are all included in the price. For members this is £15.00 per person and for guests it is £24.95. We would prefer that you pay via BACS using the reference Sutton Hall or, if this isn't an option for you, by cash at the October Flower Pot meeting.

**Quiz Night, Macclesfield Tennis Club,  
Learning Zone Campus, SK11 8JR  
Saturday, 9 November, 7.00 pm**

More details will follow shortly, but please make a note of the date in your diaries in the meantime. And also get your thinking caps on in preparation!

**Christmas Meal, Davenport Golf Club,  
Middlewood Road, Stockport, SK12 1TS  
Wednesday, 11 December**

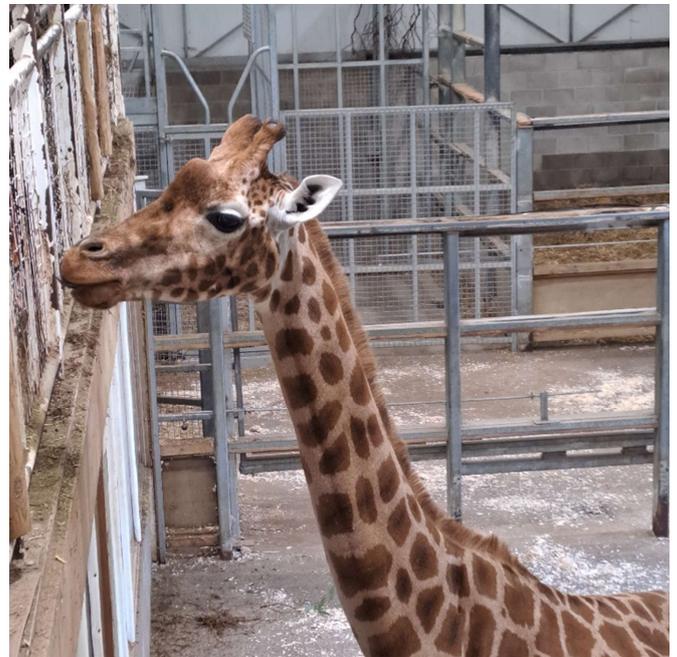
Full details to follow.

**Blackpool Zoo Coach Trip  
Report by Tina Yearsley**

We struck lucky with the weather on Monday, 16th September. It was sunny but not too hot. With kids back at school it was nice and quiet, so no jostling to see the animals.

I love Blackpool Zoo, lots to see, but much smaller than Chester Zoo, so easier to get around. As usual, MADYSS members split up into smaller groups. I really enjoy these trips, when you mooch around, bumping into friends.

The zoo is designed particularly well, so you can watch the giraffes feeding from above, and also have a great view of the elephant base camp.



The guide introduced us to certain animals by name, not only giving us information about each species but also personal habits and traits. The huge silverback gorilla for instance doesn't like getting his feet wet. So, he makes slippers out of the straw bedding, ingenious!

You could follow the guide giving talks or do your own thing. I particularly loved the otters' antics, especially at feeding time.

We had fun watching the ring-tailed lemurs sunning themselves. You actually walk in a compound with them, rather than viewing them in a cage behind bars. I did have to be very careful taking photos as some were a bit X rated, as Kay can testify.



grandkids or just ourselves as a lovely reminder of a terrific day out.

## Bonus Ball Competition

Number 28 was the bonus ball for the September meeting week and the winner was Diane Thomas. She was very lucky as it was a double roll-over too.

## News of Our Members

**Mark Stansfield** was admitted to Stoke Hospital last month for tests. Mark is still very poorly and they continue to investigate the cause of his problem. Alan and Barbara are driving to Stoke most days. We wish him a speedy recovery and send our best wishes to Mark, Alan and Barbara.

**Yvonne Smith** underwent urgent cataract surgery on both eyes at Newcastle Hospital and is recovering at home. She is unable to drive and with her COPD diagnosis she must continue to use oxygen for 16 hours a day.

It was good to see both **Judy and Michael Fleming** at September's meeting after Judy's recent hospital stay.

## MMI Fundraiser

The charity that was chosen for the Gawsworth Coffee Morning on 12 September was the Meet, Move and Improve group, which many of our members attend each Friday. Thank you to everyone who baked or donated items and to those who came along to support the event. The coffee morning raised an excellent total of £301.50. The money will help to keep the funds stable and any surplus saved to enable the group to eventually take on another gym instructor.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on**

**Monday 14 October 2024**

The two mother Orangutans with babies were absolutely delightful, and the tapirs having a swim were entertaining too.



Back to the cafe for an ice cream in the sun, then to the shop, buying cute soft toys for the kids,

### MADYSS Committee

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