

# Long Buckby Machine Knitters

## Newsletter



May

2024

## From the Editor



Welcome to our May newsletter.

Our meeting is in forum style, with two workshops - you can choose between them, or do your own thing!

The choice is between Knitting to Fit and Starting to Spin with a Drop Spindle. It will be helpful, especially for the spinning, to start promptly [ i.e. without the usual show and tell] so that we can utilise as much time as possible.

And next month we welcome Erica Thomson, who will speak and demonstrate on the topic of Sewing with Knitting. I am sure she will bring her 'shop' too.

### Advance Notice!!!!

We would also like to announce our December prize exhibition challenge for this year, which was an idea inspired by our April meeting. The challenge is to create a project starting from a photo or idea from the environment.

Next year's calendar

We need to start thinking about this soon, and would welcome ideas from members, including suggestions about speakers and topics.

Lynda  
[and Pat]

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## Calendar 2024

<b>LBMK calendar 2024</b>	<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>
<b>Date [all Mon]</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>8th Jan</b>	<b>Knitting in different directions</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends!</b>
<b>11th March***</b>	<b>Neil Collison – knitting machine maintenance ****</b>
<b>8th April</b>	<b>Inspiration from the environment</b>
<b>13th May</b>	<b>Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends!</b>
<b>10th June***</b>	<b>Erica Thomson – sewing machines for machine knitters</b>
<b>8th July</b>	<b>Yarn technology</b>
<b>12th Aug</b>	<b>Combining crafts</b>
<b>9th Sept ***</b>	<b>Claire Newberry – combining stitches</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends</b>
<b>11th Nov</b>	<b>Adapting hand knitting patterns for the knitting machine</b>
<b>9th Dec</b>	<b>AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES.      End of year celebration</b>

## Last Month

We had a small meeting, but a really enjoyable one, as we discussed how we would interpret various scenes from nature and the built environment in our knitting.

We exchanged design tips and tricks, and I, for one, learned plenty of new ideas.

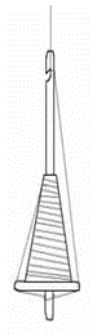
In particular, Jacqui recommended the website [Unsplash](#) which provides copyright free pictures [of which our cover photo is one].

And Sue suggested subscribing to Claire Newberry's Patreon account for her tutorials on DAK - which I did and can also recommend. [Claire Newberry's Knitting School | creating knitting machine, DAK9 tutorials & patterns | Patreon](#)

## May

Our meeting, as aforementioned, is divided into two workshops:

- Pat will demonstrate how to adjust knitting patterns to accommodate our body shape.



- Lynda will lead a begin to spin workshop - spindles and fibre provided, or bring what you have, if you want to

- For those who do not wish to do either, feel free to chat etc. as usual!



## OTHER EVENTS

### Machine Knitting

2-days of knowledge sharing  
'Gauging' level of interest



SUN 2- MON 3  
JUNE, 2024  
10.30 am-16.30 pm

Art at the Alex  
72-73 James Street  
RUGBY CV21 2SL

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Organised by  
**Jane Harrison**

**IF SUFFICIENT INTEREST  
THIS WILL OFFER  
£20 for two days  
(incl. tea/coffee),  
non-residential, (social  
meal as optional extra),  
CSMs welcome  
**ARE YOU INTERESTED?****



## OFF TOPIC

For anyone wondering why I have not included much machine knitting recently, there are several reasons.

One, I have not had a space to knit with my machine[s], but, at last, I can see them, as I have tidied the space. It still looks like a bomb site, but there is space to get through to the machines.

Two, I have ongoing visual issues - at this time of year the tree pollen gets to me, and it has affected my vision this year [for close work]. But it will get better and I hope to start knitting with the machine soon.

Meanwhile, it has been hand knitting, spinning and dressmaking for me. I want to start weaving again too, but the same problem as with the knitting machines applies - getting to the loom!

And, looking ahead, I will work on something for the August meeting, which will incorporate machine knitting, weaving, and crochet [if not other crafts] - I am planning to do the machine knitting cut and sew style, to ease myself back into knitting.

## 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  
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We have 2 machines, both Brother electronic  
2 x Ribber KR850

## Suppliers

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

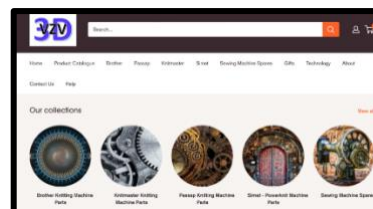
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<https://www.yarnoncone.co.uk> Yarn on Cone

<https://woolyknit.com> Woolyknit  
and this one deals in recycled fibres

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For 3d printed parts try <https://vzv3d.com/>



An advertisement for 'Totally Buttons'. The text on the left says: 'Totally Buttons', 'We stock over 5,000 different styles, colours and sizes - buy one button or a 1000 if required! Visit our shop, our website, call or email to see if we can help you find that perfect button.', 'Visit us at Unit 4-6 Anchor Springs, Littlehampton BN17 6BP', 'Tel: 01403 598014', and 'www.totallybuttons.com · Julie@totallybuttons.com'. On the right, there is a large, vibrant image of a pile of various buttons in different colors, sizes, and patterns, including a button with a Union Jack design.

## 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.

Claire Newberry is also fantastic - [Claire Newberry's Knitting School | creating knitting machine, DAK9 tutorials & patterns | Patreon](#) for DAK tutorials, and [Claire Newberry - YouTube](#)

<http://handymachineknitting.libsyn.com> is a regular podcast

<http://knitwords.blogspot.com/> is a blog

[www.twam.uk](http://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

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I would like to involve others in this newsletter, so please let me know of anything I can include

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