

## Meopham U3A Needlecraft Group – (September 2016)

Our group started off as a Crochet group when the Meopham U3A was first formed as this was a craft we were all keen to learn. With the use of 'You Tube', Books and the little experience we had between us we have learnt several Crochet stitches and are now able to follow a simple pattern, if not always perfectly.

One of the first skills we achieved was making 'Granny Squares' which we felt was quite an accomplishment. We went on to make many of these squares which we then joined together to make small lap blankets. Another member of Meopham U3A kindly donated a bag of squares which allowed us to make 6 blankets in all.



Last month we donated these blankets to Meyer House, a Nellsar Care Home. We chose this home because the mother in law of one of our members, who had recently passed away, spent the twilight of her life in this home. She had a 'Granny Square' blanket which was coveted by many of the other residents - who are now thrilled to have a lap blanket of their own!



We changed our group name to 'Needlecraft' to give us the opportunity to explore other skills but will no doubt return to crochet now and again.

**To keep abreast of what we are doing please visit our group page on the Meopham U3A website.**