

# Long Buckby Machine Knitters

## Newsletter

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## From the Editor



Welcome!

This month we are focusing on weaving and plating, two ways of mixing yarns and colours. We will give basic information and demonstrate how to do these on Knitmaster and Brother machines.

In addition, at the meeting, by special request, Pat will demonstrate how to knit a round neckline in Fair Isle. If you want to see this technique online, try Sally Butcher's demonstration at <https://youtu.be/bobMfh2-jWo> .

It is not long now until our special April meeting, when we will have an extended session, to include sales and demos, as well as Bill King. More on this on the next page.

Please get in touch with any suggestions for meetings or demonstrations - we will do our best!

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## The Future

Calendar 2023 **red dates are one week later because of bank holidays**

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

<b>LBMK calendar 2023</b>	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
<b>Date [all Mon]</b>	<b>Topic</b>
13th March	Plating and Weaving
<b>17th April***</b>	Bill King – extended meeting with exhibition/sales etc. see below
<b>15th May</b>	Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends!
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
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct***	Sally Butcher
13th Nov	Yokes/ hand tooling
11th Dec	AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES. End of year celebration

### April meeting

- Doors open at 12 for an extended meeting - bring your lunch and chat with friends. Refreshments available as usual.
- There will be:
  - sales from LBMK, including yarn, accessories and spares; and more sales from Clair, who recently bought the remnants of BSK, so plenty of chances to pick up a bargain or rare find.
  - Demonstration of sock machine by Jane.
  - Exhibition of LBMK patterns - if you have something knitted from one of these, please bring it!
- At 2, Bill King will entertain and inform us about machine knitting.
- Finish at 4.

## Plating

We will be demonstrating how to do this, which is a little dependent on the machine you have, but most machines will do it. It is great for using thinner yarns, making patterns with tuck and slip stitches, and for 'lining' garments which are made from yarns which irritate, for example.

The technique is quite simple, but there are a few things to remember.

- If you are using two yarns together, as in plating, the combined weight of them will determine the finished fabric, i.e. if you combine two 4-ply yarns it will be a little too much for a standard gauge machine!
- If you are using a Brother machine, I have found it useful to place an elastic band over the two screws holding the plating feeder, so as to contain both yarns in the feeder - sometimes they have a propensity to jump out otherwise.



[Machine knitting - Plating - design ideas part 1. Design ideas using a plating feeder on a brother - YouTube](#) shows Brother system

[Knitting Machine Plating //Sliver Reed// #knittingmachine #knitting - YouTube](#)  
Shows Silver Reed/Knitmaster threading

This link sums up the advantages of plating, although the English is a little odd  
[What is Plating? | Three ways to use knit plating - KNIT MAGAZINE | MARUYASU Corporation \(maruyasu-fil.com\)](#)

## Knitweave

We will also be demonstrating how to 'knit weave'. I find this a great technique, especially as I am a loom weaver, and this is a kind of halfway house between that and knitting. It has more stretch than handwoven, although that stretch is in the 'warp' - that is vertical. The weaving yarn makes the fabric stable width wise.



These are two more neck rolls I made using the fringed cowl pattern from our website

<http://www.longbuckbymk.com/images/stories/patterns/fringed%20cowl.pdf>

If you want a good introduction to knit weaving, I recommend Iris Bishop's Kaleidoscope Project, which looks complicated, but is very skilfully explained,



and produces stunning results: This was knitted by Val Leaver for the Guild of Machine Knitters' display at various shows, as was the one I knitted below



I found it very satisfying and learned a lot about yarn weights etc.

[My first meeting with Iris Bishop was at the Guild of Machine Knitters' AGM, where she gave a presentation of knit weave, amongst other things: she emphasized the importance of considering the yarn weights - memorably saying if you tried to combine two heavyish yarns, you would be weaving a carpet, not a garment! I just love her sense of humour.]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO6I6hYViFM> shows the Knitmaster method  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmg2hr2UsBE> shows the Brother method

## Suppliers

These are still operating an online supply

[www.wools.co.uk](http://www.wools.co.uk) - Uppingham Yarns

<https://yeoman-yarns.co.uk/> Yeoman Yarns

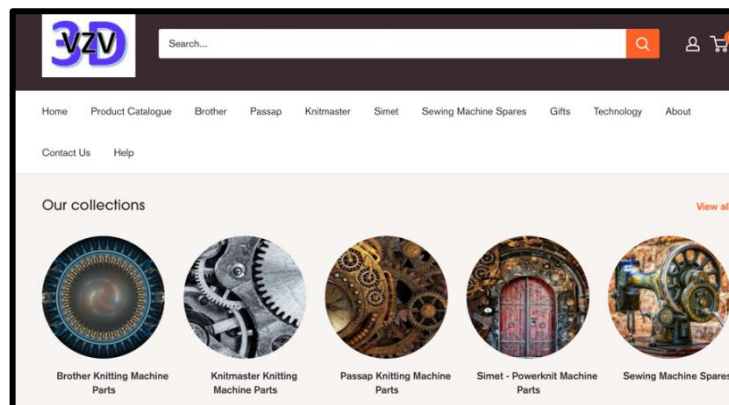
<https://www.yarnoncone.co.uk> Yarn on Cone

<https://woolyknit.com> Woolyknit

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

For 3d printed  
try

<https://vzv3d.com/>



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## 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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