November 2018 is the centenary of the end of the First World War

Can you knit?

Do you know someone who knits?

Will you help us?

The whole of Barnham was affected by the Great War and we want to decorate the church, the memorial and other areas in the village with hand made poppies. Literally thousands of poppies are needed.

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Please help us create thousands of poppies!

Poppies need to measure about 8cm/3” across and should be a vibrant “poppy red” colour. Here are two patterns that work using double knitting wool, just for information. Please feel free to use your own pattern if you would prefer. (Crocheted or fabric/felt poppies are also welcome). Just the poppy flower is fine – it can be with or without a leaf/stem.

**Cast on 120 stitches – size 9 needles.** Row 1-4 knit. Row 5 knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 stitches). Rows 6-9 knit. Row 10 Knit 2 stitches together across the row (20 stitches). Rows 11-14 knit. Row 15 knit 2 stitches together across the row (10 stitches). Cut wool leaving a tail of about 20cm. Thread tail through needle and slip all the remaining stitches onto the wool tail and pull tight. Pull around into a circle and then stitch the seam. Sew in ends. Use a black button for the centre.

**Cast on 60 stitches – size 9 needles.** Row 1 to 10: K2, P2 across the whole row. Row 11: Knit 2 stitches together across the row (30 stitches). Row 12: slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together then pass the slip stch over – repeat across the whole row (10 stitches). Break wool with a long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight. Stitch the seam and sew on a black button for the centre.

Poppies can be left in the porch at church, or someone will collect them. Wool and needles can be supplied if needed. Why not join up with friends and start knitting regularly together? We can help if you would like to learn to knit. **Come along to the Women’s Institute coffee morning at the church on Wednesday, 7th February from 10.30am to hear more about what is being planned** .... Or just start knitting straight away.

During the year there will be lots of news about the November activities: already there are plans for a beautiful church service and the parish council is commissioning a beacon which will be lit. A booklet explaining how WWI affected the village and its families is also planned – so let us know if you are knitting and let us know if you are knitting for a friend or relative who you would like to be remembered and this can be included in the booklet.

Thanks to everyone taking the time to donate some poppies ... let’s get knitting!

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