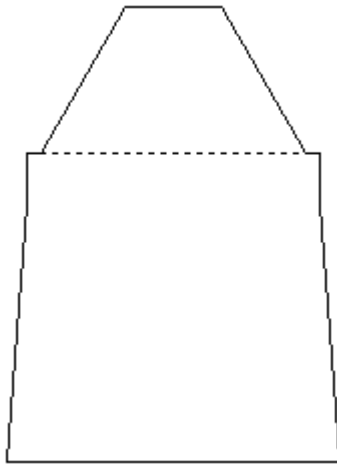


Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter



October 2025

From the Editor

Welcome to October!



This month's meeting is another elongated meeting to plan for next year. Like before, we will start at 12 for the planning meeting, and have the usual meeting at 2.

The theme is sourcing and making patterns.

We also have our annual electrical testing. If you need to have equipment PAT testing please ensure you bring the cables by 1.30 to have them tested. In particular, it might be worth having overlocker cables tested, in case we decide to retry a workshop!

The community centre now has a policy of keeping the doors locked, and has a doorbell at the entrance for users to alert the group inside so that they can let people in. Our meetings take place in the Upper Hall, and there is a doorbell labelled as such, on left side of the door.

You can also use a code to enter during the times we have booked the centre only. If you have not got the code, ask us for it.

They also ask for your care as you leave, as the white button operates the door, but the emergency exit button is also there, which you should not use.

Lynda
[and Pat]

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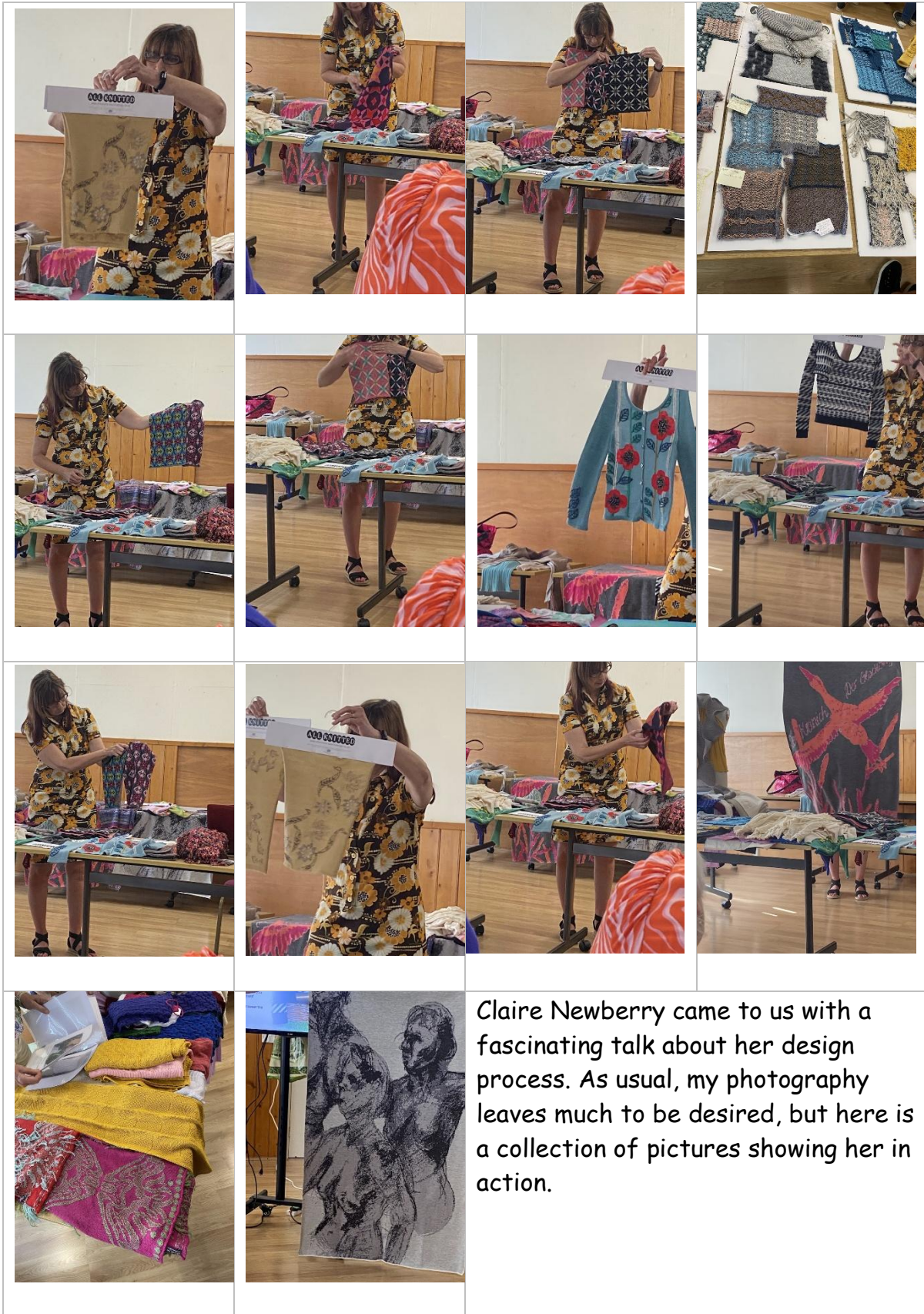
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Calendar 2025

LBMK calendar 2025	<p>All meetings are from 2pm to 4pm, [except where stated] 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
13th Jan	Felting
10 th Feb	Machine Knitting Forum - buttons + knitting to fit
10th March***	Bill King basic cards/jacquard/brioche/lace + taster sessions in Dorset buttons, drop spindle spinning, crochet bunting, jewellery making, raglan top down + bring and buy 11.00-16.00
14th April	Cut and sew, inc projector cutting
12th May	Machine Knitting Forum - crochet/ hk /mk borders
19 th May	Overlocker group sew – bring your machine and share the experience – 10.30-14.30
9th June***	Erica Thomson - embellishment
14th July	Finishing – edges, seams , steaming
11th Aug	Machine Knitting Forum – crochet/hk/mk embellishments e.g. flowers
8th Sept ***	Claire Newberry – design process
13 th Oct	Making patterns from different sources – HK patterns/dressmaking patterns/existing garments
10th Nov	Machine Knitting Forum – wire knitting
8th Dec	AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES. End of year celebration

Last Month



Claire Newberry came to us with a fascinating talk about her design process. As usual, my photography leaves much to be desired, but here is a collection of pictures showing her in action.

October Meeting

Before the usual meeting, we will have a planning meeting to firm up next year's calendar. We agreed to have three 'threads' running through the year:

- Forum style meetings, where we can ask for and demonstrate briefly any technique issues which arise
- Basics - a reminder of basic techniques
- More formal sessions, including outside speakers

We reduced the number of speakers to two, and hope to welcome Claire Newberry and Lynette's husband, who will demonstrate machine maintenance. All are welcome to this meeting, between 12 and 1.30. Bring your lunch!

The main meeting is about patterns. Lola will be talking about adjusting patterns to fit, and we will look at various ways of obtaining or designing patterns.

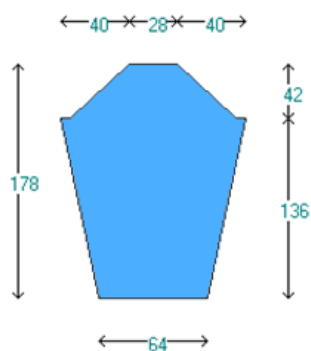
Sourcing patterns is one of the main issues we are frequently asked to comment about. These can be obtained by:

- Searching for patterns on Facebook or Ravelry [or other social media]
- Pattern designers' websites
- Machine Knitting monthly
- Old Brother and Knitmaster books
- Adapting existing patterns e.g. hand knitting
- Using pattern shapes e.g. dressmaking patterns or existing garments to create a pattern - which could be used on a charting device, or as a basis for a written pattern with calculations.
- Using software: this are links to previous newsletters, where I looked at different programs <https://longbuckbymk.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/182aa-jan2021.pdf> - and <https://longbuckbymk.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/eba05-june2020.pdf> [this second link has more information about pattern sources, too] and since then, I have also tried [KnitsThatFit Sweaters and Cardigans App - KnitsThatFit - Apps for custom knitting patterns](#) which is a reasonably priced app for iPhone or iPad, and one which works quite well, certainly as a starting point for a pattern
- I have summarized the various software possibilities on the next page:

Designaknit	Windows	DesignaKnit and Fittingly Sew textile pattern design software	£200-300
Garment Designer	Windows and Mac	Garment Designer Software - Cochenille Design Studio	£150-200
Knitware	windows	No longer available	
SweaterMaker	Windows	No longer available	
KnitsThatFit	I-phone and I-pad	KnitsThatFit Sweaters and Cardigans App - KnitsThatFit - Apps for custom knitting patterns	£14.99
Sweater pattern generator	Web based	Sweaters - Knittingfool	free
Knit Anything	Web based	Design your own knitting pattern Knit for Your body shape	Free for some patterns

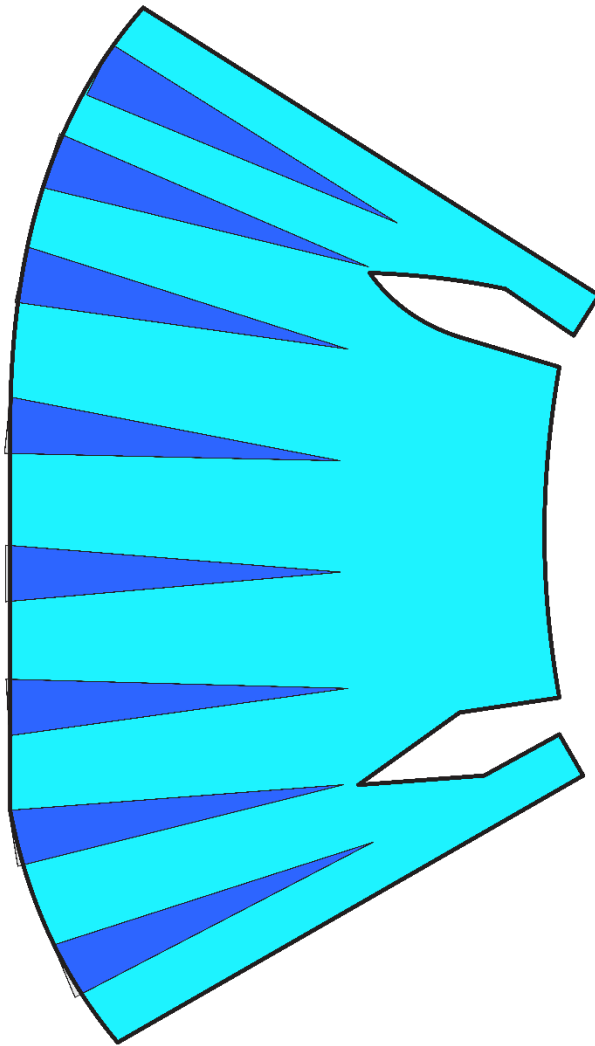
I have two hand knitting projects on the go at the moment, which I will present as possibilities for machine knitting at the meeting.

The first is an adaptation of the [Cascade pattern](#) I made during the lockdown. This has a waterfall front, which does not suit everyone, but I used the basic idea to reuse some hemp yarn I rewound from an old cardigan. The rough pattern for the handknit is here, but I will expand on it in the meeting.



Sleeve. Cast on 64 sts. In every 6th row to 108st. 17 inches

Cap cast off 5 sts each end, then 1/1x15, 1/2x5, 1/1x15. 28sts rem.



Front

Cast on 200 sts. K6 rows garter stitch.
Knit 30 rows stocking stitch.

Knit godet. [Godet: knit 130 sts. Part rows back 10 sts each time. 26 rows.]

Shape armhole. [60 rows + godet]

- Cast off 20sts. purl 1 row. Cast off 20sts. purl 1 row.
- Knit 24 rows stocking stitch, decreasing 1 sts at armhole each row. Knit 4 rows.
- **Knit godet.** Knit 4 rows stocking stitch
- Knit 24 rows stocking stitch, increasing 1 sts at armhole each row.
- Cast on 20 sts. purl 1 row. Cast on 20 sts. purl 1 row.

Back

Knit godet.

Knit 40 rows stocking stitch

Knit godet.

Knit 40 rows stocking stitch

Knit godet

Knit 40 rows stocking stitch

Shape armhole [inc **godet**] [60 rows + godet]

Front

Knit godet

Knit 30 rows stocking stitch. Knit 6 rows garter stitch

The second project is a shawl, which I have knitted before, and is a crescent shape: the pattern is on Ravelry, but the link to the actual pattern is

<http://garnomera.wordpress.com/2013/03/10/pyttipanna-in-english/>

Suppliers

www.wools.co.uk - Uppingham Yarns -

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

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

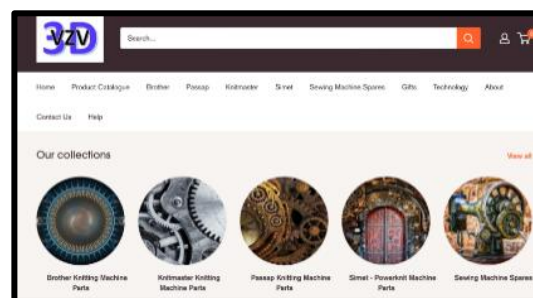
<https://woolyknit.com> Woolyknit

and this one deals in recycled fibres

<https://www.iinouiiio.com/>

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

[Buttons - High Quality Buttons For Sale - Totally Buttons](#)



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](#)

Repairs by Neil Collison [Knitting Machine Repairs](#)

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.



KNITTING &
CROCHET GUILD

The Knitting and Crochet Guild is also a good source of information and much more:

www.kcguild.org.uk

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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