

# MADYSS Matters

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## Birthday Greetings

We hope that the following members each enjoy their September birthdays:

- Kay Kennedy
- Ann Pape
- Anne Swindell
- Gary Yearsley

## Social Events

### National Arboretum Coach Trip Saturday 21 September

The coach will leave the Flower Pot at 9.00 am, aiming to arrive there at ~10.30 am. Activities will include a daily welcome talk that provides a history of the National Arboretum and its set up. For those who may be interested in attending, there is an Act of Remembrance at 11.00 am.

We have booked a 50-minute train ride around the grounds, which leaves at 12.00 noon. Wheelchairs can go on the train but scooters must be left in an area near to the train departure point. MADYSS has reserved six scooters for those who may need one; the cost is very reasonable at £5 each. A waitress-served lunch (included in the price) will then be available to us in a private room. The plan is that the coach will depart the National Arboretum for Macclesfield at 4.30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Evans.

### My Life in Music, Talk by Keith Yearsley Macclesfield Tennis Club, Monday 28 October

To recap, Keith is a well-known local musician whom Ike had asked to present to us at the AGM in May, but we unfortunately ran out of time. Having heard Keith speak previously, Ike knows that he will give an entertaining talk. This is a free afternoon event, to be held at the Tennis Club (SK11 8JR) where we will meet from 1.00 pm. After the talk, a buffet lunch is to be served.

### Llandudno Coach Trip Report by Kay Kennedy

Our trip to Llandudno started dead on time from the Flower Pot on Thursday 29 August, which was a warm sunny day. Arriving two hours later, we disembarked from the coach and went our separate ways.

Thelma, Sue, Val, Anne, Gill and I went along the promenade and enjoyed the sea breeze and sunny conditions. We ended up having fish, chips and mushy peas with several glasses of wine! Lots of chit chat, what could be nicer? We finished the day being driven home by our lady driver, which was the end of a very pleasant day out for me with the girls!



*Ian and Monica Meah enjoying the sunshine on the pier*



*Llandudno bay view*

Michael and Judy Fleming had hired scooters and were accompanied by Margaret. Judy, however, had her work cut out in keeping her eyes on Michael who went scooting off down the pier and disappeared. (He came back.)



*Michael, the speedy scooter man*

## Bonus Ball Competition

The winner of the August competition was Sue Stephenson who had chosen number 23. Well done Sue.

## What a Joke!

### MR PUTIN TAKES A QUESTION

Vladimir Putin, wanting to get on the good side of young voters, went to visit a university in Moscow to have a chat with the students. He talks to them about how powerful a nation Russia is and how he wants the best for all its people. At the end of the talk there is a section for questions.

Sasha puts her hand up and says: "I have two questions.

Why did the Russians take Crimea  
And why are we sending troops to the Ukraine?"

Putin says: "Good questions". But just as he is about to answer, the bell goes for lunch break, and the students go to lunch. When they come back, they sit back down and there is room for some more questions. Another girl, Misha, puts her hand up and says: "I have four questions. My questions are:

Why did the Russians invade Crimea?

Why are we sending troops to the Ukraine?

Why did the lunch bell go 20 minutes early?

And, where is Sasha?"

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on Monday, 9 September**

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