

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

The following members have birthdays this month:

- Richard Challis
- Liz Leech
- Ian Meah
- Yvonne Smith

May you each have a very Happy Birthday.

Social Events

**Quiz Night, The Poachers, 95 Ingersley Road, Bollington, SK10 5RE
Wednesday, 2 August**

The quiz will start at 8.30 pm but in order to get seats we advise getting there early. A raffle will also be held and donations of prizes would be gratefully received.

If you have any prizes to donate, please bring them along on the evening, allowing sufficient time for prizes to be marked up and numbered beforehand. All proceeds from the quiz night will go to MADYSS.

Lunch at The Rudyard Hotel, Rudyard Lake, ST13 8RN, Tuesday, 22 August

We shall have a carvery lunch at The Rudyard Hotel for our main August social event. Some of you may recall that we had a lovely day for this outing last year.

The lunch time is 12.15 pm and attendees should arrange their own transport to Rudyard and pay for their own drinks and meal. If anyone should require a lift to the hotel, please let us know at the Flower Pot meeting on 14 August.

**Dunham Massey
Tuesday, 19 September**

More details to follow in due course, but be sure to reserve the date now if you wish to participate in this trip.

Llandudno Coach Trip Report by Judy Fleming

Twenty members and friends went on the trip to Llandudno. The weather was perfect with 'wall to wall' sunshine for the whole day. The coach dropped and picked up from Mostyn Broadway coach station, which is very close to the promenade so it was accessible for all. The first stop for most members was a visit to Forte's Coffee and Ice Cream Parlour on Mostyn Street where there were a number of tables and chairs outside for people to sit in the sunshine whilst enjoying a drink and snack.

Members were then free to spend the day as they wished, some took the tram up The Great Orme, others took a boat trip, and some walked along the promenade and enjoyed meandering down the side streets to the many cafes and restaurants. After a very enjoyable and fulfilling day, we boarded the coach for the return journey to Macclesfield where we made very good time, arriving back at the Flower Pot at around 7.15 pm.



View of The Great Orme from the Promenade, Llandudno

News of our Members

It is with much sadness that we report the death of **Ted Brindley** who passed away in late June. Ted was the husband of **Ramala Baakaya** and both have been members of MADYSS for many years, often attending the Flower Pot meetings and social events. Ramala herself has suffered with a

number of health issues in recent years and we understand that she is currently residing at Dystlegh Grange Retirement Living and Care. We send our sincere condolences to Ramala and trust that her own health remains stable or improves.

Bonus Ball Competition

The winner of the June competition was Tracy Higgins. As no-one had picked number 18 in the July competition, last month was a roll over.

2018 Calendar

The theme chosen for next year's calendar is Wildlife of Peru. This is the subject of a trip taken there last year by our own MADYSS member, Sheila Blamire who, as some of our newer members may not be aware, produces the calendar for MADYSS each year and is an excellent photographer.

The cost of the calendar remains at £10, which is great value. If you would like to purchase one or more calendars, please place your order by the September Flower Pot meeting if possible, email Sheila at sheila@onlybirding.com, or call her on 01565 830168.

There will be a copy available for viewing by potential purchasers at the upcoming Flower Pot meetings. As in previous years, all profits from sales of the calendar will go to MADYSS.

Bollington Break

For those members who attended the Meet, Move and Improve group, please note that the group will start up again on Friday, 8 September 2017.

The next meeting is on Monday, 14 August at The Flower Pot

What a Joke!

Did you hear about the troublesome teaspoon?
It went into the kitchen and caused a stir.

Dogs Have Owners ~ Cats Have Staff

Never be too open-minded, your brains may fall out.

An older couple is lying in bed one morning.
They had just awakened from a good night's sleep

He takes her hand and she responds, 'Don't touch me.'

'Why not?' he asked.

She answered, 'Because I'm dead.'

The husband asked... 'What are you talking about? We're both lying here in bed together and talking to one another!'
She said, 'No, I'm definitely dead.'

He insisted, 'You are not dead. What in the world makes you think you're dead?'

'Because I woke up this morning and nothing hurts.'

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