

Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter



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From the Editor



Welcome to 2024!

And we have a new look, at least to our website.

You will have found it impossible to access our site recently, because we have had to move it and rebuild it, because of technical issues. This means that all previous links are now defunct. Please use the link at the bottom of the pages of this newsletter.

There is still most of the content on the website, just in a different order/place. If viewing on a computer, you can now see the pdfs as you scroll, which may make it easier to decide if you wish to download anything. On a phone or tablet, I think you will just see the names of the patterns and a download link.

In time, I may be able to enhance the experience. Please bear with me!!!

For our January meeting, we are knitting in different directions. Pat and I have things to show and demonstrate, and, as ever, we invite members to bring their own creations to show and tell.

We will also have new stocks of yarn for sale.

If you wish to get in touch, I am including my email address, please put LBMK in the header so that I can easily see what it is about!

Happy New Year

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Calendar 2024

LBMK calendar 2024	<p>All meetings are from 2pm to 4pm, and doors are open from 1.30pm.</p> <p>Membership fee: annual £5, plus £3 for most meetings, £5 for those with visiting speaker [marked with ***]</p> <p>Guest fees: £5 most meetings, £7 for those with visiting speaker.</p> <p>Tea/coffee and biscuits included</p>
Date [all Mon]	Topic
8th Jan	Knitting in different directions
12th Feb	Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends!
11th March***	Neil Collison – knitting machine maintenance ****
8th April	Patterns from the environment
13th May	Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends!
10th June***	Erica Thomson – sewing machines for machine knitters
8th July	Yarn technology
12th Aug	Combining crafts
9th Sept ***	Claire Newberry – combining stitches
14th Oct	Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends
11th Nov	Adapting hand knitting patterns for the knitting machine
9th Dec	AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES. End of year celebration

**** Neil has kindly offered to look at any machine knitting parts which are causing issues, except for garter carriages, during the session.

Last Month

Our final meeting of 2023 was a social meeting, with lots of chat and show and tell, and the unveiling of our new calendar and website.

We also had an informal competition, with the winner being chosen by the members present. We enjoyed hearing from each entrant about the making of the item! Well done everyone!



New Year's Resolutions

I don't normally do these, preferring to make decisions through the year, but this year is different for me, for reasons I will explain.

1. I had three good experiences with people in the run up to Christmas, all because I had time to stop and think about others - I have vowed to myself to do this more often, firstly, because it is good to help others anyway, and secondly, because I feel better for it too. Win Win!
2. I watched a video on YouTube by the owner/developer of Garment Designer software, which I use. It is a TED talk about sustainable fashion from 5 years ago, but so relevant today https://youtu.be/xz-F2vmd_Mg?si=-pguH09SfZTjvt8M.
3. And we attended the KCG convention in September, where Amy Twigger Holroyd also talked about sustainable fashion, and led a workshop on joining pieces on the machine [part of our meeting today] <https://amytwiggerholroyd.com/>
<https://reknitrevolution.org/>

So, my first resolution is to continue with random acts of kindness, where I can, and not forget how pleasant strangers can be....

And my main resolution is the big one.

I am going to reduce my wardrobe. Susan Lazear speaks about the amount of clothing that is wasted, including by producers, but also by consumers, who wear a fraction of what they own.

I am compiling a list of what I need, rather than what I want or own. I will try to stick to this, and remove from my wardrobe [a fanciful term for the total mess upstairs in my house!] anything I do not wear.

I am also going to rationalise my craft supplies and makes. This means shedding a lot of cones of yarn, equipment and some of my previous garment makes. I will be visiting TWAM [see below under other information] to donate some of it, as well as charity shops and, of course, the club!

Part of this was inspired by my rejigging my workshop space to incorporate a sewing area, including a cutting space with a projector, so that I can project digital patterns, saving time and storage space. Which was partly why I was looking at Garment Designer again and Susan Lazear on YouTube.

I have not finished in any way, but already I can see how it must be, if I am going to be able to work on my knitting machines, sewing machines and weaving looms - the latter being idle for over two years, because of lack of space.

So, please wish me luck!

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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
Contact Pat at chairman@longbuckbymk.com

We have 3 machines, all Brother: KH950i, KH910, KH260
Garter Carriage model KG-88
2 x Ribber KR850

Suppliers

www.wools.co.uk - Uppingham Yarns

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

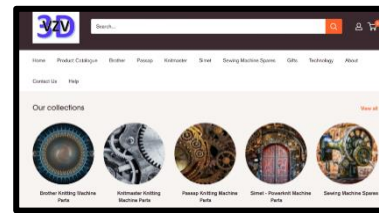
<https://www.yarnoncone.co.uk> Yarn on Cone

<https://woolyknit.com> Woolyknit

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

www.twam.uk is a good place to offload unwanted yarn, machines and accessories - they will send them to Africa to help people start up small businesses. Local centre in Rugby.

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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