

Knitter Knatter



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I run a knitting wool company called Cygnet Yarns Ltd. and when asked, "Do you knit?" I had to reply, "Unfortunately, No!"

A number of people mentioned they were keen to learn and I also felt it was something I wanted to do. Judith Hales who has done design work for Cygnet and is a good friend of mine agreed to take on the role of teacher. And so the Knitter Knatter group was established in January 2011.

Our 1st project was to knit a premature baby hat. It taught us the basics in knit and purl stitches and also shaping. These hats were later donated to Cuddles UK.

Other class projects have included Easter Chicks, Welly Socks, Cabled Cushion cover, Wrist warmers. All the projects set gave us new techniques to learn of the art of knitting. Including cabling, lace, working with circular needles, increasing and decreasing etc. As we have all improved in our skills and at different levels we all choose our own projects: range from iPad knitted cover, hooded

jumper, baby cardigans, chunky pom pom hat, giant snoods, slippers, headbands, lace shawl, baby blankets, bunting (for the Olympics) You name it we try to knit it!



Some of us are now learning to crochet as this is big this season and another great crafty skill to learn. When Cygnet has yarns samples, I can give them to the group to test knit and give their feedback.

A number of the members are local to East Morton which involves the Church and the WI. It's great to see the variety of knitting, styles and ideas across the ages. And have a good natter hearing about everyone's different stories of their life. Social interaction: we have Facebook group, share projects and ideas and also on Ravelry, the social media site for knitters. As some members of the group live abroad it's a great way to stay in touch and share each other's current projects or latest stash. We have one member in



Spain, another in the US. Latest project: We aim to knit varied squares and join together to make a huge blanket which will be entered at Bingley Show in July under the "Adult Community Group Craft Project" category. <http://www.bingleyshow.co.uk/cgi-bin/download.cgi> Cygnet is sponsoring the project and will donate oddments of DK yarn. Knitter Knatter meets Every Thursday night 7-8:30PM at East Morton Memorial Hall. Tea & Cakes included - we take turns to bake homemade goodies Cost £3.50 All Welcome. *Katie Long* katieelong@hotmail.com 07793747222

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