

# Inner Wheel Club of Marlow Handover Newsletter July 2020



Last night I lit our Friendship candle and pre-empted the Handover. Here is your 2020-2021 IW President Pattie.

This morning I received a glorious bouquet of flowers from you all – thank you so much. I will try and keep the Club in good heart, with your help, whatever the future may throw at us.



19 members attended the Club AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Tribute was paid to Joan, who leaves the role of Club Correspondent after 13 years, for her amazing contribution. She has made sure that the local community, District and Association have been aware of our activities and cultivated the friendship of the editors. She was presented with flowers and said how much she had enjoyed the role. Joan has compiled

a wonderful scrapbook of the published cuttings for each President's year. At the end of the meeting, after the AGM, Linda read out a poem which Mary had written called 'Fix my Street', documenting the woes of overflowing road drains into their garden and the trials of trying to get it sorted by the council. The saga continues...



This year, despite several of our major fundraising events being cancelled, we have donated £2200 to local, District and International IW charities. Thank you all.

Pub lunch in June was at the "Up in Arms" and 15 of us 'met' for good chat and story telling. 3 of us had already attended the District AGM and Handover. So much Zooming! New DC Elaine asked us to 'Publicise our achievements using the power of the press (✓), extend our reach for

more members - friendship is the key, and evolve, adopt and adapt to new ideas." She has accepted my invitation to join our Zoom meeting in September.

It was said at the meeting that you can burn 3.5 calories when you laugh. I knew there was a good reason for some of my daft offerings in the newsletters!

Angela sent me a photo of her daughter wearing Avril's scrubs. She is training people to take blood for Covid 19 testing. They look a perfect fit.



The telephone tree continues and we are still enjoying chatting to members on a weekly basis and hearing all their news. Rita recently had a close shave with carbon monoxide poisoning, from a leaking boiler flue. Luckily she had 2 CO detectors which did their job and woke her, even though she was quite drowsy. Thankfully she is fine now.

## **Please check your Carbon Monoxide monitors or get one installed.**

It has been decided that we will hold a Textile Coffee morning, on Zoom, on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July, from 10.30-12. I thought that maybe even those without Zoom could sit and do IW knitting or sewing for an hour. Just a change from Pub Lunch and maybe more productive. We can also discuss and show any 'Funky Festive masks'. Details at the meeting. Kori no longer wants adult blankets but will take baby blankets and Fish&Chip jumper and hat sets, so please keep going with those.

On 15<sup>th</sup> July Avril, Angela and I are going to make about 20 Boat Trip type tea boxes for the Phoenix Stroke Club. We will assemble them in a socially distanced manner. Stroke Club will pay for them, giving us a little income.

Discussion at Committee about possible small garden meetings for members brought up the problem of using the loo and a hilarious talk about 'sheweets', including one being produced! It could only happen on Zoom. Members



would invite a few others, in the week 17-23 August, and please take pictures. We would try and include as many members who feel comfortable to leave home and mix while socially distanced. Anything to feel normal!

Last week I did a walk in Marlow to do a socially distanced Handover of Committee badges. I presented Joan with her Past Correspondent's badge, collected the scrapbook and passed on the Correspondent badge to Jan.



Pauline S proposed that we restart documenting members'

life stories, which was done a while ago. Linda and I agreed to start it off at the September meeting. They could be read out or just written for being passed round but kept, with the others, by the Membership Officer.

It's that time of year when Marlow Inner Wheel casts off the garden clothes and dresses up for Regatta and Ascot. This year was no different. There may have been a little cheating with the photos but what a wonderful crowd we are! Various prizes – furthest away, still fitting into going-away dress from 1985, quickest change (5 minutes after my email), most nieces, really at Regatta (a few of those) etc. We even have our Honorary member Lance!



We are delighted to welcome back Nicki from Tangent as Honorary member and Rotary President's Lady Ann. We hope you will enjoy spending a year with us.

**Birthdays July** – Louise, Jan H, Rita, Pauline S, Barbara  
**August** – Agnes, Phyliss, Jan F-A, Margaret, Jenny



**End piece** - I take comfort in this one as there is no one visiting me, so no pressure

**Nothing cleans a house like company coming**

Stay safe and well and keep in touch

**Dates**

**Textile Coffee Morning Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 10.30-12 Zoom**  
**'Breakout' garden meetings week of 17-23 August**

**Committee meeting Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 10am on Zoom**  
**Club meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 8pm on Zoom**  
**District Rally Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October Odney Club, Cookham**



*Pattie*