

# MADYSS Matters

August 2022 No.186

## Birthday Greetings

We extend our best wishes for a Happy Birthday to:

- Richard Challis
- Ian Meah
- Yvonne Smith

## Ike Karon

Julie, Jon and Ruth would like to express their sincere thanks for all the support, cards, messages, tributes, and donations following Ike's passing, and to thank all who attended his funeral. Julie said that Ike would have been very touched.

## Social Events

### Dunham Massey, Altrincham WA14 4SJ 16 August

We will meet at 11.00 am in the café after members have made their own way there. As this is a National Trust property, don't forget to take your cards with you if you are NT members.

### National Arboretum Coach Trip, 27 September

The cost will be £20 for members and £25 for guests. Departure time of 8.45 am from the Flower Pot will be confirmed at the monthly meeting.

### Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trust Macclesfield Canal Trip Report

Eleven members embarked on the Mary Sunley 2 for the Tuesday canal boat trip, but the day had dawned drizzly and misty, not a promising start. However, by the time we arrived at Higher Poynton it had cleared up and the sun even made an appearance from time to time.

A pleasant, relaxing journey ensued to Marple. It was here that Sue Stephenson, Kay Kennedy and Jim disembarked to collect lunch. The totally out-of-date leaflet on the boat for the fish and chip shop's menu, combined with incorrect prices on

the fish and chip shop's website that Jim had then accessed, ended up causing considerable consternation for those trying to organise the finances!



*View of an interesting canal side garden*

Heather, one of the crew members, noted points of interest to us along the route. These included a heron, so motionless that it seemed statuesque and ducks with their ducklings, but despite much peering into the undergrowth by us, the kingfisher remained elusive.

The Thursday trip participants enjoyed a lovely sunny day as they chatted and de-stressed while gently cruising along at 4 mph. A canal boat named Ike was spotted and provided a poignant reminder of our former Chairman.



After Tuesday's complications, this time Kay was well prepared for ordering the chippy lunch, which was collected by Don, Tina and Kay. In particular, Bev enjoyed sitting up on deck and recharging her batteries.

Our thanks go to Kay and Monica for organising the outings, to those who collected lunch, to the refreshment providers on each trip, and to the washing up teams. Of course, we must extend our appreciation to the wonderful crew of the Mary Sunley who were so helpful and patient in getting less able members of MADYSS on and off the boat.

## News of our Members

It was great to see **Michael and Judy Fleming** sufficiently confident to go on the Tuesday canal boat trip after a difficult few weeks trying to deal with various health issues.

We say a warm welcome to **Chris and Maria Barlow** and to **Diane and Paul Sutcliffe**, both of whom have joined MADYSS recently.

News we have received with regard to MADYSS members **Vinny and Fran Carr** indicates that Fran is slowly improving. We trust that she continues to do so.

## Bonus Ball Competition

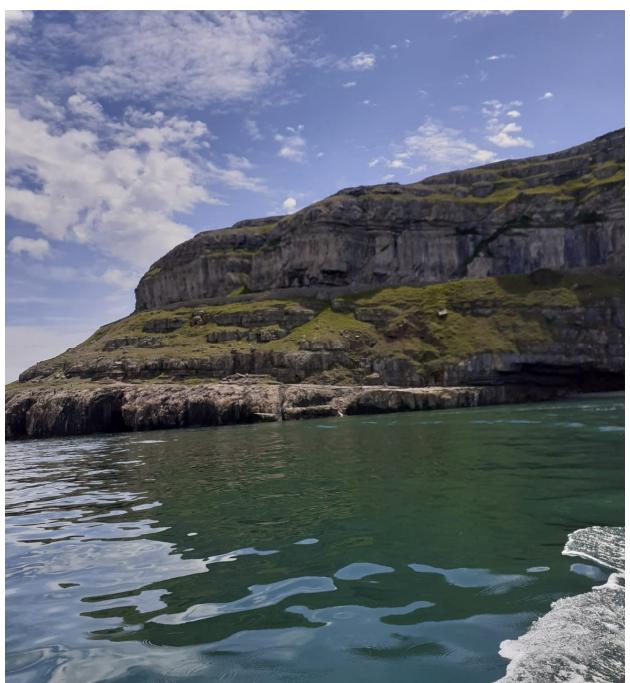
Sue Stephenson who had chosen no. 10 was the rollover winner for June and July.

## Llandudno

Last month's issue was too full to include any photos with Bev Eccles' report. Those at the July Flower Pot meeting will have heard that some of the daytrippers climbed the Great Orme and went down the copper mine. Others took a boat ride, relaxed or enjoyed pizza or ice cream, or even both! Here are a couple of photos to help you remember what a great day you had if you went, and for other members to enjoy.



*Tribute to the Queen for her Platinum Jubilee*



*End of the Orme, as seen from the boat trip*

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on**

**Monday 8 August 2022**

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