

## LIVERPOOL BRANCH OUR YEAR IN CEFAA 2018/9

April 28th Saturday

We started the year with our AGM we had a reasonable turnout of members. We began with a buffet provided jointly with members and committee contributions. The meeting was followed by a flower demonstration by our National Chairwoman Ada Fawthrop. It was a very informal chatty demo which Ada is very good at. The arrangements raffled at the end.

Tuesday 19th June.

We had an outing to Attingham Park. A Historic House set in parkland and formal gardens. The house is south of Shrewsbury. It was a lovely day the weather being fairly kind to us. Members explored the house and gardens and tea rooms. I had some good feedback from members.

October Sat 20th

Our autumn luncheon was held we had a reasonable attendance. The buffet was as usual very enjoyable with contributions from committee and a general shop to Macro.

It was followed by a talk given by Jonathon Brown who has been one of our guests before. The subject this time was the famous Titanic and the history behind it. The people involved in its construction and the buildings connected with it. Very interesting.

June 2nd, I attended The National CEFAA AGM hosted by the London branch in Barnet at a lovely church St John the Baptist. We were all met and greeted on entry Naomi and Roger attended as well as retiring National Treasurer and secretary respectively. During the meeting quite a few decisions were made and voted. Our new National Chairman Averill Lovat and Sonia Kingsland our new National treasurer and not forgetting Laurie Little our new National secretary from Roger Brown. All these people make a refreshing group and want to do as much as they can to try and drum up enthusiasm for CEFAA

Following the AGM in London I attended the council meeting in Barnet later on it was at Nat Chairs at Averill's house. We followed up discussions regarding GDPR and the forthcoming 40th Anniversary of CEFAA.

A copy of the meeting and discussions are in the October issue of Faith and Flowers 2018

Finally, December 6th

The Christmas trip to Jacqui Iddons. The outing was preceded by a visit to Bents nursery Manchester absolutely brimming with Christmas decorations of every sort you could ever imagine followed by a lunch that most of us bought before descending on Jacqui Iddons. Christmas arrangements followed by mince pies shortbread and carols accompanied on guitar by Jacqui's partner". It was a good start to our entire flower arranging etc. for Christmas.

You will all or most of you be aware we had some passing's of very loyal CEFAA members late December and early/January. Gill Finlay who served on our committee and was an arranger at the Cathedral who worshipped at All Saints Childwall and arranged flowers.

Eileen Lyn worshipped at St Luke's Farnworth and also arranged at the Cathedral she also attended our AGM's and our luncheons up until last year.

And finally, Pat Forrester also from St Luke's Farnworth who was a long serving member of the committee. I actually accompanied Pat to my first Flower festival just outside Ormskirk (at a little church in Westhead.

These ladies you could say were the stalwarts of early CEFAA days. They all died in there nineties Is it something about Flower arranging that leads to longevity I hope so.

May they all rest in peace.

Diane Harrison

Branch Chair