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**Autumn Newsletter 2014**

Hello Everyone,

Sadly the long sunny days of summer are behind us now, the clocks have gone back and the leaves are falling fast.

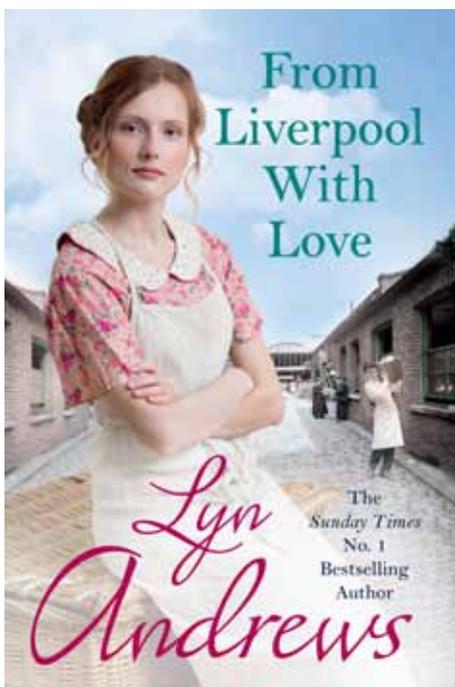
I thoroughly enjoyed the gorgeous weather we had over the last four months, all the family came over (not all at the same time though – the house isn't that big!) and we made the most of picnics and barbecues both in the garden and on some of the island's most scenic and quiet beaches.

The grandchildren went fishing in the sea with Grandad, flying kites with Grandma and were delighted when a grey seal came to join us one day – we were the only ones on that beach!

Unfortunately I won't see them now until Christmas as I'm working hard on my new saga to have it finished on time – January 2015! Another year, where does the time go?

## LIVERPOOL ANGELS

The paperback edition was published in July and did very well, making it to number 18 on *The Bookseller* Nielsen Bookscan Paperback Bestseller List, with some very cheering Amazon reviews. With its World War I subject matter coinciding with the centenary of the outbreak of the war, it seemed to tune in with a momentous era we were all remembering. Thank you to everyone who bought it and those of you who got in touch to say how much you enjoyed it.



## FROM LIVERPOOL WITH LOVE

The Royal hardback and e-book will be available in early December and I am really pleased with the cover - its colours are lovely and rich, my heroine Jane Shaw is just as I imagined her to be, and the background is very evocative of the era.

I did do quite a lot of extra work on the novel and hopefully it is now a really detailed and gripping story - I'm looking forward to hearing what you all think of it. Though it is mainly set in Liverpool, there are some scenes in Llandudno, Wales – I remember day excursions there as a child, with the pier and its elegant old hotels. I thoroughly enjoyed my trip back in time!

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## NEW SAGA

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At present the title is **CIRCLES IN THE SAND** but this might well change, as did my original storyline, something which often happens once I actually start to write. Now, the book starts in 1933 with fifteen-year-old Kitty Kinrade leaving her home in Ramsey in the Isle of Man with seven shillings, a packet of sandwiches and her belongings in a hemp bag to seek her fortune in Liverpool, her sights set on the iconic department store, Lewis's. She has a long way to go down the path of life, with all its ups and downs, before she eventually returns home to the island just before the outbreak of World War II.

There always seems to be an older, redoubtable character in my novels, Ada Ellis in **FROM LIVERPOOL WITH LOVE** and Maggie MacEvoy in **LIVERPOOL ANGELS** and there is one too in **CIRCLES IN THE SAND** – Elinor Fleetwood-Hayes who is married to a sea captain who brings home a variety of exotic birds and animals from his travels, which drives her mad. She is actually based on my grandmother, Ellen Hayes, a very capable lady and one who spoke her mind, but who would never use the 'Fleetwood' part of her surname. "It makes me sound far too 'posh'!" she always stated very firmly, and my grandfather (though not a captain) did bring home birds and animals from Brazil which certainly did drive Grandma mad! You can find out what she did with them after he'd set sail again in the novel... It is due to be finished and submitted to Headline by the end of January so I've still got quite a bit of work to do. Once it's finished I hope to be embarking on three more sagas which should keep me busy until I'm seventy five - I'm not intending to retire just yet.

**I'm looking forward to going to London early next month to see my agent and for a meeting with my editor and all the fantastic people at Headline who next year will have been my publishers for twenty years. It's wonderful to have such continuity in a business that can be very ephemeral.**

Soon we'll all be thinking of Christmas, which we'll spend with the family, and then 2015 looks as if it's going to be another busy but exciting year, with publication in hardback and paperback of **FROM LIVERPOOL WITH LOVE** and the Royal hardback and e-book of the new saga due too.

We will be on Queen Mary 2 in the Spring when the three Cunard Queens meet for the first time in Liverpool for the 175th Anniversary of the Cunard Line and there is a possibility that I will be taking part in 'something' (not quite sure just

what yet) at the Maritime Museum – one of the many celebratory events the City of Liverpool and Cunard will be hosting. Later in the year we will be cruising on Queen Elizabeth around the Eastern Mediterranean before I start work again.

And of course, the family will be over for their summer holiday on the island. Such a lot to look forward to! I do hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and I'll be back in the New Year with more news and plans,

Sincerely,  
Lyn.