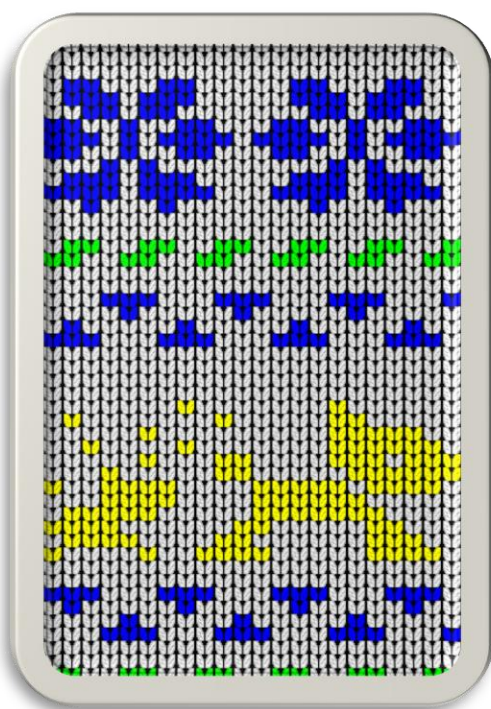


Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter

June
2023



From the Editor



Welcome!

June's meeting is about Fair Isle knitting, and we will have chat and demonstrations around this topic. For specific requests, as ever, get in touch before the meetings!

Please bring in any items you have made for the show and tell: for today's meeting it would be especially good to have Fair Isle knitted projects!

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The Future

Calendar 2023

There may be some alterations later in the year, watch this space!

LBMK calendar 2023	All meetings are from 2pm to 4pm, and doors are open from 1.30pm. Membership fee: annual £5, plus £3 for most meetings, £5 for those with visiting speaker [marked with ***] Guest fees: £5 most meetings, £7 for those with visiting speaker. Tea/coffee and biscuits included
Date [all Mon]	Topic
12th June	Fair Isle techniques
10th July	Knitting for babies and children
14th Aug	Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends! Squares / Accessories
11th Sept ***	Claire Newberry - lace
9th Oct***	Sally Butcher
13th Nov	Yokes/ hand tooling
11th Dec	AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES. End of year celebration

Last Month

Our May meeting was a 'forum' style meeting, where we meet in a less formal way. We had the usual 'show and tell', as well as a discussion about the April meeting and future events. We were keen to get feedback on our big event, and members were happy with the way it went.

I demonstrated plating on the Brother machine, and we looked at different stitch patterns and their effect on plated fabric, as well as the need to be careful about yarn weight i.e., allowing for the combined weight of the two yarns being knitted.

After the meeting, Pat and I sorted out a sack of smaller cones of yarn to take to Ruddington Museum <https://frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk/>, which is in Ruddington, near Nottingham. We went the following week and had a look around while we were there. It was really interesting, and they use donated yarn to demonstrate on the machines, especially circular sock machines.

Fair Isle

This is our theme for June. This site <https://www.gathered.how/knitting-and-crochet/knitting/fair-isle-knitting/> gives a good overview of what is commonly referred to as Fair Isle knitting, but it points out that not all stranded colour knitting [knitting with more than one colour alternating, and therefore the yarn is carried in strands across the back of the work] should be called this.

However, it also suggests that true Fair Isle is stocking stitch throughout, with two colours on each row, so.....machine knitted Fair Isle seems to fit that.

Book:

Nic Corrigan has a book available on [Fair Isle](#) on the machine: it is relatively inexpensive and up to date.

Videos

<https://youtu.be/1xwRe1ADI-I> is a basic introduction on a Brother.

<https://youtu.be/fv-5EszlHiQ> does a similar job for Knitmaster/Silver Reed

<https://youtu.be/tzWqquXnl4w> shows how to design a punch card.

<https://youtu.be/bobMfh2-jWo> is Sally Butcher knitting a round neck in Fair Isle

<https://youtu.be/dAmp7iMw4R4> is for the adventurous LK150 knitter who wants to try Fair Isle

Ideas:

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/anniecumbria/machine-knit-fairisle/>

Dealing with floats

<https://alessandrina.com/2013/07/04/fair-isle-single-bed-1-float-control/>

Suppliers

www.wools.co.uk - Uppingham Yarns

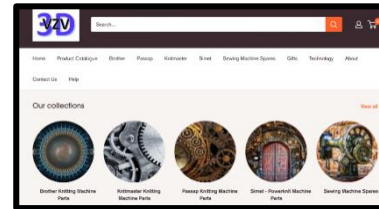
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<https://www.yarnoncone.co.uk> Yarn on Cone

<https://woolyknit.com> Woolyknit

and this one deals in recycled fibres <https://www.iinouiiio.com/>

For 3d printed parts try <https://vzv3d.com/>



Other information

Sally Butcher has a [Kalamunda Crafts](#) page on Facebook. Sally is an inspiring machine knitter, with lots of ideas and videos to keep you busy! And now she has her own YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDxy6pQHAs4gd5XBztYWmw>

which is well worth a visit. Well done, Sally, a marvellous resource.

<http://handymachineknitting.libsyn.com> is a regular podcast

<http://knitwords.blogspot.com/> is a blog

And Finally

I would like to involve others in this newsletter, so please let me know of anything I can include

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