



The Knitting Edition

There isn't usually a Newsletter in August but times are strange and there have been IW happenings in July, so I thought I would put one together.



The Zoom Handover meeting went well and I changed the order of service, allowing Joan to give her final Correspondent's report and Jan her final Link report. I then handed the President's collar over to myself at the end, displaying balloons on my Zoom feed in celebration. Afterwards we



played a fairly hilarious game of Zoom Bingo. Scanned, named number slips had been emailed out – even that caused confusion! There was much discussion about the naming of the numbers (eg 22 two little ducks) – should it be first, was it wholly PC (no) etc. Amazing how competitive a virtual game can be. Carole won a game in absentia. She had been unable to get her slip so left the meeting. As it was on a shared sheet with Maddy's she filled it in and it won! Virtual prizes were awarded – very cheap!



On 15th July Angela, Avril, Sheila and myself created afternoon tea boxes for members of the Phoenix Stroke Club. It was based on the Boat Trip boxes but more like afternoon tea and only 20 instead of 150! We had a very enjoyable, socially distanced morning and the gifts were very much appreciated by people who were generally not allowed out of their houses. It also raised some funds for the Club. Thank you Angela for the idea.



Corinne has been busy raising money in lockdown. She ran raffles through her GP practice and pharmacy to raise money for frontline staff, which they would add to their own funds, and the prizes were portraits which she would do. Jan H reached a birthday milestone this month and was able to hold a small party at her 'country estate'. Good to see a past member of Marlow IW in attendance.



The 'Breakout' coffee meetings have started – small, socially distanced gatherings of members in gardens for coffee. Gwyneth has held 2, a week apart. The first was in glorious sunshine – delicious cake and cheese and bacon muffins - the second in heavy rain! I am hoping to receive many more pictures of the



events over the next month. I did suggest that some might like to donate £5 for each meeting, to go to Rennie Grove, my main Charity this year.

There is another £170 in the account which was given for One Can so that will be sent off soon. I would like to concentrate on giving money to Rennie Grove in the first couple of months of this year. They have continued to provide support during the pandemic. We were saddened to hear last week of the death of Janet Allen. She was not a member of IW but a friend to many and she and husband Derek were well supported by RG during her last illness.

I met a Jean, former IW member, on a walk and she is well. She had just finished self-isolating after a break in Portugal. She sent her love to you all.

We all send our good wishes to Phyliss, recovering from her broken hip, and to Jenny who is now home after her operation, back in self isolation, doing well and ready for phone calls.

Last Friday we had a Zoom Textile coffee morning. 14 of us gathered, Angela using it as a Breakout Coffee event and knitting was definitely done. We continue to concentrate now on the Fish and Chip jumper sets and baby blankets for Kori in Sierra Leone. Their focus now is on education and those items which might entice a woman to bring her baby to hospital where vaccinations can be given. A baby dress, hat and blanket is often all it takes. Some members are still completing adult sized blankets and I am sure we will find an outlet for these the UK.



The blanket collage is made up of squares, strips ready for blankets and bonding squares with hearts which are now being converted to baby blankets. Those on Zoom are 'showing their knits', in the same way as Bake Off fans 'show us their bakes'.

Birthdays August – Agnes, Phyliss, Jan F-A, Margaret, Jenny

End piece – particularly suited to Inner Wheel

Friends are chocolate chips in the cookie of life

Stay safe and well and keep in touch



Pattie

Dates

Committee meeting Monday 24th August 10am on Zoom

Club meeting Tuesday 1st September 8pm on Zoom, when we will welcome District Chairman Elaine