

NEWS LETTER

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF MARLOW - MARCH 2023

We start this newsletter with some lovely news. Mercia welcomed another baby into the family. Hallie Jessica - born 22 February 2023 at Wexham hospital, weight was 8lbs and 1 oz. A lovely happy photograph to start the month.



Kay held a fabulous textile lunch. It was a great opportunity to get to know each other whilst producing lots of knitted squares. Designing the blanket took a bit of discussion as the different colours sizes and designs were integrated to produce a thing of beauty. Getting up from the floor was

more of a challenge.



We had a delicious pot luck lunch. Sadly I was too busy enjoying the food to take any more photographs. We then enjoyed Kay's "Mother's Day" chocolates after a committee discussion on how to open the box.....it was very complicated...but we managed...

The next Textile Lunch is at my house on Monday 17th April from 10:30. Please let me know if you will be coming and what food you will bring. Parking may be limited so car share if possible. £5



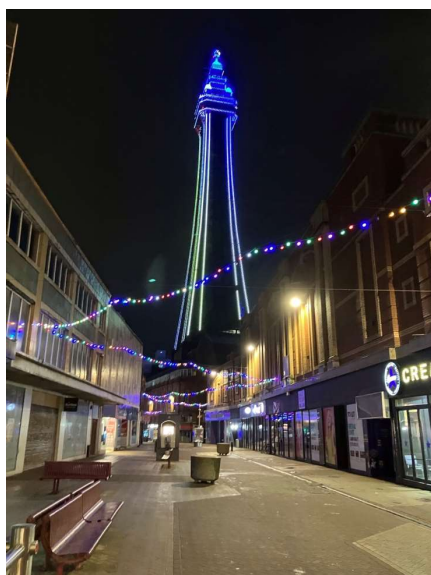
The month ended with the Conference in Blackpool. Judith led 40 members from district 9. All in their purple hats. 11 from Marlow.

Judith's No 9 seems to have slipped.



We travelled in a very comfortable coach, leaving Marlow and arriving in beautiful sunshine. The journey was uneventful and we were delighted with a very clean and comfortable hotel. The Big Blue.

Each room had different views. Some had the sea and others had a view of the Pleasure Beach. Luckily it wasn't open so Pauline Slater spent her time waving at the workmen.



Blackpool made us very welcome. The Tower was lit in Inner Wheel colours of blue and yellow with welcome to Inner Wheel scrolling across the front. Everyone was very friendly and helpful. The conference was held in the Winter Gardens, 2km from the hotel. We took the tram which ran from

outside the hotel along the promenade to the centre and then onto Fleetwood. We used this or shared taxis, especially if the weather was showery.



The meetings were held in the Winter Gardens which is a beautiful building. It was amazing how many people had come from all over the country. I chatted to a lovely group from Ireland. The speaker on the first day was Countryfile's Adam Henson. He talked about his family and his life. He was very entertaining and deserved the standing ovation he got.



During the breaks in the conference a rolling display of photographs were shown. We were delighted to see that our club was represented. It showed us working in the kitchen during the Rotary Bridge Drive.



We were Introduced to various members of the organisation and Karen, our Association President presented cheques to blood bikes and Air

Ambulance. Judith tried the bike out for size. Luckily the keys had been removed.

The cheque for the Air Ambulance was for over £21,000. Quite an achievement.

The final day was the AGM and the speaker Chizzy Akudolu She is an actress from Holby City and had taken part in strictly come dancing. She talked about mental health and her own struggles with depression. Very interesting and inspiring.

The entertainment was lovey. Monday we had a District 9 dinner in our hotel. The food was delicious and we got to mix with other clubs. Tuesday was back in the Winter Gardens with a singer who was able to sing classical, show and popular numbers. We all joined in.

The Conference ended with a sparkling evening of entertainment in the Tower Ballroom. The music was fabulous and we danced the night away. We were asked to wear sparkles and some clubs really went to town. Our club were understated compared to them. This is us with Association President Karen.



So a great Conference with lots of fun and friendship. Manchester 2024 is the International Convention, celebrating 100 years of Inner Wheel..... here we come!!!! We will be meeting Karen at Judith's Pre Rally tea and Rally, when we will get an opportunity to welcome her to Marlow and thank her for such a wonderful Conference.