

LONG BUCKBY MACHINE KNITTERS

N E W S

september

2019



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

TODAY

9th Sept

ACCESSORIES

A mixture of demonstrations, suggestions and display of items to wear to complement your garments: gloves, scarves, hats, as well as jewellery and other bits and pieces, all of which might make Christmas presents!



FUTURE MEETINGS

14th Oct

SUE BOOTH: SHOULDERS

11th Nov

BASIC MAINTENANCE

9th Dec

AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES/End of year celebration

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. ****PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE!****

CLUB NEWS

The committee would like to have feedback on current and future club meetings. We can use this to tailor the club programme to meet members' needs and interests. This can be oral, written or by email!

We will be meeting in October to finalise next year's agenda: please let us have some member input



VISIT TO WORKAID



By Lynda Fiendley

Pat and I were lucky to visit Workaid in Chesham recently.

Workaid is a charity, established in 1986, which recycles tools to support projects in Africa.

Sited in an old boot factory, it is an amazing space, filled with masses of old tools, ranging from woodworking tools, such as hammers and screwdrivers, to crafting tools, such as sewing and knitting machines. Very few donated goods go to waste, as those which cannot be economically shipped overseas are put up for sale in the adjacent charity shop.

We arrived at a busy time, and had to negotiate the car park/yard before passing on one of my old knitting machines, which was gratefully received, as was some fabric and spare containers. As we were talking to one of the volunteers, a bell rang and it was coffee break time! So we went upstairs to share this time with around an estimated forty volunteers, mostly elderly, and our guide, Jason, who then showed us around the upstairs workshop.

This floor held most of the knitting machines, and spare parts for them, as well as an amazing amount of sewing machines, all in various states. We saw the volunteers repairing them, and met the chief knitting machine repairer, a lady, who confessed to a profound interest in machinery, but little interest in knitting with them. She told us that standard gauge machines were most useful, chunky ones less so, because of the climate and the cost of thicker yarn. Along with the machines, accessories kits are sent, to enable recipients to start immediately with their new equipment.

We also saw, on the ground floor, carpentry tools being refurbished, complete with accessories kits, to be shipped to colleges and business start-ups, like the knitting and sewing machines.

Then we saw the containers in the car park. Each container costs thousands to buy and ship. They take a while to be stacked, as every inch of space is used. I thought it looked a bit like building a dry stone wall. The recipients have to collect the items from the port of entry, but that is the only cost to them.

Workaid relies on donations of machines and tools, which are no longer needed. Even broken machines may be of use, as they have to keep large stocks of parts to repair the machines.

I was impressed with the way everything was organised, and the camaraderie of the volunteers. If I lived nearer, who knows, I might feel like volunteering myself, but I am filled with respect for the way this charity works.

In addition, volunteers run workshops in craft, have a look at the website to see what is listed, it all sounds very interesting.

If you have anything you could donate, please use the contact addresses below.

WORKAID [HTTPS://WORKAID.ORG/](https://workaid.org/)

71 Townsend Road, Chesham, HP5 2AA.

OFFICE CONTACT:

01494 775220 | admin@workaid.org

OTHER EVENTS

10 – 13th October Knitting and Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace, London

<https://www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com/london/>

Leicester Racecourse LE2 4AL

<https://thebigtextileshow.co.uk>



24th October – 1st November 2019

THE LIVING THREADS GROUP NINETEENTH EXHIBITION. “CONNECTIONS”

The Nineteenth Living Threads Exhibition will be at Trent College, Long Eaton, Nottingham

<https://livingthreadstextileartists.com/exhibition/>

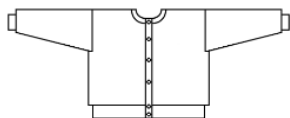
CLUB SERVICES

LIBRARY

We have a comprehensive free lending library and would welcome donations of hardback machine knitting books for this purpose. See Margaret for loans.



PATTERNS



In addition to patterns available in this newsletter and on our website, Lynda is also willing to make bespoke patterns via Knitware for members: these will be available as printouts or pdf files. Form attached for orders, or just let Lynda know the details.

Small Ads

FOR SALE AND WANTED



FOR SALE

Two brother machines punch card pattern with knit leaders and ribbers with tables I would like £200 each
Sue 07702309582

WANTED

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

A



selection of accessory patterns available on our website at

[http://www.longbuckbymk.com/index.php?option=com_tags&view=tag&id\[0\]=5&Itemid=117](http://www.longbuckbymk.com/index.php?option=com_tags&view=tag&id[0]=5&Itemid=117)

Other patterns are available at the following Ravelry links:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/glittens-for-japanese-machines>

which is a free pattern for a mitten variation, which has a variation for mobile phone users

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/gumnut-bonnet>

a paid pattern for a child's bonnet, using tuck stitch

<http://diananatters.blogspot.com/2013/12/decembers-video-fingerless-mitts.html> for a video showing how to knit fingerless mitts

A pattern for gloves is available on our website, courtesy of the Guild of Machine Knitters, now merged with the Knitting and Crochet Guild

http://www.longbuckbymk.com/images/stories/patterns/Glove_Pattern_.pdf



Puzzle Answers

scarf	hat	gloves	sock
legwarmer	wrist warmer	necklace	bracelet
brooch	bag	mitten	cowl
shawl	Phrase: Knit your Christmas presents!		

SUPPLIES DIRECTORY

[in no particular order, and not necessarily endorsed by LBMK!]

MACHINE KNITTING YARN [FAIRLY LOCAL]

Yeoman Yarns: <https://yeoman-yarns.co.uk> primarily a mail/internet order business for hand and machine knitting yarns, but with a small shop in their Leicester warehouse available.

Uppingham Yarns: <https://www.wools.co.uk/index.php> hand and machine knitting yarns, spinning and weaving supplies too

Bedford Sewing and Knitting: <https://www.bsk.co.uk> mainly sewing now, but still some machine knitting yarn and spares

FURTHER AFIELD:

Fairfield Yarns: [Heywood, Lancs] <http://www.fairfielddyarns.co.uk/> mainly machine knitting yarn, some equipment

Airedale Yarns [Keighley, Yorks] <https://airedaleyarns.co.uk/index.php/> mainly machine knitting yarn

OTHER FAIRLY LOCAL YARN SHOPS

Get Knitting [Northampton] <https://www.yarnshopnorthampton.co.uk/>

Toft <https://www.toftuk.com/> Alpaca farm/ shop in Dunchurch near Rugby

Wool Warehouse [Leamington Spa] <https://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk/> mainly postal/online, but with a small shop on site

Bella Knit [Corby] <http://www.bellaknit.co.uk/>

Janknits [Wellingborough] <http://www.janknits.co.uk/contact%20us%20.html>

Jools Wools [Finedon] <http://joolswools.co.uk/>

The Wool Shop [Newport Pagnell] <http://www.the-wool-shop.com/>

Knit One [Leicester] <http://www.knitone.uk.com/>

The Knitting Company [Leicester] <https://www.facebook.com/knittingcompany>

MACHINE KNITTING PATTERNS

Ann Lavene <http://home-machine-knitting.co.uk/about-anne/>

Marianne Henio <http://heniocreative.com>

REPAIRS AND SERVICE

Richard Jones (ex Brother engineer).Tel: 01386 833339 (after 6pm)Mobile: 07818 033563

Email: richardjones47@btinternet.com Knitting and sewing machine repairs.

SILVER [Rushden] <http://www.silverviscount.co.uk>