

GARDEN EVENT

Yvonne and David are grateful to members of BMCTA who attended their garden event in June. The



weather was once again perfect



and friends and neighbours turned out in force. 350 visitors helped raise £3400 for local charities. This has been shared equally between Bury Deaf Society, Grace's Place Children's Hospice Radcliffe and Bury Cancer Support Centre. This is the ninth year that the garden has been opened in this way and up till now



£20,000 has been donated to charities based within Bury.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Early notice of a date for your diary; the Christmas Dinner will be at the Three Seasons Restaurant on Monday 15th. December. This will be advertised later in the year.

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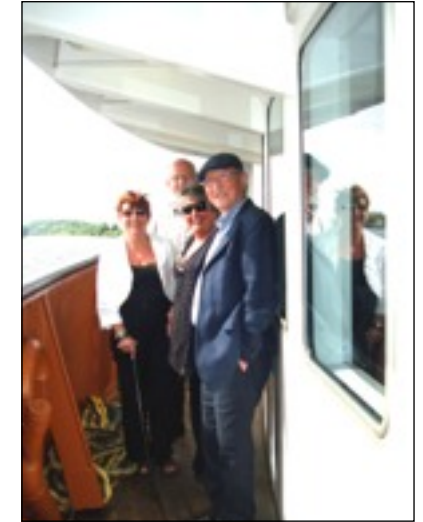
Alan Shillaker attended the 70th. Memorial Ceremony of Martyrs in Tulle on 9th June. Attendance was above two thousand and included the President.



MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL



An eventful cruise to Liverpool on the Ship Canal was enjoyed by 24 members, accompanied by Luisa Maier, a young lady from Schorndorf who was spending a fortnight with David and Yvonne (to improve her



sun shone on us and we enjoyed the slowly passing countryside and listened to the fascinating commentary. Some of us sat



already perfect English). The behind the picture windows



below eating and drinking and chatting whilst others bronzed themselves in the sunshine on the top deck and others spent their time braving the slipstream at the bow bravely emulating romantic scenes from 'Titanic'. It was particularly interesting to



observe bridges lifting, bridges and aqueducts swinging, and the unexpected views of shipping that still regularly use the canal. Part way through the cruise we met a ship which was stuck in a lock because the lock gates had been damaged and we were delayed for over an hour while



divers freed the mechanism and a tug arrived to pull the gates open and push them closed after



the ship had passed through. But the weather was warm and it was quite interesting.

Our delayed arrival at Liverpool meant that the tide had risen and was flowing faster and we had a slightly bumpy passage from



Eastham Sea Lock down the Mersey to Liverpool Pier Head.

PALACE VISIT

Yvonne was invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace in



May. The garden was a bit disappointing; no flowers; a giant lawn really and quite overlooked by the neighbours! The band played, the rain held off and the buffet was lovely. Photography was not encouraged although the noise of camera shutters was deafening whenever the Queen was near. So we sneaked a photo while pretending to make a phone call; we forgot that phones were frowned on as well.