

Wrapped in Love

This blanket is for Gretel Parker, one of the younger members of the IKNIT knitting group. Gretel recently moved up to Shropshire with her partner Andy, buying their own house in the countryside.



felted, making the most beautiful toy creatures which were not only used to illustrate her children's books, *Mrs Mouse's Cupcakes* and *Peggy's Lost Pennies* but are also stand alone works of art with a huge following by

Very sadly, Andy has since died, so the ladies of IKNITgroup decided to make this beautiful blanket to send to Gretel so that she could wrap it around herself in place of the IKNIT ladies' arms as she is just too far away.

Gretel Parker was an inspiration to the IKNIT group as she is an expert on needle

collectors world-wide.

Gretel was a good library customer, particularly enjoying books on tape to listen to whilst she spent many hours needle felting.

Ruth Gillingham

The Outstanding Beauty of the Wychwoods

Jan Harvey will bring her Artweeks exhibition closer to home in May with a show of watercolours, acrylics and photography to put across the beauty of the Evenlode Valley.

Jan has called her forthcoming exhibition *The Outstanding Beauty of the Wychwoods* and it takes place in The Garden Gallery, Shipton-under-Wychwood just off the A361. It will be well signposted.

The dates are **18th to 27th May** with a private viewing, by invitation only, on **Sunday 19th May**.

To request an invitation please call: **01993 832357** or email **janharveyartist@virgin.net**

