

# Inner Wheel Club of Marlow Isolation Newsletter May 2020



Marlow Inner Wheel raised their lockdown aspirations again after the Committee meeting in April and held a very successful Zoom Pub Lunch at the "Please Stay Inn". We had 18 present, excellent surroundings and varied food and drink. It was a bit noisy at times but so good to be able to see each other and catch up on news. Much of the chat was about how we were getting our shopping

delivered and the kindness of friends and neighbours. There was comment on hair growth and colour but nobody unrecognisable - yet.



Early in April we sent £400 to Rennie Grove Hospice Care and £100 to One Can Trust from funds we had already raised before lockdown. Both charities need money to keep providing their essential services. We had letters of thanks from each of the groups. Your very generous donations, of what might have been spent on Inner Wheel events in the month, allowed us to send a further £400 to One Can Trust 2 weeks ago. A further £120 which missed the first payment has also been sent off. Committee discussed asking members to donate again in May, if they so wished, and agreed that this month it would again be sent to One Can.



Pauline S sent a map of the 2.6 mile walk she did from Lane End as part of the 2.6/26 challenge, thought up by the London Marathon team to raise money as the race was cancelled. I took a picture of my walking watch as I passed 2.6k on a slightly longer walk taking in the ups and downs of Munday Dean. Linda did 26 laps of her garden, about 5000 steps. Money from these will be forwarded to



Rennie Grove as part of their bigger 2.6 challenge.

I asked again to be sent pictures of lockdown activities and have not been disappointed. Margaret's U3A Art Group were encouraged to share their paintings online with a weekly topic. The second week was Easter theme. She commented 'I completely lost the plot and did the snow scene. Help!!!' It's a great picture Margaret, thank you.



Jan has also been painting, in between sewing for the NHS, gardening and taking over as Tangent Chairman. Maddy has made a rainbow for the NHS and Gwyneth completed a fiendish-looking jigsaw.

I spied Julie from the end of her road one morning last week on the way back from a walk and went along for a chat, keeping at least the correct social distance. She is using her time well and has now completed 6 fish and chip jumper sets.

Jackie is having much less fun. Her comment – 'Oh dear. When can I have my cleaner back?'





Avril celebrated her birthday last week but had no time to spare as she and Angela have been sewing scrubs for the NHS. The picture shows one set from each. Can you tell who did which?

As a result of last month's newsletter our gardening club member has started up a Landscape and Gardening business and recruited Jan to do the grass mowing. She is naturally ensuring she keeps the correct social distance in her work.



I had a phone call from Elaine, President of Bourne End and Cookham Inner Wheel and also incoming District Chairman, last week. She had remembered that our joint afternoon tea at Henley would have been in May and was just checking that Marlow Inner Wheel was coping with the lockdown. They haven't yet tried a Zoom meeting but do have telephone contact with their members

Kay very kindly remembered that I had missed out on flowers for the President, which often follows Birthday Tea. So she sent me some. Thank you all, they were lovely. 🌸🌸🌸🌸 and the cakes too 🍰🍰🍰.

We had another Committee meeting on Monday and I hope to see many of you at the first Club Zoom meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. The mute button may be used to allow business to be done efficiently before opening the meeting for more catching up. Although it is very different from pre lockdown times it will hopefully give a feeling of normality and 'business as usual'.

However, what will be most unusual is that I shall induct Sheila M into Marlow Inner Wheel at the Zoom meeting. I hope that although we are not together physically she will feel the very warm welcome from our members and look forward to better times ahead when we can all meet again.

**Happy birthday** this month to Pauline P, Alison and Maddy

Here is an end piece – **Every girl can keep house better than her mother until she tries**

Stay safe and well and keep in touch.

#### Dates

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May Pub Lunch at the "Still Locked Inn "**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June Committee meeting at 10 am**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Club AGM at 8pm.**

**All via Zoom**



*Pattie*