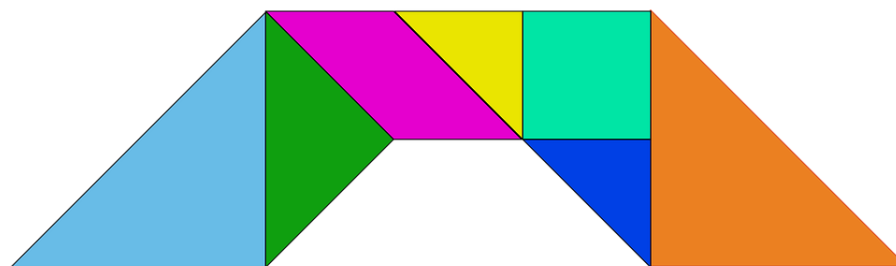
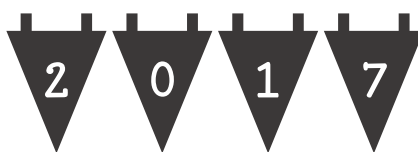


LONG BUCKBY MACHINE KNITTERS



CLUB MEETINGS

Today

DESIGNING WITH SHAPES: turning rectangles, circles and patchwork pieces into larger projects

COMING UP:

8 th May	CUT AND SEW with Hazel Green
12 th June	KNITTING WITH WIRE with Erica Thomson
10 th July	A MULTITUDE OF MACHINES – various makes, gauges, types
14 th Aug	BUTTONHOLES AND OPENINGS
11 th Sep	BUTTONS

- At meetings where we do not have an outside speaker, club members are encouraged to participate: please see Lynda if you would like to demonstrate or show a special technique or item
- Please let us know if you have a special requirement in case of emergency, e.g. a mobility problem which would mean a special arrangement in case of evacuation of the building
- Please also respect the demonstrators and other members, some of whom have hearing impairment, by not talking during the demonstrations.

WORKSHOPS



May 15th **DESIGNING KNITWEAR** **deadline for booking: TODAY**

This workshop will provide those attending with opportunities to investigate:

- a range of software for pattern design
- how to alter patterns
- Making a pattern from an existing garment
- Using cut and sew
- Using Knitleader/radar
- Practise knitting to fit techniques e.g. bust darts
- Use software to get a personalised style sheet

July 17th **BEGINNERS' WORKSHOP** **deadline for booking: June meeting**

This workshop is for practising basic techniques. Participants are invited to submit their requests on booking.

September 18th **BUTTONS** **deadline for booking: August meeting**

This workshop is a practical approach to making buttons from yarn, fibre, textile or polymer clay – maybe more!

ALL WORKSHOPS RUN FROM 1-4 AT LONG BUCKBY COMMUNITY CENTRE. COST £15 TO INCLUDE USE OF EQUIPMENT.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would like to offer assistance to new and improving machine knitters. If you would like to volunteer as a Knitting Buddy, please let us know, and we can pair learners with buddies, geographically if possible.



OTHER EVENTS

THE LIVING THREADS GROUP
EIGHTEENTH EXHIBITION

'SENSATIONAL STITCHES'

APRIL 2017

"Sensational Stitches" held at the Obolensky Building, Trent College, Long Eaton, NG10 4AD Thursday 6th April - to Friday 14th April 2017

Open Daily from 10am to 5pm

Closing 4.30pm Friday 14th April 2017 <http://livingthreadstextileartists.com/exhibition.html>

SMALL ADS

FOR SALE



Comprehensive package comprising Brother KH881 Knitting Machine, Instruction Manual, Ribber, Transfer Carriage, Lace Carriage, Intarsia Carriage, Linker, Colour Changer, Hole Punch with Punch Cards and Wool Winder. Also includes Weights, Clamps, Cast On Bars, Carriage extensions, Assorted Wool and Patterns, Table, Swivel Chair, Calcuknit Knitting Calculator, Garter Bar, and Tricot Yarn Brake.

Longstanding back problems force sale. £200 ono.
Please Contact Lil Greenwood on 01327 439309



Brother Knitting Machine Model KH-891 and KR-850 Ribber in Horn Cabinet including Bench Seat/Storage Box

Accessories and instruction manual, Transfer Carriage and Knit-Leader

All in excellent condition but machine requires new sponge bar

Many extras including:-

Substantial stock of industrial and 4-ply yarn

Machine knitting maintenance book with video tape

Cone winder/Hole punch and punch cards/Work box for accessories

Assorted hardback and paperback "how to" and pattern books

Folder with many "useful hints" and patterns

Price : £275 o.n.o. Please contact Eileen Andrew 01788 822159 or jpandrew@tiscali.co.uk

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Variety of knitting machines and accessories for sale [contact Wendy Piper [01327-842335 or email knitsnbits@live.co.uk]

Knitmaster 700 K Ribber SRP 60 N

Lace Carriage LC 2 - never out of box, all original packaging etc.

All manuals and instructions etc.+ Quantity of yarn, see below.

£200 the lot.

Yarn, can be split between any buyers of machines, free of charge.

Knitmaster Mod SK 313, very attractive and versatile machine

Instructions, KM and Patons Instructions

Quantity punch cards, patterns etc.

£30.

Knitmaster Mod 323

Intarsia carriage AG 20 - boxed, unused

Automatic Linker SC 1 - boxed, unused Instructions for all these.

£40

Hague Mod D10 Manual Linker

Spare needles , Instructions

£75

Tilt table and instructions for assembly

£25

Brother transfer carriage KA 8300, boxed, unused

£10

Knitmaster Knit Radar KR 6 , two of these, both boxed and unused

Cards, gauge strips, instructions, tracing rolls etc

£50 lot

Sylvania "daylight" knitting machine table full length fluorescent light

£15

Vintage/spares

Knitmaster Mod 6500 super double, instructions etc

Singer double with case and instructions

Knitmaster Mod 302 with instructions

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Any offers, please, for any or all as job lot - hundreds of books and magazines also available.

Several boxes of consumables, patterns, punch cards, cone winders, yarn winders, two boxed Brother card punches KA 451, never used, Knitmaster deluxe skein holder, never used, etc etc. These are all free as a job lot if the machines as above sell, for squabbling over by purchasers. There will be something for everyone.

WANTED

Machine Knitters needed!

❖ Mhairi MacLachlan (maclachlan.mhairi@gmail.com) 07813 897 528

❖ Harrison Winter of HCR knits [<http://www.hcrknits.com/>] Contact: info@hcrknits.com

BUSINESS ADS

❖ Knits 'n' Bits [Long Buckby]

We buy and sell used [serviced] knitting machines and accessories, and also sell books, punchcards, spares and more. Contact Wendy on 01327-842335 or email knitsnbits@live.co.uk. N.B. Response will be a little slower at the moment than usual, but she is still in business.

❖ Elsie's Wool Shop: Ma's Buttons

in Victoria Road, Rushden, just off the high street. They supply wool, all plies, including cones and a large selection of buttons and haberdashery items.

email mcginnelsie@yahoo.com or telephone 01933 380610 evenings or weekends.

FOR HIRE

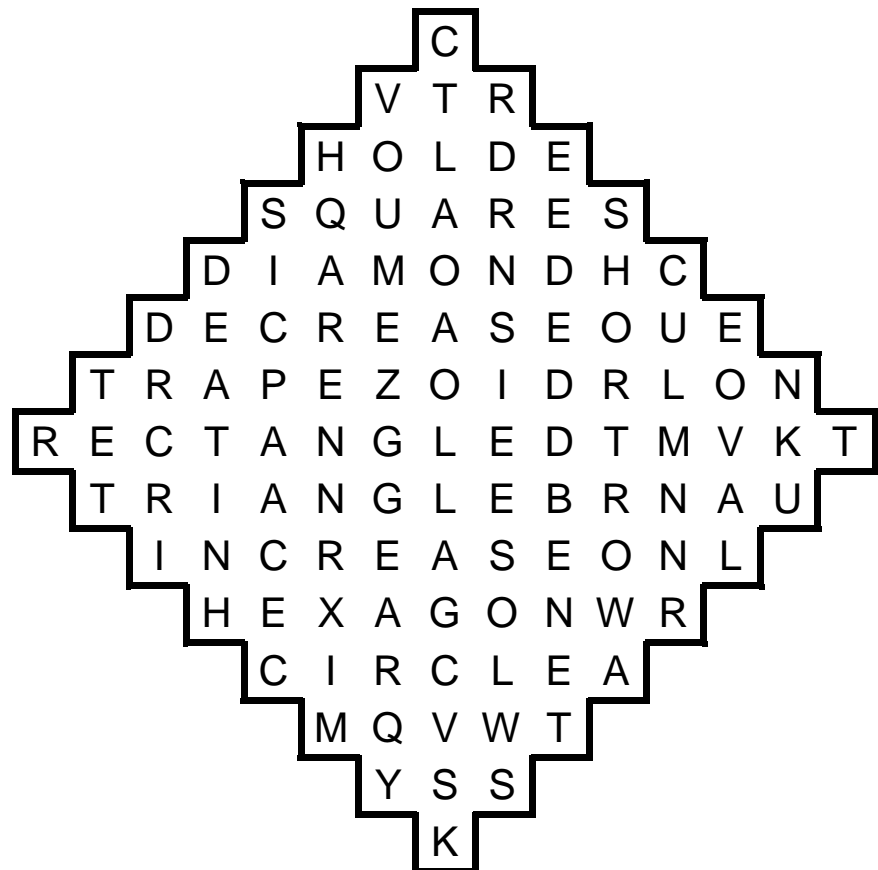
The club has a number of items for hire, on a monthly basis, for a modest fee. These include knitting machines, gadgets and yarn winding equipment. Have a look at the monthly meeting, and speak to Margaret if you are interested.

PLEASE LET ME HAVE DETAILS OF ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE.
SALES AND WANTED – FREE ADVERTISING!

PUZZLE

SHAPES WORDSEARCH

CIRCLE	CRESCENT
DECREASE	DIAMOND
HOLD	INCREASE
OVAL	HEXAGON
RECTANGLE	SHORTROW
SQUARE	STAR
TRAPEZOID	TRIANGLE



PATTERNS AND PROJECTS

RUANA



This was intended as a pattern, but somehow got too much for me to do this month! But I offer the measurements and notes, in case anyone wants to have a go.

Stitch pattern:

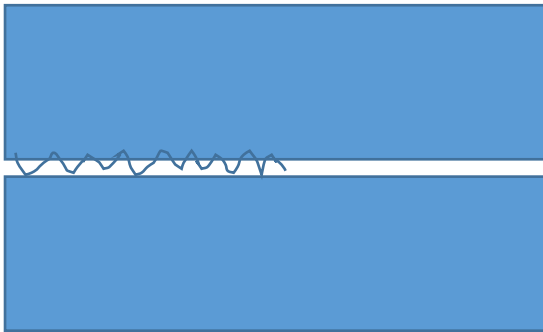
Pat and I practised this while on the Guild of Machine Knitters' stand at the NEC in March. We used Knitmaster card 3 [but the sample shown is actually Brother card 2, which is very similar], and we put alternate needles out of work, as below across however many needles you wish to

use: |.|.|.|0.|.|.|

Then it is a simple tuck lace pattern. The sample shown is approximately 2 ply weight, Tension 3, and I achieved a tension of 8sts and 15 rows to the inch.

The ruana was to be made of two strips, each measuring 60 inches long by 20 inches wide. Thus I would have cast on 160 stitches and knitted 900 rows for each strip.

The finished article is joined as below, and can be worn as a poncho, a wrap, a waistcoat [when belted], and can have buttons strategically placed to make armholes, fastenings etc.



<http://www.knittingonthenet.com/patterns/swewrap.htm> shows a hand knitted version and how to wear it.

Alternatively:

Combine circles and rectangles to avoid the seam:

Cast on as above and knit 450 rows, short row [see below for circular examples] to create a semi circle, before knitting another 450 rows to finish.



Hexagon

http://www.knitnatters.com/Hexagon_Afghan/Hexagon%20Afghan.htm

is a link to instructions for knitting a hexagon shape and joining it to others to form a blanket [afghan].

I will demonstrate this during the meeting. Here are two I did earlier. I found it quite difficult to get the centre to lie flat, and will modify the instructions: at the centre side, I will knit only one row with the full count of needles, before knitting another with one needle in hold – this will reduce the bulk by half, I believe.



Squares and Rectangles

Rectangles are easier to knit than squares, and there are a few patterns [like the ruana] where you only need to join rectangles. In our pattern section of the website, there are lots of patterns like this [or scarves, cushion covers etc. which have no or minimal joining]

And elsewhere online

<http://magicpixieknitter.blogspot.co.uk/2009/11/not-on-roll-knitting-machine-scarf.html> is a visual pattern for a scarf which involves a bit of turning [practice in using a garter bar?] but which enables one to make a scarf which does not roll at the edges.



And Pat used this pattern, which is rectangular with an interesting shape-shifting join.

The pattern came from this Ravelry member, <http://www.ravelry.com/projects/ridelikethewind/my-ripple-vest>, and Pat sent her a message requesting the pattern, then paid for it via Paypal.



Rectangular Bag The Masa Bag <https://artemisadornments.com/2009/03/05/masa-bag/> is an interesting project, as it involves origami-like folding. Although ostensibly a crochet pattern, the writer gives the measurements for a knitted one, and it is made from a rectangle. In case you don't spot it, there is a further link at the bottom of the pattern to instructions on folding <https://artemisadornments.com/2009/03/06/instructions-for-folding-the-masa-bag/>

Triangles

http://www.getknitting.com/ak_0603triangle.aspx is a free calculator for knitting triangles

Pat also found this interesting project, <http://www.ravelry.com/projects/merrihenry/experimental-wrap-project>, which has a triangular insert of interest.

Triangles can also be added to side seams, to add flare to the bottom of a jumper, for example, or even up to the armholes, to make a smock shape.

Here Pat demonstrates a way of making a hem with triangle shapes:

Hem with triangles

CAR = carriage at right
CAL = carriage at left
RC = row counter
LHS = left hand side
RHS = right hand side

Use weights as necessary for this test piece

Cast on 33 stitches in waste yarn and knit a few rows.

CAR knit 1 row with nylon cord

CAL RC000 change to main yarn knit 1 row at T7 for 4 ply

CAR RC001 put the 22 needles at LHS to hold and work on the 11 needles on RHS

Knit 1 row to left. RC002



*put needle nearest to carriage into hold, knit to right RC003
 Put needle nearest to carriage into hold, knit to left RC004*
 Continue until all needles except 1 are in hold, knit 1 row on this stitch RC013

Now reverse the process returning 1 stitch to work each row until all 11 stitches are in work and carriage is at right. Now bring the centre 11 stitches into work and knit to left.

Put the 11 stitches on RHS into hold and work the triangle on the centre 11 stitches.

Repeat for third triangle.

When the 3 triangles are completed, cancel hold and knit 1 row over all stitches.

Hook up first row in main yarn to form hem and continue knitting garment.

Circles

Example knitting a 6 inch diameter circle with

Gauge type: 4 inch / 10 cm Gauge

Stitch Gauge: 30

Row Gauge: 42

Radius: 3

Diameter: 6 inches

Wedges: 6

With waste yarn and ravel cord cast on 44 stitches

Set carriage to hold.

*opposite the carriage put 2 needles in hold position 6 times;

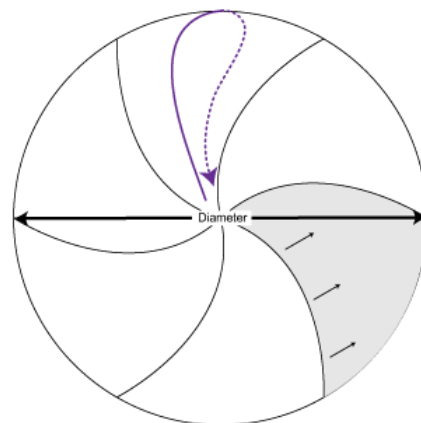
opposite the carriage put 1 needles in hold position 10 times.

Opposite the carriage put held needles in work and knit across. Put remaining needles in work and knit across.*

Repeat from * to * 5 times. Join the cast on and bind off edges to form a circle.

Row By Row Instructions

Rowcount	Details	Stitch Count
0	Cast On 44	
1	Opposite the carriage, hold 2 needles	42
2	Opposite the carriage, hold 2 needles	40
3	Opposite the carriage, hold 2 needles	38
4	Opposite the carriage, hold 2 needles	36
5	Opposite the carriage, hold 2 needles	34
6	Opposite the carriage, hold 2 needles	32
7	Opposite the carriage, hold 2 needles	30
8	Opposite the carriage, hold 2 needles	28
9	Opposite the carriage, hold 2 needles	26
10	Opposite the carriage, hold 2 needles	24
11	Opposite the carriage, hold 2 needles	22
12	Opposite the carriage, hold 2 needles	20
13	Opposite the carriage, hold 1 needles	19
14	Opposite the carriage, hold 1 needles	18
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23	Opposite the carriage, hold 1 needles	9
24	Opposite the carriage, hold 1 needles	8
25	Opposite the carriage, hold 1 needles	7
26	Opposite the carriage, hold 1 needles	6
27	Opposite the carriage, hold 1 needles	5
28	Opposite the carriage, hold 1 needles	4
29	Opposite the carriage, hold 1 needles	3
30	Opposite the carriage, hold 1 needles	2
31	Opposite the carriage, hold 1 needles	1
32	Opposite the carriage, hold 1 needles	0



Joining up [some ideas]

Sewing

Using backstitch on the private side of the knitting, or mattress stitch on the public side.

Using eyelets or holes made by needles out of work

See the Crescent shawl joining technique, and think about planning ahead – you will need to, but this method produces an attractive join

Hairpin Lace

Uses loops made on the machine at the side seam, as in automatic fringeing [using two needles in work placed some distance from the main piece to create a loopy fringe], then hooked together crochet-style.

I cords

Our friend Irene Wilson produced this freeform knitting, by felting random pieces of knitting, then joining them with icords, again knitted randomly, and joined as she was knitting.



I cords can often be used like this, or as the middle of a seam joined on the machine. Knit the two pieces to be joined, then knit an icord, and join on the machine at both sides of the icord as it is being knitted.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

