

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

We have four members with June birthdays:

- Mike Arrowsmith
- Kay Evans
- Alan Gatley
- Paul Sutcliffe

Happy Birthday to each of you.

Social Events

Afternoon Tea at Shrigley Hall Thursday, 17 July

The tea has been booked in the Pink Room at the Hall commencing at 2.15 pm. The cost will be £15 for members and £18 for guests.

Coach Trip to Trentham Gardens Tuesday, 22 July

Please note that this outing has now been moved to July from June as was originally announced at the AGM. The cost of the coach trip will be £20 for members and £25 for guests. An additional cost of £11.50 will be required for entry to the Gardens, BUT if attendees can let Anne know by phone or at the 14 July monthly meeting it will be reduced to £10.50.

In the award-winning Gardens, you can see the Italian Gardens, Trentham Lake, meadows and woodlands. Much of it is accessible with either wheelchairs or mobility scooters (for example, the Italian Gardens and path besides the Lake).

If some only want to go to the Trentham Shopping village, there is no extra cost. A wide range of national and independent stores, plus restaurants and cafes are at the site.

Report on AGM

The meeting was held on Monday 12 May at the Macclesfield Tennis Club as usual. Our Chair

John Swindell welcomed members and followed on with a review of the year's activities. These included coach trips to Blackpool Zoo, Piece Hall and Llandudno. More local events were bowling, a quiz night and a bingo night, the latter two were held at the Tennis Club.



Members listen attentively to the Chair, John Swindell

Judy Fleming then gave the Treasurer's Report and referred to the £500 recently received from the Co-op Community Fund; this was in addition to the more than £1800 previously granted to us. She also mentioned the generous In Memoriam donations received in relation to members who had sadly passed away. Judy highlighted the £1,590 that members donated to the MADYSS Support Fund following her husband's death in January and thanked members for their donations.

While MADYSS is financially solvent, the cost of coach trips does impact the Society's financial position considerably. Judy emphasised how vital it was to fill the coaches. She gave the example of the Blackpool Zoo trip, which was subsidised to the tune of £645.50, but only a few members chose to participate. Unless coach trips are well supported in future, it may not be possible to continue with them.

Two members were voted onto the Committee. These were Colin Huck and Jim Borggren, who is currently Assistant Treasurer but also will take on the role of Deputy Chair. Kay Evans was thanked for overseeing the production and printing of the

new MADYSS information leaflet. This is only the third leaflet created since the Group was established.

After the AGM business was concluded, members helped themselves to the buffet. The buffet came from the Windmill Café, which has previously catered for the AGM.



Time to eat!

Our guest speaker this year was from the Cheshire AgeUK charity who gave a presentation on Scams Awareness and Aftercare. She covered a range of different scams and how to deal with them. Telephone, door, internet and mobile phone scams were all addressed.

Members each received a goody bag that contained a scams awareness card and Scam Update newsletter, a booklet on how to protect yourself, stickers for putting inside and outside your front door, and a useful pen.

As a final point, Kay has asked me to mention in this report that Ann, who did the bar for us at the AGM, said that we were one of the nicest if not *the* nicest group who hire the Tennis Club! So, thank you for your friendliness to those behind the bar.

New Trophy

Paul Sutcliffe has come up with the idea of having a Ten-Pin Bowling Cup for each year's champion bowler. It has been kindly donated by Paul and has been engraved with all the winners' names since Covid. As Kay was the winner of the bowling in 2025, she was presented with the Cup at the AGM. It turns out that Paul was a keen ten-pin bowler in his day, played for a team and was in a league when he and Diane lived in France.



Kay Evans, the proud winner of the inaugural Bowling Cup donated by Paul Sutcliffe

The next Flower Pot meeting is on

Monday, 9 June 2025

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