



Liverpool & District Group
May 2025

Editors Notes

Welcome to our new members and all current members. I am sorry to say that I have to open this Newsletter with the devastating news that Gillian Hill, our Chair died in Friday 4th April. It came as a complete surprise to most that knew her, although it appears she had been carrying an illness for some considerable time but did not wish to acknowledge it generally. Her funeral took place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 24th April. We were able to inform members who had provided their emails, which emphasis the benefit of providing one for us.

You'll will also receive updates from Harry Brett, our treasurer, about the CSPA by email if he has your email address.

You'll have to have a new format of Newsletter as I am getting used to a new computer with a new version of Microsoft Word.

I will get on with the more general matters of recent and future meetings.

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Change of Address / Details

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Recent Events

Minutes of Liverpool and District Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday 3rd March at Lime Street Central Lime Street Liverpool

PRESENT – Sue Munro, Benda Wall, Brian and Carole Rimmer, Mike Stankiewicz, Stephen Carson and Harry Brett.

APOLIGIES – Gillian Hill, Pauline McCrorie, Ken Forbes, Theresa Mawson, Adrienne Allinson and George Hancock

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – HB read out the minutes of the meeting which took place on Monday 6th January 2025. The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING – HB informed the meeting that Lloyds Bank had not started charging us yet for the administration of our bank account. There were no other matters arising.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – SM gave a brief report stating that she had issued a new Newsletter to all members via Head Office.

TREASURER'S REPORT – HB gave a report on the accounts which had a healthy balance of £545-70p. We started the year with a balance of £125-65. We received a top-up of £324-35 from HQ and donations from members of £195. The accounts had been examined by MS and passed as accurate. The meeting accepted the accounts, a copy of which will now be sent to Head Office. HB informed the meeting he was pleased to say that he had already received £50 this year as a result of the issue of the Newsletter. SC also informed HB he had sent £100 direct to the Bank. HB thanked him and said he would look towards the addition when he receives the next bank account and he will confirm with SC of it's arrival.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – HB informed the meeting that we had 522 members at the present time. SM informed the meeting that she had received notification of new members from HQ but was not sure what to do with them. HB said that they should be written too and invited to the meeting and sent the latest Newsletter. He agreed to take on this responsibility.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – The following officers were re-elected Gillian Hill as Chair, Sue Munro as Secretary/Newsletter and Harry Brett as Treasurer. HB also agreed to take on the role of Membership secretary as well. It was decided by the meeting if anyone who did not attend the meeting and would be willing to take on the roles then their offer would be gratefully received, especially Treasurer and Membership Secretary as HB as also the regional representative had quite a full role as it was.

RESPONSE TO GC 965- HQ had asked all Groups to give their response to the idea of single member voting for future EC posts. The meeting discussed each question put to Groups and gave a considered decision. Basically, the Group were unanimous in supporting the single member voting, believing that it was more democratic, may encourage more member involvement and allow for an opportunity to members who are in non-active groups to seek election themselves.

REGIONAL REPORT – HB gave his report which informed the meeting the there was to be a regional meeting to which David Luxton will be attending on Wednesday 25th June at the Central library, commencing at 11-30am and finishing at 2-30pm. All members are welcome, and refreshments will be provided. He also said that the AGM will be taking place on 8th and 9th October, again at Chesford Grange, Kenilworth. Liverpool will be able to send a delegate plus a sponsored representative, for which there will be a charge to the group of £72 for accommodation.

FUTURE MEETING DATES/VENUES – The next two meetings scheduled are on Monday 16th June and 15th September and Christmas lunch will take place on 8th December. It was agreed by the meeting to continue to hold the meetings at Lime Street Central, which is free and members are able to purchase a meal and/or drinks. Also, the toilet facilities are all on the ground floor.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS- It was suggested that at the next meeting we could perhaps discuss a trip out somewhere as the financial position was better. Members would pay the cost but to organise anything we need a reserve in funds. BW suggested perhaps a trip out and have a meal at a country pub etc.

FUTURE EVENTS:

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Monday 16th June – Next Liverpool and District Group meeting to be held at Lime Street Central Lime Street, commencing at 12-15pm until 2pm – This meeting will need to elect a new Chair, determine motions Liverpool would like to send to the AGM and to elect delegates for the Conference at Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth. The agenda for this meeting is the end of the Newsletter.

Wednesday 25th June – Regional Meeting to be held at the Central Library Liverpool commencing at 11-30am until 2-30pm. We are very pleased to inform members that David Luxton, the Deputy General Secretary will be attending to give a members and an up-to-date summary of the work that the CSPA is currently engaged in.

Monday 15th September – Group Meeting to be held at Lime Street Central, Lime Street – This meeting is to discuss the motions that have been put before Conference and to mandate our delegates on how to vote.

AGENDA FOR LIVERPOOL GROUP on Monday 16th June 2025 at Lime Street Central, Lime Street commencing at 12-15 to 2-00pm

- 1. Welcome to new members Comments. –*
- 2. Election of New Chair*
- 3. Apologies*
- 4. Minutes of last meeting.*
- 5. Matters Arising*
- 6. Secretary's Report – Sue Munro*
- 7. Treasurer's Report – Harry Brett*
- 8. Membership Report – Harry Brett*
- 9. To consider any motions to be submitted to AGM*
- 10. Election of delegates to Conference.*
- 10. Regional Report – Harry Brett*
- 11. Future Meeting Dates/Venues – 15th September, 8th December.*
- 12. Any Other Business*

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