

SHIPDHAM KNITTERS REPORT

This is our 3rd year, We have 40 members from Shipdham, Bradenham, Toftwood and Dereham with an average about 25 ladies per meeting.

As the group is so popular, we are now meeting twice a month.

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the WI hall and in All Saints Church on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

We were part of the Norfolk Knitters but we have decided to go on our own as a group known as the Shipdham Knitters, and help charities within our community and those local to us.

In the past year, we have supported:

International Aid Trust which supports families and orphanages all over the world

Prem baby units in our local hospitals

Norfolk Community Health and NHS Trust

Haven Refuge for women and children escaping domestic violence

And many more

In March last year we held an Easter craft fair in the WI hall.

In July we organised and ran a Strawberry Cream Tea event in aid of Breast Cancer in the WI hall.

In August we purchased a set of baby weighing scales for Shipdham Surgery.

In October, The Bishop of Lynn came to Shipdham for a visit. We presented him with a knitted Mitre, which he was delighted to receive.

Also in October, a group of us went to the Knitting and Stitching show at Alexander Palace by coach.

In November we held another Craft Fair in the WI hall.

December we took part in the Christmas Tree Festival at the church and also purchased two new mats for the entrance to the church.

January 2014 we organised Sunday lunch at the Kings Cafe with husbands and partners, we took over the whole restaurant. We invited Rev Louise to join us and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

February we took part in the Breast Cancer Spring Raffle.

April we knitted flowers to contribute to the knitted Pergola which was in the Forum and it will also be at the Norfolk Show.

Also in April we presented knitted figurines of the Last Supper to the church at the Passover meal.

May we took part in the Shipdham Drynkings and organised a stall.

We knitted 43 teddies for children in a school in Malawi which were handed over to Mr Loveday, a teacher in Thomas Bullock School to give to the children. We hope to develop an ongoing relationship with them.

Our most recent project is to knit 900 prem baby blankets for the Norfolk & Norwich hospital.

Our events planned to date is a table top sale on the 7th June in the WI Hall which proceeds go to the Samaritans and purchasing Christmas lights to decorate a tree outside All Saints Church.

On 8th July we have organised a ploughman's lunch in the WI Hall for the local community to socialise and enjoy themselves.