

Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter



June 2024

From the Editor



Welcome to our June newsletter.

We welcome Erica Thomson, who will speak and demonstrate on the topic of Sewing with Knitting. Do remember to bring some cash if you would like to buy from her travelling shop!

Advance Notice!!!!

Following the May meeting, we have decided to have a sideways knitting show and tell in October [our next forum meeting]. You can either bring something you have knitted already or make something before then. [you will be welcome without anything to show and tell, but it is nice to have a challenge!]

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.

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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	Inspiration 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

Last Month

This was another small gathering, but we achieved a lot within it. We had three people learning to spin on a drop spindle:



And we also had a demonstration of knitting techniques which aid fitting:

Holding position/ short rowing is used to make darts and inserts to allow for normal body shapes - as we are not all standard model shaped people!

June Meeting

This will be a talk and demonstration by Erica Thomson [[Erica Thomson](#)]

From her website

"Sewing Machine Techniques for Machine Knitters"

See how easy it is to use both machines together, with lots of practical information.

I am equally knowledgeable about knitting and sewing machines and in this talk I show how, by using both machines, they can complement each other and achieve very pleasing results. As almost everyone has access to a basic zigzag sewing machine, everything I demonstrate can be done using such a machine and machines with automatic stitches and overlockers are excluded. I aim to make the sewing machine more user-friendly and demonstrate, for example, how to sew up knitted garments using yarn through a large-eye needle or a twin needle. Depending on the size of the group and time available I also cover some or all of the following techniques: - (a) How to combine knitting with fabrics in garments such as T-shirts, casual cardigans and waistcoats (b) How to do alterations e.g. reshaping jumpers and shortening skirts, including shadow pleated skirts. (c) How to make buttonholes in knitting and sew on buttons. I will bring some sewing machine presser feet for sale - if you think you might like to purchase then it is helpful to bring along a presser foot from your own machine to check the fitting. Patterns, needles and haberdashery items will be available for purchase.

I am looking forward to this, particularly as I am interested in developing my 'cut and sew' techniques, but even for garments shaped on the machine there is opportunity to perfect finishing techniques with a sewing machine.

*****Don't forget to bring some cash for buying from Erica!*****

Around the Machine Knitting community

This article is from a lady after my own heart [think haphazard], who describes how she made her 'duster' jacket on her LK150 - but it is of interest to any machine knitter, I would think. The link is to her blog - at the time of writing the top article is the duster, but it may move down if she posts a lot!



<https://theinteriorofmybrain.com/>

And this lady is generally interesting for machine knitting information, as well as links to other sites:

alessandrina.com - machine knitting and more

OTHER EVENTS



OFF TOPIC

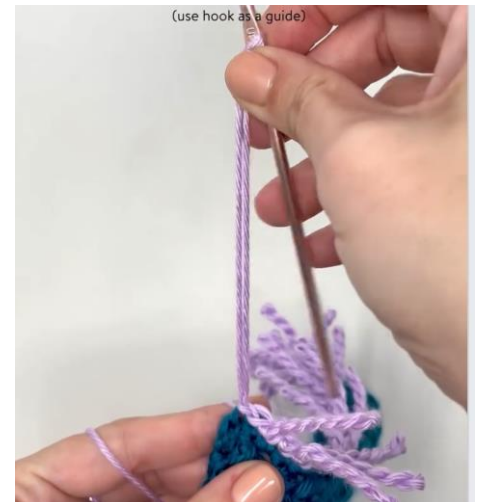
Exploring square based garments

Although this is primarily about woven garments, the ideas for garment construction could apply to knitting or crochet too. I find it fascinating!



And if you like twisted fringes, but don't like doing them, how about this? You use crochet to simply twist the fringe - no loose ends or messing about!

<https://fb.watch/srKgsYajHA/>



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 2 machines, both Brother electronic
2 x Ribber KR850

Suppliers

www.wools.co.uk - Uppingham Yarns

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

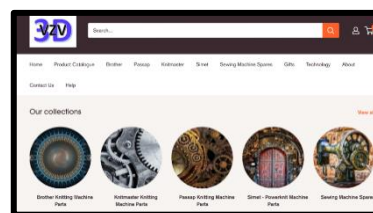
<https://www.yarnoncone.co.uk> Yarn on Cone

<https://woolyknit.com> Woolyknit

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A collection of various buttons in different colors, sizes, and patterns, including a Union Jack button. The buttons are arranged in a cluster, with some overlapping. The colors include brown, pink, blue, yellow, red, and black. The patterns include solid colors, polka dots, and a Union Jack.

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 find her on <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDxy6pQHAs4gd5XBztYWmw>
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 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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