

Inner Wheel Club of Marlow Isolation Newsletter April 2020



Last night I lit the Candle to think about our friends in Inner Wheel, our families and friends, any known to us who are struggling and to keep the flame of friendship going during the Coronavirus lockdown.

What a difference from just a month ago when we were busy seeing family, having meetings and generally getting out and about freely. I have found that we are having much more contact with friends and family, particularly with video sessions.

I was particularly sad on the day when we decided to cancel all our meetings and events. The Birthday Tea is one of our very enjoyable events when we showcase Marlow Inner Wheel's teas, share friendship and raise a lot of money for Charity. It should have been this week. Maybe I'll bake a cake specially - to share virtually.

At our last meeting on 3rd March it was a pleasure to welcome District Chairman Zanni who spoke about her involvement with the National Deaf Children's Society and we gave her £100 for NDCS. We also briefly welcomed Hazel Bendon from Rennie Grove Hospice Care and Jane Gibbons of Marlow Opportunity Playgroup and gave each group £400. There was a small item in the Marlow Free Press but a picture on the website. I was so glad that we were able to give money away before the great shutdown. I have received messages of thanks from both recipients.

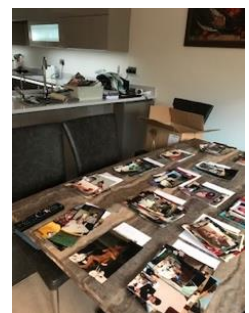


District Chairman Zanni phoned me last month to check on our well-being. She wished everyone well and appreciated how difficult the current circumstances are.

In my email to you all about the cancellations I did challenge you to send me pictures of your activities in isolation. I show several of those received and look forward to more in the coming months – please? There seems to be a lot of tidying, including Joan who is sorting out 12 years of stored Correspondent's paperwork and Angela going through photos. Jan and Maddy have been knitting. Pauline completed the first jigsaw within 5 days and Jackie was relaxing with the first Pimms of the day after some gardening. Cheers! Alison needed to take her own refreshments as the usual watering holes were shut. I sent my handyman up a ladder to clean the gutters!



Butt - who else is that doing some gardening?

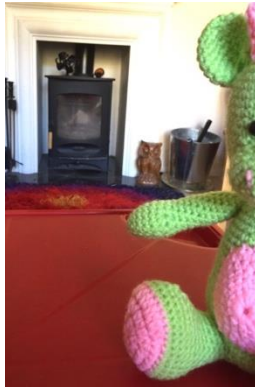




The Committee held a meeting on Monday 6th April, via Zoom. (Many thanks to my Studio Director)
We agreed, having asked your approval, to donate more money from our Charity account. We will give £400 to Rennie Grove, whose fundraising has stopped and shops closed, and £100 to OneCan whose recipients are also struggling in uncertain times.
We also agreed to suggest to members that they might consider donating the amount of money usually spent on socialising, eating and fund raising in one IW month to One Can, perhaps a round sum of £20. An email will be sent out very soon explaining this.

I hope that you have all felt supported by Inner Wheel with the weekly phone calls from the Committee. I have enjoyed speaking to my groups and each week brings a new one to catch up with. The feedback from Committee this morning was that everyone else had enjoyed their calls with the chance to spend longer talking to members than is usually available during meetings.

And more activities



Maddy's question -

Could this be a shy Douthinkysaurus?

I think it is a Coronasaurus Regina (as we are a ladies' group)

Happy birthday this month to Avril and Jackie

Here is an end piece – as there have been a lot of hours to fill in the last month!

It's not the hours you put in that count but what you put in the hours

Stay safe and well and keep in touch.



Pattie

