

## **JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER**

### **NIGHT MEETING**

**WHEN:** Wednesday June 25, 7 pm

**WHERE:** Salvation Army London Citadel (555 Springbank Drive – the corner of Springbank Drive and Wonderland Road)

### **DAY MEETING**

**WHEN:** Thursday June 26, 10 am

**WHERE:** Eastern Star Temple (800 Fanshawe Park Road East)

### **NEXT MONTH'S MEETINGS**

**WEDNESDAY July 30 and THURSDAY July 31**

### **NEXT CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAYS**

Please sign up via the links below to show your intention to drop in. To sign up just follow the instructions on the page, it only take a few seconds to do.

**Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am – 2:00 pm** [volunteersignup.org/HP4T8](https://volunteersignup.org/HP4T8)

**Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm -3:00 pm** [volunteersignup.org/AE8M3](https://volunteersignup.org/AE8M3)

*If you have any issues signing up or need to cancel, please contact Sian Roberts ([sian.roberts154@gmail.com](mailto:sian.roberts154@gmail.com) or 519-204-3730). Or, from the sign-up page, you can click on the blue box at the bottom that says " Questions? Concerns? Contact the Sign-up sheet Manager."*

### **VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMEBERS WANTED**

Effective October 1, 2025 we have 3 of our existing Board members retiring. As a result we are actively searching to augment the Board with 3 new members. We prefer to fill these positions from within our membership as you all know best how the Crochet Club works.

As a current member this is your opportunity to bring your knowledge and commitment to fill a seat at the Board table and help sustain the good work of our Club. Experience or expertise with fundraising, advocacy, communications and leadership are assets but not essential if you are willing to commit to the position and learn as needed. We will be looking to fill the following positions: President, Fundraising Director and Director at Large. Term lengths are 3 years, renewable and start October 1, 2025.

At the end of the July meetings we will hold a brief information session to give you more information and answer any questions you might have. We encourage all of you to consider whether you might be able to fill one of these positions and hope you will join us after the July meetings.

### WORTLEY GATHERING ON THE GREEN

Another very successful event this year! The weather fully cooperated for us thankfully and we raised approximately \$ 1300 !

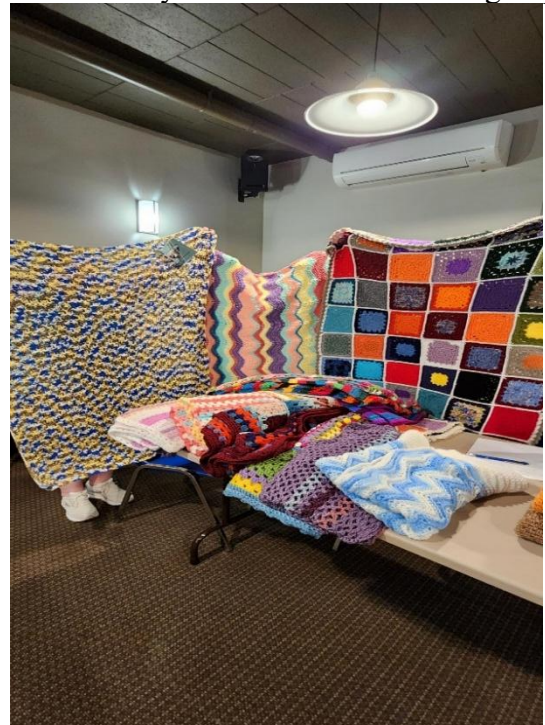
Some of our best sellers included tea towels and dishcloths, some of the pre-bagged donated yarn we had, and these crocheted squares sweaters. Spinrite donated pre-made squares to us and Lynne and Marion put four sweaters together and each sold for \$ 55 !! Here is a picture of what one looked like before being blocked. If anyone else would like to join squares let us know as we still have some and this is a great way to use them up.

Many thanks once again to all the volunteers who helped with pricing, packing up at the Clubhouse, setting up, working shifts and helping take down and transport back to the Clubhouse.

### OUR NEW CHAPTER IN EXETER

A few months ago our Club was contacted about starting a chapter in Exeter. At May's evening meeting Sairoz Mohamad spoke on how the Exeter chapter of the Crochet Club of London came to be and how it has grown.

On a trip out west with her husband to attend their son's wedding, Sairoz was reading the CAA article about the Crochet Club of London. On their journey they also were making stops at local attractions and community spots. At one point in Manitoba they stopped in a local library and Sairoz saw a small group of women crocheting and chatting, being social while keeping their hands busy with crochet projects. At that moment with the recent read of the CAA article, she had an idea. At the Exeter library Sairoz already ran a few groups, including a book social club, not one to dissect books but just to meet others who enjoy reading and the members had a need for community. In January The Exeter Library Crochet Club was started, by enlisting the attendees of the book social club, and has grown to 8 active members. They received many yarn donations from their community but have also received some projects from us. They meet every second Thursday and even add in some refreshments. Our Club has reached out to agencies in Exeter so as to have the blankets made by the Exeter chapter be donated locally. The first batch of blankets were donated to Jessica's House. The remainder of blankets are in the stock at the Clubhouse and will be distributed as needed. Each month Sairoz also reads our newsletter to the group, we want to say Hello to our Exeter chapter and thank you for extending the reach of our Club. Your blankets turned in at this month's meeting were beautiful (pictured here), keep up the great crocheting!



### **TEDDY BEAR TOSS UPDATE**

Thank you to all the members who continue to dress the bears and stuffies we have on hand. We have about 80 bears dressed, our goal is to have 250 bears to sell at the Teddy Bear Toss which will be in early December. If you can help, there will be bears available at the meetings every month and we will track our progress each month.

### **RED POPPY CAMPAIGN & RED SCARVES**

The poppies will support the **Lambeth Legion** (not Byron as mentioned in last month's newsletter). To date we have donated 116 poppies to the cause, and more packages went out at the May meetings. The legion group has reached over 2,000 of their 5,000 goal to date, great job everyone!!! Many hands make light work.

Also we will continue to collect red scarves until October for World AIDS Day which is December 1, 2025.

### **THIRD ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN "Warming Our Community"**

In May, the Club received \$200 in cash donations and \$145 in-kind donations. Year-to-date we have received cash donations of \$6828 against our goal of \$10,000 and in-kind donations of \$1102.

### **TRU EARTH FUNDRAISER**

We would like to remind everyone about this ongoing fundraiser. Tru Earth sells environmentally friendly laundry detergent and other products, and has a fundraising feature that benefits the Crochet Club. If you use the link below to place your order, Tru Earth will donate 20% of the sales to the Crochet Club. It works in the U.S. and U.K. as well as here in Canada so you can forward the link to friends and family. (If you, like a number of Club members, already use Tru Earth products and have an account, click on the link and then sign in to your account and order as normal.) If you would like a sample of the detergent, please contact Sian at [sian.roberts154@gmail.com](mailto:sian.roberts154@gmail.com) and she will get you one.

Here is the direct link

[https://ca.tru.earth/collections/fundraising?irclid=3rzy8PUZNxyPTPXWv53K0UcoUksQH52X8WKnUM0&irgwc=1&utm\\_source=4839600&mp\\_value1=The%20Crochet%20Club%20of%20London&timestamp=1749134371038&utm\\_campaign=impact&im\\_rewards=1](https://ca.tru.earth/collections/fundraising?irclid=3rzy8PUZNxyPTPXWv53K0UcoUksQH52X8WKnUM0&irgwc=1&utm_source=4839600&mp_value1=The%20Crochet%20Club%20of%20London&timestamp=1749134371038&utm_campaign=impact&im_rewards=1)

Or you can go to our website and get to the same link from this page: <https://crochetclub.ca/sponsors/>

### **SPINRITE NEWS**

As you may have heard, the Spinrite Outlet Retail Store in Listowel is closing their doors in September. The "Tent Sale" event is still on and will start on August 11. While you won't be able to shop in person after September, you can continue to shop online at [www.yarnspirations.com](http://www.yarnspirations.com).

### **A REMINDER FROM THE MATERIALS COMMITTEE**

Please remember that if you take home a Full project we expect it to come back as a Full blanket and also remember to return any yarn you don't use.

## **BLANKETS**

<b>Blankets Collected</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Baby	32	
Lap	91	
Full	51	
<b>Blankets Distributed</b>		
Pet Blankets	84	<b>Animal Aide of St Thomas-Elgin</b>

