Newborn babies in Africa, many suffering from AIDS are being called "fish and chip babies" because they are being sent home from hospital wrapped in newspaper. Their mothers are too poor to provide clothes. The Guild wants to help these tiny babies by knitting jumpers and hats, which will give protection from hot sun and cold nights.

If you would like to help then you can by donating any brightly coloured, leftover, double knitting wool. (Not white or pastel colours as the garments may not be washed.) If you are a knitter you may want to join in this Guild initiative. The patterns are quick and easy.

**Baby jumper pattern (knitted all in one.)**

Double knitting wool
Size 6 (5mm) needles for tight knitters
Size 7 (4.5mm) needles for loose knitters
Cast on 44 stitches.
Work 18 rows in K2 P2 rib.
Work 30 rows stocking stitch (1 Row K, 1 row P)
Cast on 12 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows and change to K2 P2 (for sleeves)
Rib 22 more rows.
Next row rib 21, cast off 26 stitches, rib 21 stitches.
Next row rib 21, cast on 26 stitches, rib 21 stitches.
Work 22 rows in K2 P2.
Cast off 12 stitches at beginning of the next 2 rows.
Work 30 rows of stocking stitch.
Work 18 rows K2 P2.
Cast off and sew up.

**Baby Hat** in double knitting wool (two sizes)
Cast on 60 (70) stitches on No 9 needles.
Work 6 rows K1 P1 rib.
Change to No 8 needles and work in stocking stitch until work measures 9cm or 31/2 inches
Decrease
1st row K6 (7) knit 2 tog. Repeat to end
2nd row and alternative rows purl
3rd row K5 (6) knit 2 tog. etc.
5th row k4 (5) knit 2 tog. etc.
Continue decreasing until 12 stitches remain.
Work 1 row, break off yarn, thread through remaining stitches and sew up.

The Guild plans to send knitted goods to underprivileged mothers in Malawi.