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NEWSLETTER

Hello!

This month will be my 7^{th} Anniversary of owning Spin a Yarn. where has that time gone.

Just to remind you of our recent changes to our opening hours. we are open on Tuesday. Wednesday. Friday and Saturdays. 10am to 4pm.

We have some changes to our schedule this year. Di is changing up her crochet workshops from projects to teaching techniques. These are a shorter format and therefore kinder on the pocket.

We will be holding crochet socials after the technique workshops, open to all, free of charge but a donation to tea/coffee would be appreciated.

We are stopping our 'sock it to me' knit club. instead we will be introducing a general knit club on one Friday a month. This means we will have a knit club every week, check out the dates at the end of the brochure.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Trish

Intarsia Colour work



with Anniken Allis

Tuesday 9th September 2025 10am - 4pm



Intarsia colour work knitting is a technique that allows you to knit pictures or abstract designs. Two or more colours are used in each row and the colours are never stranded across the back of the work, as they are in Fair Isle knitting (stranded knitting).

You will learn how to knit with two or more colours per row, how to manage several colours without getting in a tangle, how to read intarsia charts.

Please bring: a selection of dk yarn in different colours (small amounts), 3.75mm or 4mm knitting needles

Skills needed: Confident basic knitting skills: knit, purl, cast on and cast off.

Beginners Crochet



with Di Stewart

Tuesday 16th September 2025 10am - 1pm



In this half-day workshop you will learn the basic techniques of working crochet straight:-

- How to hold the hook and yarn.
- How to make the 3 basic stitches; chain, double crochet and treble.
- You will also learn how to crochet backwards and forwards in rows to make a straight piece and learn how to keep it straight!

Information sheets are included with the workshop.

Please bring: light coloured DK yarn to practice with. **Crochet hooks will be available to borrow at the workshop**, but if you have your own hook (4mm), that you would prefer to use, please feel free to bring it along.

Suitable for beginners and returners.

Tea-time treats and refreshments will be served.

Beginners Spinning with Terri Holman



Saturday 20th September 2025 10am - 4pm



Join us for a workshop from expert and enthusiastic local spinner and teacher Terri, who has her own flock of Jacob sheep.

The day will introduce you to the basics of fibre preparation, spinning and plying on a drop spindle and a spinning wheel.

In the morning you will be **preparing the fleece for spinning** using hand carders and then looking at **the basic art of spinning using a drop spindle**. After lunch you will apply this knowledge to the spinning wheel and **hopefully produce a skein of plied yarn!**

We have spare spinning wheels available but **do bring your own working** wheel if you have one. Please call beforehand if you are unsure. Fibre and hand carders for spinning will be provided.

Beginners Socks



with Trish Flemen

Friday 26th September 2025 10am - 4pm



Have you always wanted to create your own handknit socks but don't know where to start? Perhaps some gorgeous self-patterning sock yarn has caught your eye and you want to use it, or how about knitting socks as sure-to-be-cherished presents?

In this workshop, we will **knit a mini sock to practice all the techniques** involved in making a sock. Trish will teach you **how to knit a sock from the top down in the round** using the magic loop technique, how to knit the heel flap, turn the heel, and close the toe.

This workshop is ideal for those who are already able to knit but have not yet tackled knitting socks. Knitting in the round would be advantageous but not critical.

Crochet Brick Stitch



with Di Stewart

Wednesday 1st October 2025 10.30am - 12pm



This is one of a series of mini workshops aimed at building crochet skills and stitch techniques. It can be done as a stand alone workshop or the squares made in all of the workshops can be combined to make a blanket or cushion.

In this technique workshop experienced crochet teacher Di will guide you through the Brick Stitch. This can then be used to make a small square or you can use this stitch in other projects.

Immediately following the workshop, **join Di and Trish for a Crochet social until 1.30pm** - open to all and free of charge (though donations towards the cost of tea and coffee are welcome). You can continue practicing your newly acquired skills or bring a project of your own to work on.

Suitable for anyone with basic crochet skills.

Crochet Wave Stitch



with Di Stewart

Tuesday 21st October 2025 10.30am - 12pm



This is one of a series of mini workshops aimed at building crochet skills and stitch techniques. It can be done as a stand alone workshop or the squares made in all of the workshops can be combined to make a blanket or cushion.

In this technique workshop experienced crochet teacher Di will guide you through the Wave Stitch. This can then be used to make a small square or you can use this stitch in other projects.

Immediately following the workshop, **join Di and Trish for a Crochet social until 1.30pm** - open to all and free of charge (though donations towards the cost of tea and coffee are welcome). You can continue practicing your newly acquired skills or bring a project of your own to work on.

Suitable for anyone with basic crochet skills.

Needlefetted Hedgehog



with Lynne Dewberry

Friday 24th October 2025 10.30am - 1.30pm



In this workshop experienced needlefelting teacher Lynne of So To Felt will guide you through creating a whimsical felted hedgehog in it's own little hibernation box.

You will be shown how to create the needlefelted hedgehog, and we will then add the coat using mohair fabric. Lynne will also guide you through lining a small box with felt and creating leaves & mini acorns to ensure your hedgehog has a cosy hibernation!

Lynne is **passionate about promoting the art of felt making**, endeavouring to provide **practical advice & encouragement** to participants so that they can use their own ideas in creating their work.

All materials needed will be provided on the day (other than a small charge of £1 for any needlefelting tools which get broken).

Spinning Improvers with Terri Holman

Saturday 1st November 2025 10am - 4pm





Join us for an improver's workshop from expert and enthusiastic local spinner and teacher Terri, who has her own flock of Jacob sheep.

This workshop is for people who have already been introduced to the spinning wheel. You will be concentrating on just using the wheel and looking at it in more depth, and on fibre preparation and different ways of spinning (basically woollen and worsted using the long or short draw method).

We shall also spend more time **looking at the art of plying** with the introduction of Andean plying.

We have spare spinning wheels available but **do bring your own working** wheel if you have one. Please call beforehand if you are unsure.

Crochet Shell Stitch



with Di Stewart

Wednesday 5th November 2025 10.30am - 12pm



This is one of a series of mini workshops aimed at building crochet skills and stitch techniques. It can be done as a stand alone workshop or the squares made in all of the workshops can be combined to make a blanket or cushion.

In this technique workshop experienced crochet teacher Di will guide you through the Shell Stitch. This can then be used to make a small square or you can use this stitch in other projects.

Immediately following the workshop, **join Di and Trish for a Crochet social until 1.30pm** - open to all and free of charge (though donations towards the cost of tea and coffee are welcome). You can continue practicing your newly acquired skills or bring a project of your own to work on.

Suitable for anyone with basic crochet skills.

Professional Finishing with Anniken Allis

Tuesday 11th November 2025 10am - 4pm



After spending hours, weeks or months knitting a beautiful garment poor finishing can ruin all your hard work.

Learn how to sew in ends neatly, block and press pieces correctly, sew up garments using mattress stitch, shaping to make sewing up easier, picking up stitches for neck bands and button bands, short row shaping and three needle cast off for shoulders. You will get Anniken's Online Professional Finishing Course for FREE after attending this class.

Please bring: smooth dk or aran weight yarns and suitable needles, a blunt sewing needle and two 15 x 15cm stocking stitch swatches in a smooth yarn. **Do not cast off your swatches but leave them on a piece of waste yarn.** Bring a third swatch in stocking stitch (approx 15x15cm) - this swatch can be cast off.

Skills needed: Knit, purl, cast on and cast off.

Crochet Bends & Bobbles



with Di Stewart

Tuesday 18th November 2025 10.30am - 12pm



This is one of a series of mini workshops aimed at building crochet skills and stitch techniques. It can be done as a stand alone workshop or the squares made in all of the workshops can be combined to make a blanket or cushion.

In this technique workshop experienced crochet teacher Di will guide you through creating Crochet Beads and Bobbles. This can then be used to make a small square or you can use this stitch in other projects.

Immediately following the workshop, **join Di and Trish for a Crochet social until 1.30pm** - open to all and free of charge (though donations towards the cost of tea and coffee are welcome). You can continue practicing your newly acquired skills or bring a project of your own to work on.

Suitable for anyone with basic crochet skills.

Needlefetted Robin



with Lynne Dewberry

Friday 28th November 2025 10.30am - 1.30pm



In this workshop, experienced needlefelting teacher Lynne of So To Felt will guide you through creating a cheerful and festive felted robin.

These make **eye-catching and timeless** Christmas decorations, or if you make more of them, and would look wonderful strung on bunting or **hung individually on your Christmas tree.**

Lynne is passionate about promoting the art of felt making, endeavouring to provide practical advice & encouragement to participants so that they can use their own ideas in creating their work.

All materials needed will be provided on the day (other than a small charge of £1 for any needlefelting tools which get broken).

Tunisian Mosaic Stitch



with Di Stewart

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 10.30am - 12pm



This is one of a series of mini workshops aimed at building crochet skills and stitch techniques. It can be done as a stand alone workshop or the squares made in all of the workshops can be combined to make a blanket or cushion.

In this technique workshop experienced crochet teacher Di will guide you through the Tunisian Mosaic Stitch. This can then be used to make a small square or you can use this stitch in other projects.

Immediately following the workshop, **join Di and Trish for a Crochet social until 1.30pm** - open to all and free of charge (though donations towards the cost of tea and coffee are welcome). You can continue practicing your newly acquired skills or bring a project of your own to work on.

Suitable for anyone with basic crochet skills.

Hot Water Bottle Cover

with Anniken Allis

Tuesday 9th December 2025 10am - 4pm



Knit a fun stranded colour work hot water bottle cover - the perfect winter project! You will learn how to knit in the round using the magic loop technique or double pointed needles, a closed cast-on, how to work stranded colour work (fair isle) as well as the shaping required. We will start the hot water bottle cover in class and you may need to finish it at home.

Please bring: a selection of dk yarns in different colours, 4mm 80cm long circular needles (for magic loop) or 4mm double pointed needles (please note that this project is tension critical so it fits the water bottle so it may be worth bringing a needle size bigger and smaller than the one listed) and knitting notions.

Skills needed: Cast on, cast off, knit and purl.

KNIT CLUB DATES

We love our free and friendly Knit Clubs - spread the word and bring a friend! Donations towards the cost of tea and coffee are welcome, though.

Tuesday morning Knit Clubs: 10am -1pm September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd.

Wednesday morning Knit Clubs: 10am - 1pm September 17th, October 15th, November 19th, December 17th.

Saturday morning Knit Clubs: 10.30am - 1.30pm August 30th, September 27th, October 25th, November 29th, December 20th.

NEW! Friday Knit Clubs: 10am - 1pm September 12th, October 17th, November 14th, December 12th.

Weds evening Spinning Clubs: 6.30 - 9pm September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd.

BOOKING TERMS É COVID INFORMATION

Booking Terms

- If you have to cancel a booking there must be at least 7 clear days before the workshop is to be held for you to receive a refund.
- We reserve the right to retain your booking fee for cancellations less than 7 days prior to the workshop to cover our costs. We will endeavour to fill your space, if we do we will be in a position to offer you a full refund or you can opt to book another workshop.
- Refreshments will be offered throughout the day but please bring your own lunch.
- In the unfortunate event that we have to cancel a workshop we will rearrange at the earliest convenience.

Covid Safety

- Please do not attend if you are unwell, particularly if you have symptoms of Covid (eg fever, loss of taste or smell, cough).
- Hand sanitiser will be available to use at your convenience.
- In line with current regulations you will not be required to wear a face covering.
- In the event that updated government Covid guidelines mean we have to cancel our workshops, and we are unable to rearrange you will be refunded in full.