



It was my great honour to lay the wreath on behalf of Marlow Inner Wheel on Remembrance Sunday. The service was very moving and a huge crowd observed the 2 minutes silence. It was a pity that the father of the boy who climbed up a tree just over the fence in Higginson Park didn't show more respect.

Jane Gibbons, Leader of the Marlow Opportunity Playgroup, gave an excellent talk about the Playgroup, the children and the special services they are able to provide.



It is most impressive and a real lifeline for those families with a severely disabled child who might not otherwise be able to access preschool facilities.

Corinne brought the two books she wrote and illustrated - one for children and the other reflective thoughts - and spoke about why she wrote them and sold quite a few. A great talent among us.



7 of us enjoyed good food and company at High Wycombe Inner Wheel's lunch. They had their usual Christmas Stall with some beautiful things made by members and their friends. Plenty of stocking-fillers were purchased. The talk was about famous people who had lived in the Chilterns, such as Disraeli and Mary Shelley.



The Textile lunch at Pauline S was well attended and knitting and friendship much in evidence. Parking was provided by our Rotary Honorary member who had commandeered several neighbours' spaces for our use. The Pot Luck had a great variety of delicious food. As usual the conversation ranged far and wide - but my lips are sealed.....



The late change of venue for both the evening meetings next year and the Pub Lunch caused a little consternation but 16 of us had a good lunch at the 3 Horseshoes on 21st November, with no need to pre-order. Six of us supported District Treasurer Judith and Minute Taker Angela at the District meeting so a busy week for some. The speaker was excellent, from District Chairman Zanni's Charity the National Deaf Children's Society. She explained her high frequency hearing loss, which is the same as her father's, and how her grandmother had trained her mother to help her with speech development.



Our Bridge Afternoon on 28th November had a full house and the afternoon tea was much praised. We really are getting good use out of the 'Inner Wheel cake stands'. I had always thought Bridge was a quiet game, requiring much

concentration and thought, but this one seemed particularly noisy. Many thanks to Joan and Pauline for their excellent organisation, Kay for the



raffle and Avril for arranging the food. We were a little put out to find that we had to share the kitchen with U3A who were making tea and biscuits for 70 at their interval. This hadn't been made clear when we booked the hall. However, with the usual IW diplomacy, we negotiated sharing the space as our timings were staggered. We even got a few small donations when we offered them some of our leftover cakes! The proceeds will be going to Rennie Grove Hospice Care.



We are expecting 51 for the Christmas Dinner and hope for a pleasant evening of good food, socialising, quizzing and Christmas singing.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to Inner Wheel in the New Year with continued friendship and working together.

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