# Denise Welch addresses absurd hot air balloon disappearance rumours



Denise Welch, the 66-year-old television presenter known for her role on "Loose Women," has addressed unfounded claims circulating on social media regarding her purported disappearance during a hot air balloon adventure. The rumours began to spread on Saturday, March 29, suggesting that she had "gone missing" while travelling over the English Channel en route to France with a group of three holidaymakers.

The situation escalated as fabricated reports emerged, claiming that Denise had mysteriously vanished after her balloon drifted out of sight and was subsequently involved in a "deadly crash." In response to the swirling speculation, Denise took to Instagram to post a series of humorous updates, effectively dispelling the false narrative.

In one post, she shared a headline reading, "Hot Air Balloon Carrying Denise Welch Disappears En Route from the UK to France," and quipped, "Thank goodness they found me!!!" accompanied by several laughing emojis. She embraced the absurdity of the situation further by posting an image of a character from the popular animated series "The Simpsons," waving from a hot air balloon.

Denise's light-hearted engagement with the outrageous claims continued with a repost of a tweet that claimed pop icon Lady Gaga was searching for her. The tweet stated, "Lady Gaga begins search for Denise Welch and the lost hot air balloon herself - 'I am looking for Densy'," to which Denise playfully responded, "There's hope for me yet!"

The humorous discourse did not stop there. Another social media post featured an edited image of Denise alongside Sir Michael Caine, captioned: "BREAKING: Sir Michael Caine breaks leg catching Denise Welch who fell out of a hot air balloon earlier today." This further showcased the level of absurdity the situation had reached.

Denise concluded her response to the bizarre saga with a video of her future daughter-in-law, Gabbriette Bechtel, walking towards the camera. The caption read: "When you've been missing for hours above France in a balloon!"

The outlandish claims were so widespread that for a brief period, her Wikipedia page was altered to indicate she was last seen "somewhere over the Pyrenees, France." Fans expressed their confusion and amusement on social media, with many initially believing the reports to be true. Comments ranged from disbelief to humorous takes on the situation, with users engaging in light-hearted banter surrounding Denise's alleged adventure.

Despite her recent absence from "Loose Women," Denise reassured her audience that she has no intentions of departing from the show, which she has joined as a panellist since 2005. She remarked on her love for the programme, stating, "I love being on the show, I did have a break for a few years but I love it right now. It fits into my lifestyle really well and I've no plans of leaving."

Denise expressed gratitude for the camaraderie shared among the presenters, highlighting that their support for one another is a key aspect of her continued involvement. As she approaches her 67th birthday, she remains committed to sharing her opinions and experiences, contributing to discussions on a show she believes celebrates women and ageing. "I'm quite gobby. My opinions aren't going to change!" she stated, underlining her enduring presence in the television landscape.

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## References

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