



Inner Wheel Club of Marlow Newsletter

December 2020 – more Rogues and Tier 2



What a mixed month. We have been back in lockdown so no more small group meetings have been allowed. From 2nd December we enter Tier 2, so a bit more restrictive than before.

Remembrance Sunday had a pre-recorded, streamed service and wreath laying. Linda laid our wreath and IW member Jan F-A laid Tangent's wreath. Our telephone calls to all members, every week, continue. Six other members of the Club have joined the callers' list while some of the originals have stepped back after 34 weeks of calls.



Almost the last of the Rogues Gallery



Julie



Maureen



Rita



Phyllis



Mary

Pauline W gave an excellent talk with pictures about her beautifully restored family castle near Aberfeldy in Perthshire - Castle Menzies.

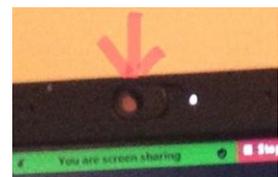


Judith had a big birthday and John took advantage of current technology and held an



open Zoom morning. Talking of technology, some tuition has been going on with one of our members finding out how to make sure she appears on camera on her laptop, after a black screen at the District meeting. It's amazing how a 1-2-1 (well, 2-2-2) Zoom meeting can be used to interrogate someone else's computer settings.

But in the end it was a little bit of inspiration and a quick photograph that solved the dilemma. Who would have known that a laptop might have a lens cap? Just a little slider, move to the left and Hey presto – 'hello'!



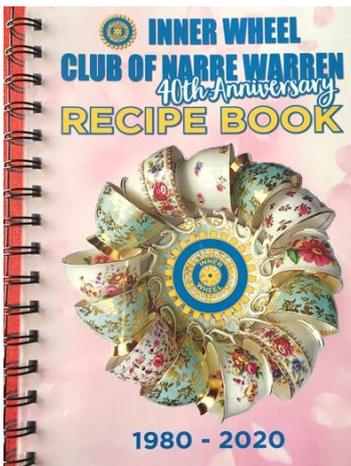
We have raised £395 in donations which will go to One Can this month. Pauline S has sold 2 more blankets and together with her jewellery sale has raised over £200 – so far. There are still some items left, some of which would make good Christmas presents. The money raised from this is going



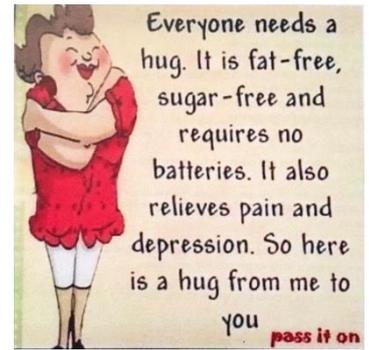
to Wycombe Women's Aid. The last 2 blankets can be seen here, together with a 'hug' of teddies (apparently their collective noun!). Any member donations for December will be directed to Rennie Grove.

I am so grateful to members for their generosity to others at a time when our fundraising is severely curtailed. From January to November this year we have donated £3697; £3297 to local, £130 to National and £270 to International Charities.

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We were delighted to receive a copy of Link Club Narre Warren's 40th anniversary Recipe Book. It's beautifully presented with lovely colour pictures. It's being passed round Club members so that all can enjoy it and try new recipes from 'down under'. There are some great quotes in it and cartoons, one of which I have borrowed. As their President Margaret said, it not only recognises the wonderful years of service and friendship given by their members, but the proceeds will be donated to the Inner Wheel Australia National Project - Cord Blood Research. We are hoping to be able to link up with Narre Warren over Zoom at some point.



We are very pleased that Judith has put herself forward for nomination for District 1st Vice Chairman, having been District Treasurer for 3 years. We will officially nominate her at the January 2021 meeting.

Christmas Meeting

As usual there will be no business at the meeting unless really urgent.

We do hope that as many members as possible will Zoom in for our Christmas meeting on Tuesday 1st December at 7.30pm. We invite your husbands, partners, friends to join us, bearing a festive drink and a Christmas hat. There will be a quiz by Maddy – very light-hearted apparently.

We would also like you to bring and tell a short story of something that went wrong at Christmas.

Birthdays December – Sheila and Ann (Honorary)

End piece – from the Scottish Play (Macbeth) – said when all had seemed lost and meant to reassure. With the possibility of some Christmas meetings for families and a vaccine next year, perhaps it can also give us hope for the future

Things at the worst will cease, or else climb upward, to what they were before

Thank you all for your help in keeping the Club going and keeping everyone in touch during 2020. Have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas as far as is possible within the limits of the pandemic. With a hope of life returning to some semblance of normal during 2021 – a Happy New Year to you all.

Stay safe and well and keep in touch



Pattie



Dates

Committee meeting Monday 4th January 2021 at 10am on Zoom

Club meeting Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom - Speaker Alison on TOFS

Inner Wheel Day Sunday 10th January 2021 – possible Zoom with another Club?