

MADYSS Matters

July 2024 No.209

Birthday Greetings

July is a super busy month for birthdays. No fewer than eight of our members have their special day this month:

Geoff Blamire
Margaret Millward
George Oliver
Alan Stansfield

Barbara Stansfield
Chris Willett
Kath Wilkinson
Tina Yeasley

Social Events

**Fryers Garden Centre Lunch and Gauntlet
Birds of Prey Show, Knutsford WA16 0SZ
Tuesday 16 July**

Those who attended the June Flower Pot meeting made their menu choices for a 12.30 pm lunch at the garden centre. Each individual attendee is responsible for paying for his or her own lunch. The Gauntlet Birds of Prey is situated next door to the garden centre and members should ensure they are there ready for a 2.30 pm private show for MADYSS only. The cost of the show itself will be funded by MADYSS.

**Avro Heritage Museum, Woodford, 10.30 am
Lunch, Aviator Pub, 1.00 pm
Tuesday 20 August**

A great morning at the Museum is planned with lots to see and do. However, we need to have 12 participants for our private visit and so far we have only nine names on the list, so more names please!

We have booked guided visits to the cockpits of the mighty Vulcan and the iconic Lancaster. For those who are unable to access these, there is an excellent audiovisual presentation. There is free time to view other exhibits. Avro was also home to the maritime Nimrod and the commercial BAe146, and its military version, the Andover. For lunch at the nearby Aviator Pub, meal choices ahead of time are needed. Anne will bring the menu to the July and August Flower Pot meetings.

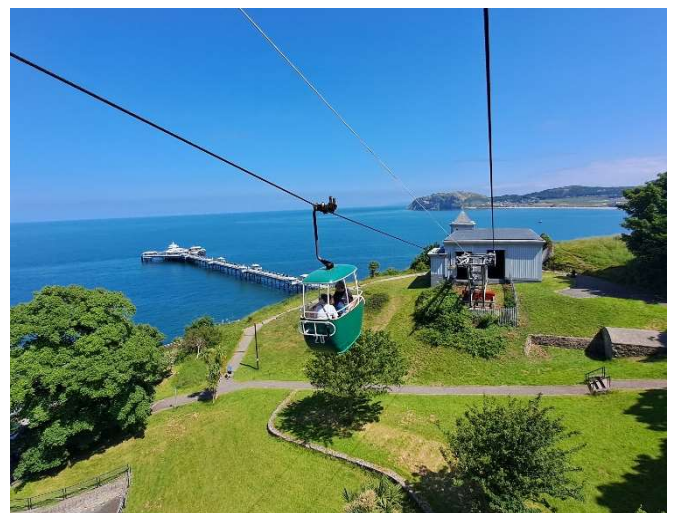
Report on Coach Trip to Llandudno by Tina Yearsley

Once again, the sun shone brightly in Llandudno. As the coach dropped us off near the seafront, the group dispersed in different directions. A few of us headed straight to the tram station to be taken up to the Great Orme. We enjoyed lunch taking in the spectacular views.



Glorious weather for the glorious view from Great Orme

My friend Susan and I were feeling adventurous, so we took a return cable car journey down to Happy Valley. The stone circle, gardens, waterfall and Alice in Wonderland sculptures were indeed a joy.



Cable car down to Happy Valley

We surveyed the vista knowing that all MADYSS members were there, eating fish and chips, out on boat rides, engaging in a spot of retail therapy,

perusing the pier, enjoying the prom and taking in the many delights Llandudno has to offer.



Welsh dragon illustration by Tina, our Artist in Residence

News of Our Members

It is with great sadness that we report that **Bev Eccles** passed away peacefully on 23 June in Macclesfield Hospital. Bev joined MADYSS early in 2019 and was also a regular attendee at Meet, Move and Improve in Bollington. She became Kay's Activities Assistant in May 2023 and provided efficient support to Kay in organising outings. Bev battled with a number of health issues, which meant that she had to relinquish her role earlier this year. She had a big personality and spoke her mind, but had a heart of gold. Bev loved her animals, tennis, and music. We send our sincere condolences to her son Michael and his husband Chris.

Anne Swindell was sporting a badly bruised and swollen face at June's Flower Pot meeting. It turns out she had fallen in Bollington on her way back home. The kindness of strangers was evident as several people stopped to help. One gentleman who was a Bollington resident drove her home too. In these uncaring times when often people look the other way, it's good to know that there are still Good Samaritans out there. We send our best wishes to Anne for her recovery.

In June, **Sylvia Brown** had a fall in their flat in Wilmslow after she and Don returned from a concert. The paramedics were very good and took her to Wythenshawe Hospital, where the doctors said she had fractured her upper left arm, but it isn't completely broken so she needs to wait for it to heal. She is on painkillers and is going to start having physiotherapy next week. MADYSS wishes her well; let's hope that she's not out of action for too long.

Unfortunately, **Michael Fleming** has had another fall, which meant that he and Judy weren't able to attend June's monthly meeting. However, they will be hosting the July MADYSS Committee meeting at their home as usual.

Gawsworth Fundraiser

The Coffee Morning held at the Methodist Church Hall was well supported by the local community and by our own members. We raised a total of £354.23, which was fantastic!

Many thanks to those who provided prizes for the raffle, for the tombola, gave bric a brac items, or baked cakes and other goodies. A huge thank you to those from MADYSS who ran the stalls or helped with serving tea/coffee and washing up: Lesley, Kay Kennedy, Kay Evans, Colin, Tracey, Anne, John, Monica, Sue and Val. It was half-term so it was great that Sophie and Chloe (Sue and Keith's granddaughters) came along and were eager to help out the MADYSS stall holders.

Bonus Ball Competition

The winning bonus ball for July's competition was number 5, chosen by Gary Higgins. As it was a rollover month, this means he will have extra beer money for watching all the Euro 2024 football matches! Many congratulations Gary.

**The next Flower Pot meeting is on
Monday, 8 July 2024**

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