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Hi,

The Jenny Chant Appeal Update 3, and Season's Greetings

Hello one and all, Merry Christmas. I hope this letter finds you all fit and well and your needles clicking away. The scarf is coming on brilliantly!

Update on the scarf:

We have almost reached the 1 mile marker, which is an amazing feat, thanks you for all your hard work.

Another cancer scare:

I have been a bit poorly of late but am on the mend. Last month I was diagnosed with lip cancer and my doctors were worried that it would spread to the glands in my throat so I was rushed in to hospital for surgery. The surgeon removed an inch of my bottom lip and chin skin and I had 34 stitches to-boot. But luckily I was given the all clear a couple of weeks later.

I am not vain but I have to say that this has really affected me. With all the cancers I have suffered from in the past I was able to hide them from the world but now it is in plain sight for all to see and it has really knocked my confidence. But the love of my family and friends and all you lovely knitters has kicked me back into shape and I am even more determined to get on and complete the scarf.

I have had cancer 3 times now so I try to live life to the full. You never know when this terrible disease will rear its ugly head again. So here's to beating this disease into shape...

The Jenny Chant Appeal News:

Car Boot October + December 2008

In order to raise funds I sold off some unwanted goods and some donated wool at a local car boot at my local market in Bedworth, Warwickshire. This went rather well and I got a few knitters involved and aware of the Appeal. We were able to raise: £50 for the Appeal

Abbey Theatre Group "The Little Shop of Horrors"

I was asked to attend the dress rehearsal for The Little Shop of Horrors play that was on at the Local Abbey Theatre in Nuneaton. The Chorus line ladies were going to knit during their time off stage. I was so proud to be invited by this amazing group of people. They

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were all very jovial and wonderful. We even had a photo opportunity and a story was run in the Heartland Evening News

If you have any ideas like this please contact me I would love to attend within reason... Jenny



Volunteer Update & Announcement:

Mrs Warren from Nuneaton, UK who knitted an amazing 28 scarves, sadly passed away on the 29/9/08. She had mentioned to me that the scarf appeal was helping her with her health, she suffered from strokes and since taking up the appeal the strokes had stopped. She will be sorely missed. I would like to thank Mrs Warren for all her support and help. She was a lovely lady and always had a smile to greet you.

Do you have any Idea's that we could use?

£10 for your Ideas:

Do you have an idea that would help The Appeal raise some much needed funding? Please would you forward your ideas to me either via the website or contact me. **The best idea with receive a £10 voucher, donated by Donovan Sampson.**

Get the Appeal in the News:

If you have any ideas on how to get the Appeal in the news, please do send those to me.

We need donation for some of our knitters who cannot afford the wool but have the time. Please could you help?

Donations:

A big thank you to Mrs Goulding and Mrs Jones for donating wool and needles to the appeal. If you have any old needles or pink wool that you need shut of please can you send it to the appeal and we will redistribute it out

The Jenny Chant Appeal Business's offering discounts:

UK Wool shops:

- * Sarah Hillman, at the WOOL SHOP, Nuneaton, Warwickshire
- * Diana Eley at WOOL-N-THINGS in Baldock, Hertfordshire.

**** If you would like to offer a discount to the Appeal knitters and would like to be included in our next mailing please contact me and I will try include your details.**

The Guinness Book of Records, says no!

I would also like to mention that the Guinness Book of records is still reviewing our application for the attempt. Apparently our definition of a scarf is different to theirs. I would like to ask you to complete the attached petition so that we can send that to them to get them to accept this attempt.



Groups and knitting Circles:

If you have a group or knitting circle can you please let me know as we would like to ensure that we have a record of all our knitters. Please let us know via the website or contact me. A big thank you to www.Ravelry.com for all the help in allowing me to talk about the appeal on their great site!

We have a number of knitters and shops who have kindly agreed to help in collection of the scarves, please take your completed scarves to:

Collection centres

For knitters in the UK

Hertfordshire: Diana Eley at WOOL-N-THINGS in Baldock, Hertfordshire
Nuneaton: Sarah Hillman, at the WOOL SHOP, Nuneaton, Warwickshire

For knitters in South Africa:

Pam Stephenson in Cape Town, SA has offered to be the base for collecting completed scarves and donations. Pam's contact details are: pams@absa.co.za

For knitters in the USA:

Please contact: Eric Swenson at: eoswenson@yahoo.com

**** We are looking for more collection points if you feel you will be able to help please let me know.**

A Big **Thank you to** Pam and Eric for all your help and support... Jenny

The Appeal in the news:

So far the Appeal has been featured in Let's Knit Magazine, Full House Magazine, Bedworth Echo, Coventry Telegraph, Heartland Evening News, Bedworth Observer, BBC Coventry and Warwickshire Radio, Touch FM, Mercia FM and numerous websites.

We need to get this out to more people so please keep talking and spreading the word.

Anyone with web skills or copy editing skills please contact me.

Once again a big thank you for all your help and support, it means so much to me. When the task is completed it will mean so much to the people who will benefit from the appeal.

Please keep knitting. And have a wonderful festive season.

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