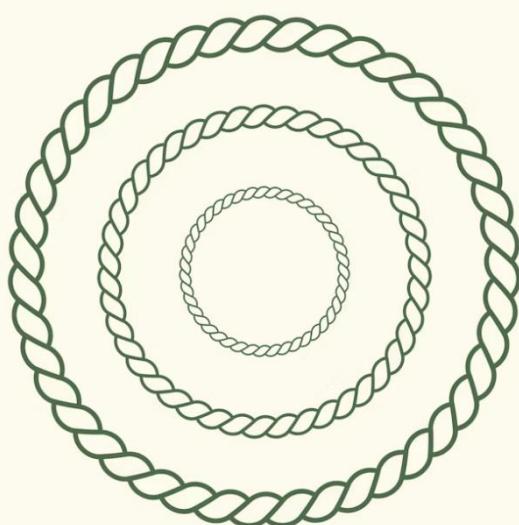


Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter



February 2026

From the Editor



Welcome to our February meeting

This month is a forum, in which we have show and tell, discussion and a variety of demonstrations. In particular, we are showing a variety of winding equipment, twisting and embellishing and punch card production [possibly with a Cricut machine].

As usual, we will start at 2 pm, but we would ask you to arrive before that time, if possible, as we like to begin promptly. We welcome visitors from 1.30 onwards.

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.

Lynda
[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 an active meeting in January, starting our back-to-basics theme with demonstration of various cast on methods and a few ways to cast off. We used both Brother standard gauge and the LK150.

I showed some items I had printed on my new 3d printer and will continue to do this at later meetings. If members would like something printed, I can do this, subject to the time involved, for a donation to the club funds.

February meeting

This will be a mixture of show and tell, discussion and demonstrations. These may include [but not limited to these]:

Winding and twisting

Using a yarn winder:

Royal Jumbo winder shown here <https://youtu.be/dHTHUUy1u20>



3d printed yarn winder - economical use of filament, useful for small amounts of yarn. [estimated cost around £2-3]

[Yarn-O-Matic: yarn winder - Free 3D Print Model - MakerWorld](#)

Using a cone winder:

Dreaming Robots electric cone winder review here

<https://youtu.be/BSU0QcNnO6Q>



3d printed hand wound cone winder: a complex print, but works reasonably well: [Cone winder for CSM by Yarnico](#) | Download free STL model | [Printables.com](#)

Estimated cost around £8

<https://youtu.be/gNAOwaLsMQs> shows one working

Using a nostepinne

This is used for making a centre-pull ball by hand. The result is not well suited to machine knitting, but is useful for hand knitting.

<https://youtu.be/mwBAKqbOYwc>

Using a swift

For winding balls or cones from a skein of yarn.

They can be horizontal, as the one pictured below, or vertical. There is also a variety 'umbrella swift' which will fold down, and can be used either vertically or horizontally.

These are pictures of the same swift, with different supports [clamp vs stand]: it was 3d printed from this source [Amish Yarn Swift \(Collapsible\) - Free 3D Print Model - MakerWorld](#) estimated cost around £4



Embellishing

Needle felting/punching

Punch card preparation

Sally Butcher explains about the cards themselves

<https://youtu.be/h1PtIGUKdro>

Punch card machines

Manual

Mechanical <https://youtu.be/4bye3SqxvBo>

Cricut.

video of this here https://youtu.be/f8_By2VtSeE

Suppliers

Andee Knits Knitting Machines, Accessories and Hand Knitting Supplies.
for machines, parts and much more

www.wools.co.uk - Uppingham Yarns -

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

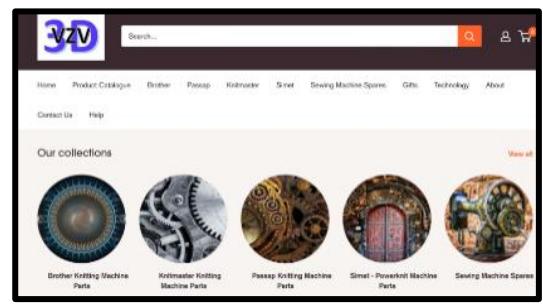
https://www.yarnoncone.co.uk Yarn on Cone

https://woolyknit.com Woolyknit

and this one deals in recycled fibres

https://www.iinouii.com/

For 3d printed parts try https://vzv3d.com/
Buttons - High Quality Buttons For Sale - Totally Buttons



Other information

For free downloads of manuals and pattern books go to https://mkmanuals.com/ or Machine Knitting Manuals and Documents | Free Downloads [which points in the same direction, but, for some reason, is more dependable]

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
administrator@longbuckbymk.com please include LBMK in the subject