

Hello everyone,

It's been many months since my last missive (in March), but during that time, Vic has published a new website (same address www.marlowhouse.org) and he asks for any constructive feedback about it please.

There is also a message from Alan Francis, Chair of Trustees, regarding this year's AGM which was held online due to current circumstances. Chairman's Report and Accounts Summary are also found there.

Although Marlow House has been closed to the public, staff and volunteers have worked extremely hard to provide meals on wheels to all clients requiring them. Regular phone calls are also being made to clients for a 'cheery-up' chat and to ensure all is well. We've also been able to take 'presents' out with MOW, consisting for example, of fresh flowers, chocolates, tinned food etc., and Wacoal very generously donated puzzle/colouring books and pencils. All these items have produced delighted responses from the recipients, it's been smashing to see their faces when delivering.

We owe a big thank you to Helen Crabtree who set up a mobile jigsaw/book shop and various other fundraising means, and at the last count had raised an amazing £300! It won't stop there because Helen doesn't stop.....

Another very generous donation of £370 came in from Pat Tully, who asked for donations instead of presents for her recent birthday. It is much appreciated Pat, thank you for being so thoughtful.

Marlow House underlying costs still must be paid, even though our current income is practically non-existent, so any donations are needed now, more than ever before. Five cancelled coffee mornings (to date) have been a double blow with loss of income and socialising with everyone – I have really missed them.

The monthly 300 Club draws continue to take place and results from January to June are on the website. The last draw took place on Friday (website to be updated) and the results are as follows;

D Fisher number 296 winning £41

S Marshall number 251 winning £30

D Bindley number 253 winning £20

V Cosgrove drew the numbers, verified by S Marshall. Cheques will be winging their way to winners very soon. The next draw date is Friday 4th September and results will go on the website.

Lastly, we need to recruit new volunteers for weekend and bank holiday meals on wheels. Several people (having done it for many years) had to withdraw in March due to restrictions imposed, and we are really struggling. If you know of any people that may be able to help with this essential service, please have a chat with them. The office have all the details and training will be given. It's roughly a couple of hours and the reward is seeing the clients' faces when delivering – it makes all the difference to them.

Stay safe and cautious,

Kind regards,

Lynda