

Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter



December 2025

From the Editor



Welcome to December

Our final meeting of the year is a celebration. Please bring items you have made for display/show and tell. There will be a prize [a trophy and placemat] for the most popular machine knitted entry chosen by the members, but any craft items are welcome for the display.

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.

And the centre also requests that you do not park in the doctor's surgery car park [I doubt anyone does but mention it anyway]. You are also asked to beware of pedestrians' rights when parking at the front of the centre.

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[and Pat]

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Calendar 2026

LBMK calendar 2026	All meetings are from 2pm to 4pm, and doors are open from 1.30pm. Membership fee: annual £5, plus £3 for most meetings, £5 for those with visiting speaker [marked with ***] Guest fees: £5 most meetings, £7 for those with visiting speaker. Tea/coffee and biscuits included
Date [all Mon]	Topic
12th Jan	Back to basics – casting on and off and using tools
9th Feb	Forum – accessories [including embellishment/overlocking/crochet/fringing, cord winding etc.]
9th March***	Servicing and Maintenance - John
13th April	10.00-13.00 overlocker workshop
13th April	Back to basics – finishing – seams, shoulders, Kitchener stitch
11th May	Forum – circular yokes
8th June	Lace
13th July	Back to basics – bands, buttonholes and pockets
10th Aug	Forum -sideways knitting
14th Sept ***	Claire Newberry – ribber – basics/set up/circular knitting/different ribs/ fisherman's rib/ racking/ increasing and decreasing/ double jacquard
12th Oct	Back to basics – stitch formation [and fixing errors] /knitweave
9th Nov	Forum – socks and gloves
14th Dec	Annual celebration

Last Month

We had a variety of things going on at last month's forum meeting.
Show and tell:



Lots of Christmas socks [featured this month in MKM] including fair isle patterns and a beautiful cardigan. The garter carriage blanket was also interesting as we had Kathy's garter carriage demonstration.

I demonstrated wire knitting, much better demonstration available at [Erica Thomson - Knitting With Wire](#). I included sources for wire and more interesting uses for it in my worksheet [for a hand knitting workshop] here <https://longbuckbymk.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/wire-knitting-3.pdf>

Also on show was a very old knitting machine [over 100 years!] being restored by John.

December Meeting



Our annual celebration. Show and Tell/ Display/ Refreshments/ Chat

Bring something to show and tell - it doesn't have to be machine knitting.

3d printing

Useful for spares on occasion [see <https://vzv3d.com/>] but also for new ideas.



I found this link [1x14 Needles Adjustable Transfer Tool \(4.5 mm Knitting Machines\) · STL File for 3D printing · Cults](#), which might be of interest if you have access to a 3d printer - this one costs a small amount, and requires two 7 needle transfer tools, but there are quite a few free patterns available on various sites, for example:

[Parametric LK150 Knitting Machine Transfer Tool by Danny](#)

[Dawson | Download free STL model | Printables.com](#)

[Search Thingiverse - Thingiverse](#) this probably has the most
[Thangs | Free and paid 3D model community](#)

Off Topic

I continue to use my sideways knitted cardigan idea - this one was hand knitted in DK [actually 2 strands of 4 ply, Drops Alpaca and Fabel].



It worked out really well for me, but the main success was that I knitted the sleeves down from the armholes. I have never done this before. It was much easier than I thought, and much neater than my other methods - this link explains it really well [Set-In Sleeves from the Top Down — sweaterequity](#)

Even better, this technique would be so easy on the machine. You would need a side seam, which I don't have on my sideways knit, but it could be done, and then the

instructions would be identical to hand knitting, but quicker and easier.

Suppliers

www.wools.co.uk - Uppingham Yarns -

[https://yeoman-yarns.co.uk/](http://yeoman-yarns.co.uk/) Yeoman Yarns

[https://www.yarnoncone.co.uk](http://www.yarnoncone.co.uk) Yarn on Cone

[https://woolyknit.com](http://woolyknit.com) Woolyknit

and this one deals in recycled fibres

[https://www.iinouii.com/](http://www.iinouii.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.



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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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