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Spring Newsletter 2015

Hello Everyone,

Officially spring has arrived and although there are plenty of daffodils and primroses out in the hedgerows and Easter has been and gone, the weather doesn't seem to be getting much warmer - but we live in hope!

We paid our usual visit to Southport for Christmas and it was great to catch up with the family. Three of the grandchildren have now reached the stage where they prefer money and gift vouchers for presents, but Jemima still loves to leaf through the Argos catalogue. She'd made her list for Santa before Bonfire Night!

I've been busy over the winter months finishing my new saga but it's good to be able to write through the short, cold and grey days and know that when the weather improves the hard work has been finished. I did pay a very short visit to Merseyside in February (just a week) for various appointments and it was a busy but pleasant break. It's always nice to get back to my old patch!

My grandson Jamie has just had his first flight in a glider (not solo, I must add) and I have to admit I was a bit worried as he's only ten, but he loved it. It was organised by the Air Scouts, of which he is one - sounds like an expensive hobby though!

FROM LIVERPOOL WITH LOVE

I'm delighted to say that this has had some really good reviews after it was published just before Mother's Day.

The *Lancashire Evening Post*, *Candis Magazine* website and Amazon have all featured it, and it's doing very well. I've had some excellent feedback on my Facebook page too, so thank you to everyone who contacted me. I really do appreciate it.

Before publication of the paperback on 27th August we're planning a short story to be made available on Amazon, linking into the novel, so look out for that.



Liverpool is going to be very much in the news in the next few months as there is a Commemorative Exhibition opening at the Maritime Museum about the sinking of the Lusitania in May 1915 and then on 25th May all three Cunard Queens will be in the Mersey to celebrate Cunard's 175th Anniversary, which I am really looking forward to going to.

Again I promise to take lots of photos for Facebook. Apparently all the city hotels and restaurants overlooking the river are already booked up and as it's a Bank Holiday crowds of up to one million are expected to witness the event.

I know of people coming from Yorkshire, Scotland and Wales who are making the trip on one of the liners, but unfortunately all my family will be away on holiday in Cyprus and Cape Verde at the time and will miss it, but at least I'll have the photos of the Anniversary celebrations for them.



Image: Merseyside Maritime Museum

HEART & HOME

If you remember, this started out as CIRCLES IN THE SAND but following some discussion with my publishers I changed the title to HEART & HOME which I think you will all agree is much better - it's snappy, easier to remember and gives a better indication of the storyline.

As usual when I first submitted the manuscript I was a little apprehensive but my editor is delighted with it, with some alterations of course! It's now a longer book.

We haven't finalised the cover yet but I'm certain it will look just as lovely as all the others. It will feature the two main characters, Kitty and Julia, in dresses of the period and a background of either the original Lewis's building (before it was destroyed by bombs in World War Two) where both girls work or a familiar Liverpool street scene. I'll update you when I have the final proofs. In the next few months I'll be taking photos of sites around Ramsey which also feature in the book so I can post them onto my Facebook page to give you a 'flavour' of the background – the story begins there. Publication in hardback and e-book will as usual be in early December but before that I will have made a start on my next saga. There are always more stories to tell!

After all that excitement I'll be back on the island for summer, enjoying the garden and hopefully the beach, and planning my new book – more about that in the next Newsletter.

The summer school holiday period has already been 'booked up' by the family and I'm sure we'll all have a great time.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable spring and summer,

Sincerely,
Lyn