

MADYSS Matters

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Birthday Greetings

July is a busy month for birthdays:

- Geoff Blamire
- Fran Carr
- Thelma Farrell
- Susan Lakin
- George Oliver
- Alan Stansfield
- Barbara Stansfield
- Kath Wilkinson
- Chris Willett
- Tina Yearsley

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday to each of you.

Social Events

Tittesworth Reservoir, Thursday 19 July

Members (who are making their own way there) will meet at the visitor centre cafe at 11.00 am. Those who wish to, may join us later at Sheila's Restaurant & Tea Rooms (SK11 0RB) for lunch, which is booked for 1.00 pm. A three-course meal subsidised by MADYSS costs £10.00 and all desserts are homemade. Wherever possible, fresh seasonal vegetables are used and produce obtained from local suppliers. If you have not yet made your menu choices, these can still be made at the 9 July Flower Pot meeting.

Coach trip to Crosby Beach & Southport Pier Report

A perfect, warm sunny day ensured that those attending were suitably dressed for the occasion, sporting sun dresses, shorts and sleeveless tops. Once wheelchairs, scooters and other mobility aids were safely stowed away by our driver, 31 members and friends embarked on the coach trip from the Flower Pot.

We first stopped at Crosby Beach to see just a few of Anthony Gormley's 100 Iron Men. The tide had already receded so some of us ventured out to the nearest man and others stretched their legs

on the promenade above. As the sand was firm the writer rode her scooter out to the nearest man. Having paused near him for several minutes, she quickly regretted her decision to stop when the scooter's weight with her aboard prompted it to start sinking into the sand. Luckily after much pushing and heaving, we managed to extricate the vehicle and return swiftly to the safety of the car park. Won't be trying that again!



Kay Kennedy and Sue Stephenson with an Iron Man

Forty minutes later the coach dropped us off near the entrance to Southport Pier. Most of the coach trippers headed straight for a late lunch at the various eateries nearby. A gentle breeze from the Atlantic kept the temperature bearable, unlike in Macclesfield where it was still 28C at 6.15 pm on our return.



Kay Evans with Barbara and Alan Stansfield enjoying a rest on Southport Pier

Members all did their own thing, but sometimes saw each other while wandering down the Pier, through the extensive gardens, or sitting watching the swans and Canada geese on the lake. Many of us were impressed by the very smart public toilets in Southport and the 40p charge for use was reasonable, given the quality of the conveniences. An amusing anecdote I have been asked to include in this report concerns one user who shall remain nameless, but whose initials are KK, who managed to leave her handbag in the loo and had to pay another 40p to retrieve it!

Lord Street proved an irresistible draw for some who indulged in a spot of retail therapy. On the day, a much-needed wide-brimmed straw hat, shoes and a handbag were among the purchases exhibited on the coach ride back to Macclesfield. Other buys were no doubt stored on the luggage shelf above the seats. Thank you to Monica and her able assistant, Kay, for organising the day out – and for arranging such super weather.

Thought for the Month

Many thanks to Ann Pape for the next two months' Thoughts, which she picked up from a Quote Café while on holiday in Warsaw, Poland.

Success is only meaningful and enjoyable if it feels like your own.
Michelle Obama

Bonus Ball Competition

It is yet another roll-over month (yawn, yawn) as no-one had picked number 11 at the June Flower Pot meeting. Please, let's make sure that we do have a winner for July by ensuring that every number on the sheet is taken by someone at the July meeting. A tidy sum awaits!

The next meeting is on Monday, 9 July at The Flower Pot

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