

# Long Buckby Machine Knitters

## Newsletter

November 2023



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## From the Editor

Welcome!

As we approach the end of the year [!], the committee are preparing for next year, and we hope to have the calendar sorted by the December meeting.

We met before the last club meeting, and had a lively discussion, both reviewing the year and planning for the future. I have summarised the discussion below.



Today we look at yoked sweaters, hence the Icelandic girls above.. We will also show a bit of hand tooling on the LK150.

There will also be sales!!!

The centre has asked me to draw attention to pavement parking at the front of the building - basically, some cars have been parked in such a way as to block the path for disabled users. I doubt it is any of our members, but we should all be aware of the needs of disabled people when parking on the pavement in any way!

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## The Future

Calendar 2023

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
WDate [all Mon]	Topic
13th Nov	Yokes/ hand tooling
11th Dec	AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES. End of year celebration

For the December meeting, please bring any items you have knitted to show and tell for the chance to win a prize!

# Last Month

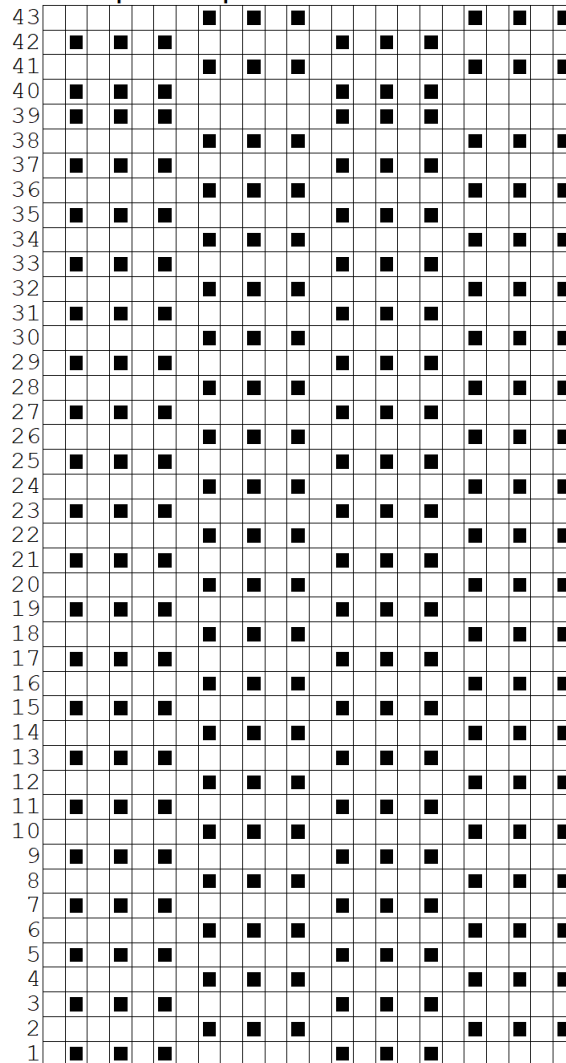
## Sally Butcher

Sally came all the way from Cornwall to give her presentation, which included many wonderful insights into her life, her knitting and her inspiration.

She demonstrated how to knit her version of a Bargello lace scarf, which was inspired by Diana Sullivan, [Double Strand E Wrap for Bargello Lace by Diana Sullivan - YouTube](#) but which Sally modified.

She used a Knitmaster machine with a lace carriage, and this punch card

**LBMK**  
SALLYBUTCHER (Knit method=F)  
Stitch pat template 05/11/2023



Sally also shared a number of tips for general machine knitting:

- ✚ Hair wax to grease yarn, instead of using spray
- ✚ Ravel cord. Use Kumihimo braid /Chinese knotting cord which can be bought in bulk at a reasonable price
- ✚ When casting on with E wrap hold down needles with ravel cord, instead of bringing out the needles each pass
- ✚ Using the P carriage/ D slider to select needles
  
- ✚ Pliers are useful tools for machine knitting [I use mine to push/pull out the sponge bar]
- ✚ Use a cut Credit card to open latches
- ✚ Bulldog clip to hold ribber comb in place when inserting the wire
- ✚ Cast on rag. This makes it easier to do an open cast on, you need to use ravel cord for the first row. Make one by knitting a strip on bias, by casting on decreasing one side increasing the other. Use the loops formed on the sides to hang on the needles for the cast on.
- ✚ Lifeline sew ravel cord from front to back with bodkin
- ✚ Ribbing - after zigzag cast on and three circular rows lay cord in centre and carry on knitting - at end remove will get rid of frilliness



## October 2023 LBMK committee meeting

Attended by Lynda F, Pat BS, Jacqui B, Marion W, Kathy W, Elsie M , Lola P and Janet M

### Finance

We looked at a review of the finances: attendance at the meetings fluctuates, but yarn and equipment sales mean that we are more than solvent. Current balance around £2500.

Suggestions were made regarding spending the surplus money. A club outing would mean lots of organisation and the wide catchment area means that people are travelling long distances to get here, so that might preclude a trip.

Audio visual equipment could be updated: e.g. newer, larger TV and/or new camera - better resolution? Cost altogether would be less than £500. Need room in cupboard first.

### 2023 review

Successes: round table, show and tell. It was agreed that tea should be at the beginning and maybe demos too. Forum meetings are a success, especially in the less well attended times.

Speakers have been good.

### 2024 plan

We discussed various suggestions for themes, as well as speakers.

### Theme suggestions included

Combining stitches

Directions in knitting

Technology

Patterns from the environment

Yarn technology

Combining crafts

Knitting and the environment

We welcomed non committee members to the committee meeting: we also asked for people to consider joining and taking part in the running of the club. We need new input, and welcome any support from members. Please consider taking on a role - further information from Pat or Lynda. [contacts above]



## Today's theme[s]

### Yokes

We will be discussing yokes: here are a few links to videos etc.

[Ravelry: Standard Gauge Fairisle Yoke Pullover pattern by Irene Woods](#)

This is a fairly simple introduction to how to knit a yoke, in the form of a free pattern

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUz2u2zKPM8&t=12s&pp=ygUVbWFjaGluZSBBrbml0dGluZyB5b2tl> is a video of the same

[Diana natters on... about machine knitting: Knitting a Round Yoke](#)

Discusses how to knit one, but using a small item [teddy bear] as practice

[machine knitting for a yoke - ella gordon \(ellagordondesigns.co.uk\)](#)

and this one uses a fusion of hand and machine knitting, but is worth a look

[Yoke Shaping - YouTube](#) this shows how to shape the yoke, or a circular hat

[machine knitting yoke - YouTube](#) and this is a simple search I did, which lists lots of videos, some of which may be of interest!

### Hand tooling

We will be showing some techniques, and tools for doing them. Although it might be of most interest when using non automatic machines, like the LK150, for example, some techniques, such as cabling, are useful for all machines.

The garter bar is a tool I have used occasionally, which is not the best way to use it - it needs practice! But it is very useful. If you don't yet have one, it is worth considering. Apart from the standard gauge ones which are available on the used market, it is possible to get new ones from the following supplier:

[Knitting Machine Parts Accessories | Smartco Knitting | United Kingdom](#)

I bought one for the LK150, and it is fine. However, it should be noted that it does not come with the needle stopping bars. I discovered that I could use a pool noodle, split in half, for the same purpose - this also works for the standard gauge, so would be a good replacement if you have one missing. It can also be cut into smaller pieces!

## For Sale

Brother Electroknit Machine	KH965	£500
Ribbing attachment	KR850	£300
Knitleader	<u>KL116</u>	£30
Colour Changer	KHC820A	£40
Intarsia carriage	KA8210	£40
Linker	KA8310	£50
Knitting machine table (collapsible)		£20
Assorted ribber weights and accessories		£10
Instruction Books		
Video instructions for electronic machine		
Hague Linker		
I would be pleased to accept any reasonable offers for the above if anyone is interested.		
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### Club Sales

We have had several items [including yarn] donated for sale at the club. If you want to buy any of these before we venture into Ebay, please contact Pat. Her email address is [chairman@longbuckbymk.com](mailto:chairman@longbuckbymk.com)

We have 3 machines, all Brother: KH950i, KH910, KH260

Garter Carriage model KG-88

2 x Ribber KR850

There are other pieces of equipment - if you are looking for something specific, it is worth asking!

## Suppliers

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

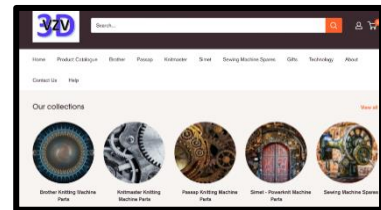
<https://yeoman-yarns.co.uk/> Yeoman Yarns

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

<https://woolyknit.com> Woolyknit

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