

# *Knitting & Crochet Guild*

32nd AGM

Hinsley Hall, Leeds

Saturday 10 – Sunday 11 July 2010

## *A Celebration of Our Skills*



*Join us in beautiful Hinsley Hall, in Headingley, Leeds, for the 32nd AGM of the Knitting & Crochet Guild.*

Leeds, in the centre of the West Yorkshire Woollen District, is steeped in the history of the wool trade. Wool was the basis of this proud city's wealth. As you wander the bustling streets, look up at the intricate stonework of the upper stories of the old buildings: it was paid for by wool. Where better than this beautiful city to celebrate the skills of our members?

Leeds is situated on the East Coast main line and TransPennine rail line and close to the junction of the M1 and the M62, so travel is easy. There is plenty of free off-street parking available at the venue.

Hinsley Hall is a quiet retreat in Headingley, close to Leeds city centre, offering en suite bedrooms, peaceful gardens and plenty of space for relaxing and socialising. The Hall is a short taxi ride, cost about £5, from Leeds Rail Station (4 miles/6.5 km/15 mins) or Coach Station. Leeds Station is huge, so allow an extra five minutes!



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## Activities

You may book into the Hall from **12:30 pm on Saturday afternoon**. The AGM hostesses will greet you on arrival. The weekend activities will start at about **2 pm** with a talk about the **KCG Collection** by the Curator, Liz Gillett, and a presentation on **Accreditation** and what it involves from our Curatorial Advisor, Katrina Bell. After **tea**, there will be a members' **Show & Tell Session**.

As an alternative to these activities, you could join the **Knitting for Charity group**, or just relax in the lounge and socialise with other members. Members of the Guild Board will be available to answer any questions you might have and to listen to your suggestions.

A three-course **dinner** will be served at **6.30 pm**. Drinks will be available at the bar.



We are delighted to have, as our **after-dinner speaker** on Saturday evening, (approx 8pm) the multi-talented **Kate Davies**. Kate lives in Edinburgh and works in Newcastle. She's a historical writer and academic specialising in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century literature, textile history, and material culture. You may have seen Kate's articles in journals and magazines including Yarn Forward, Twist Collective, Rowan and The Knitter. She also designs knitwear, including the fabulous "Owls" sweater.

See Kate's blog at <http://needled.wordpress.com/>

Following Kate's talk, delegates will have a choice of activities: those who'd like a little retail therapy will take a short stroll to Leeds' newest yarn shop, **Baa Ram Ewe**, which will open specially for us on Saturday evening, **around 9 pm**. Alternatively, you may prefer to stay in the comfortable lounge, reception areas and break-out rooms of Hinsley Hall or, weather permitting, the gardens, and network with other Guild members.

The **AGM**, on **Sunday morning**, will include the **Guild's** popular **Annual Competition**, theme this year **Yorkshire Inspiration** and be followed by **lunch**. Then a new departure for the Guild: we aim to celebrate the huge range of skills possessed by our members by inviting some of them to teach mini-workshops in our **Sunday afternoon** gathering. Join us to learn to read lace charts, design lace patterns, block lace, knit ganseys, knit mitred squares, illusion knitting, crochet butterflies and more, knitting with wire, care of textiles... and we haven't finished yet! **Kate Davies** has also agreed to stay on and skill-share and we are hoping she will present the **competition** prizes. More details in June's SlipKnot, but don't hesitate, book for the weekend **today!** Would you be willing to share your skills for an hour or so? Please let us know what you can offer. As well as the mini-workshops, kits containing patterns, yarn and equipment will be available for you to take home and try out your new-found skills.

A number of **local vendors** will be at Hinsley Hall, as will the Guild's trading arm, **KCG Trading**, ready to supply those hard-to-find books and tools. Activities will cease **around 4pm** on the Sunday.

## Accommodation and Costs

All accommodation is in single-occupancy en-suite rooms in the main building of Hinsley Hall. Some ground floor accommodation is available: please indicate on your booking form if you require this. There are some double rooms, but we regret that there is no reduction in rate for sharing a room.

The **Overnight Delegate cost** of **£105** covers Saturday evening dinner, bed and breakfast, morning coffee, Sunday buffet lunch and one afternoon tea, attendance at the AGM and entry to the vendors' room and skill sharing workshops. Please indicate on the booking form if you have any special dietary requirements. You may telephone 0113 266 4651 **office hours only** or 01924 387668 **up until 9pm only** with any queries.

The **Day Delegate rate** of **£45** covers Sunday only with morning coffee, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and attendance at the AGM and the vendors' room and skill sharing workshops.

The vendors' room and skill sharing workshops will be **open to non-members** at a cost of **£7.50**.



# Booking Form

Please fill out both copies of the booking form. Cut out this one and send it, with your cheque, made payable to **“Knitting & Crochet Guild” to KCG AGM, 5 Roman Mount, Leeds LS8 2DP**. Keep the bottom half for your records. Please complete both sides of the form and enclose **an A5 or larger size self-addressed envelope with appropriate postage for four or five sheets of paper** for booking confirmation, maps and further details which will be posted to you around the end of June.

Please complete one form for **each** delegate. Extra forms may be photocopied, if necessary.

Name of Delegate .....

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Please indicate below any special requirements (ground floor rooms, diet etc)

Will you be entering the annual competition? Yes/No

This does not commit you, it's just to give us an idea of the space needed for displays.

You can send an item for the competition even if you cannot attend the weekend – more details in June's issue of *SlipKnot*.



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Will you be entering the annual competition? Yes/No The theme this year is **Yorkshire Inspiration**.

You should enter your knitted or crocheted item along with the picture source you used for your inspiration plus a *few* words up to postcard size telling something about it (to be used in display so preferably typed!).

You can send an item for the competition even if you cannot attend the weekend – more details in June's issue of *SlipKnot*. Some images of Yorkshire are pictured below – but we are sure you will have plenty of your own.

