

Long Buckby Machine Knitters

newsletter

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From the Editor

Welcome to our October newsletter!

We have now had two 'real life' meetings since the pandemic started. The August meeting was small, but a pleasant reintroduction to social gathering; and last month was a larger meeting, with two new members.



So, we feel that we are moving in the right direction, and are currently working on the calendar for next year, which will include two outside speakers and a variety of demonstration formats.

This month we are focusing on ribbers: and the meeting will be a 'forum' type with a few machines available for demonstration. Hopefully, if members want us to, we will be showing how to set up both Brother and Knitmaster ribbers, as well as demonstrating hand manipulated ribbing on the LK150.

Note to members: I will continue to produce this newsletter online and will endeavour to publish online on the Sunday before the meetings. I will only print out extracts for those who are unable to access online versions.

Stay safe!
Lynda Fiendley

Today's meeting

Open Forum:
Setting up the ribber

Future Club meetings

Demonstration meetings will be a single demonstration in front of all attendees:
Open Forum meetings will be multiple small demonstrations in a 'marketplace' style

We may adjust these to fit members' preferences

- October 11th - open forum, setting up ribber and other equipment in mini demos
- November 8th - demonstration [knitting for Christmas]
- December 13th - open forum

Ribbing

I am not a fan of ribbing myself, preferring folded bands on the machine, and garter stitch when hand knitting, but I am probably in a minority. For those who like ribs, the ribber accessory is a boon, but one which many struggle with. For help **setting it up** [which I think is the main obstacle], these video links may help:

Knitmaster/Silver Reed

<https://youtu.be/vBszk0j95y8> [Sally Butcher]



https://youtu.be/2jydHgh_ja0



[Adding your Studio Ribber to your Knitter](#)



Brother

https://youtu.be/om0a01x_d-A



Once you have set up your ribber, you may wish to go further!

Diana Sullivan has a series of videos to help you:

<http://diananatters.blogspot.com/2009/09/ribber-lessons-so-far.html>

And these videos will help to extend your skills if you wish to do more than ribbing.

<https://guagliumi.com/category/ribbing/>

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<https://guagliumi.com/ribber-101/>

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<https://alessandrina.com/category/machine-knitting/ribber-racking/>

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https://alessandrina.com/category/machine-knitting/ribber_fabrics/

And, if you have a machine without a ribber, you can still hand manipulate to achieve one:

<https://youtu.be/geCd8Ne2D5o>



Depending on the size of your piece, this could be as speedy as assembling your ribber [or would be if I were doing it - I make heavy work of assembling anything!]

Projects

I have been far less active with my projects since the return to social events. But I will try to sum up my activity [very little on the knitting machine, sadly].



These photos show my incomplete machine knitting project: I started this in May! Then had a vision relapse and have not had time or inclination to restart - it will happen one day, though. It is a circular knit cardigan, with a knitwoven skirt. I used lambswool for the body [plain blue] and a mixture of fine yarns for the weaving in the skirt - the picture on the right shows how I am including a fringe for the bottom. I will post pictures when it is finished!

When that is finished, and the machine is free!!!!, I am going to conduct a small experiment with my vast mountain of lambswool cones. I want to use them for felting, but do not want the felt to be very thick. I will try with various tensions and see what happens [watch this space]. I want to use the fabric in a jacket.



Since the first lockdown, I have been spinning large quantities of wool, mainly Merino, but also some rougher wool. I have lots of 100g balls of yarn, in different colours. I decided to hand knit a patchwork cardigan, using a rectangular pattern. The central picture shows the main body part. The top 'row' folds over as a collar. I knitted the sleeves, top down, and crocheted round the bottom and sides. The colours are truer in the pictures where I am not wearing it - I am not a great 'selfie' photographer!

photographer!

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Suppliers

These are still operating an online supply

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/>

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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