



**Good Morning Fellow Knitters (and
crochet, and crafters)**

Were you able to join your neighbours at their gates at 6 this morning? It was so rewarding to listen to the different renditions of The Last Post as we stood there in the dark. It's such a quiet and peaceful time at that hour of the day - a lovely moment to contemplate how lucky we are today.

I have had some beautifully knitted items dropped off over the past week. First up is this knee rug from Ruth - so light yet warm. It reminds me of leadlight windows:



Sandra has found a new pattern she has been trying for her knitted pets, and she wonders which we think is best - I have included a photo of a pet from her previous pattern so you can compare. Personally I think its a hard choice.

Below: pets from Sandra's new pattern:





Anne has had no response to her plea for more mint green wool - she currently has a baby's jacket $\frac{3}{4}$ finished, and is hoping that somebody will be able to come to her rescue.

In the meantime she has finished another jacket, with a lovely nautical theme.



Above: toys from Sandra's earlier pattern.

Sandra also tells me she is now knitting long blanket strips, first effort shown here, which Virginia is busily adding into her blankets. Like me, Virginia is trying to knit up all her scraps, keeping similar colours together. Her strips at the moment only have 6 rows per colour which means a lot of ends to sew in, but she assures me she has the time.

Progress on my blanket strips is slow - it is so frustrating to find how many variances there are in thickness of wool labelled "4 ply" or "double knit. In theory of course, double knit is 8 ply, but there is no way doubling my 4 ply is equating to double knit - more like 10-ply. So annoying.

Kathy Roberts has been knitting poppies to hang in her window for ANZAC Day.



Kelly has been creating what she tells me is her 'stress knitting'. The pattern is called Butterfly/Papillon and the colours she is using make it look like a beautiful oilslick.

Below: when you end up with lots of scraps and too much time on your hands:



Additionally, Kelly's husband has been practicing his crochet skills and has free-handed an octopus hand puppet.

This guy is serious about his knitting...



And that's it for this week. There is a light at the end of the tunnel - hang in there, just keep knitting.
And Remember - knitted items can be left either in our letterbox or in the fridge down the drive at our gates at 19 Moore Street.

Kelly's husband has to be special. I know there are clever crafty men out there, but the only other such husband I know/knew knitted an entire layette during his wife's pregnancy, while he was on delivery runs and waiting for his truck to be loaded. Such men are treasures.

Take care
Vicky
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