

Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter



March 2026

From the Editor



Welcome to our March meeting

This month we welcome John, with a talk and demonstration about maintenance of knitting machines. [Just in time for spring cleaning!]
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. **Please get here early if you are bringing something for repair, so that we can start promptly at 2.**

And a reminder that April's meeting has an extra morning session on overlockers - if you want to come, please ensure you have registered your interest by email to Pat [chairman@longbuckbymk.com] by March 31 st . The cost will be £7 for the morning, and you should bring your own overlocker, if you have one, PAT tested, and lunch!
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And a heads-up about the KCG convention in September - see below for more information.

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	<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
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

Knitting and Crochet Guild

As we described in October, Pat and I attended last year's Convention, and a few members were interested in attending this year.

If you are one of those interested, read on:

Friday September 4th - Sunday September 6th are the dates of the Convention, which will be held at Eastwood Hall, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Nottingham NG16 3SS; www.eastwood-hall.co.uk. The cost is £350 with full board.

You need to be a KCG member to take part, and now would be a good time to join, as applications for the Convention take place early in April and it is usually oversubscribed. www.kcguild.org.uk

Last month

This was a forum meeting, and we started with a show and tell, including a discussion on circular yoke knitting, as well as Kathy's experiments with the garter carriage and Pat's request for help in translating a hand knit pattern to machine knitting. We also welcomed Elspeth May, the KCG branch coordinator, who showed us her intarsia neck scarf in a wonderful colour combination.

Then we had various demonstrations:

Punch Card preparation

Cricut.



Lynette showed us how to make a punchcard design and print/cut it on her Cricut Joy.

video of this here

https://youtu.be/f8_By2VtSeE

Embellishing



Pat demonstrated her Janome Embellisher machine - a video is here

<https://youtu.be/J6Kv8g2bE1Y>



Cord making

Pat showed how to make a cord with the Anna Crutchley cord twister [Cordtwister - Anna Crutchley](#)

Photo is shown of Anna Crutchley with her cord twister - not Pat, as I was otherwise engaged when she was doing her demo!

Winding and twisting

I demonstrated a few different models - including some 3d printed ones.below].

Using a yarn winder:

Royal Jumbo winder shown here <https://youtu.be/dHTHUUy1u20> . I demonstrated using it, some members had difficulty, mainly because of threading issues.



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/qNAOwaLsMQs> 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.

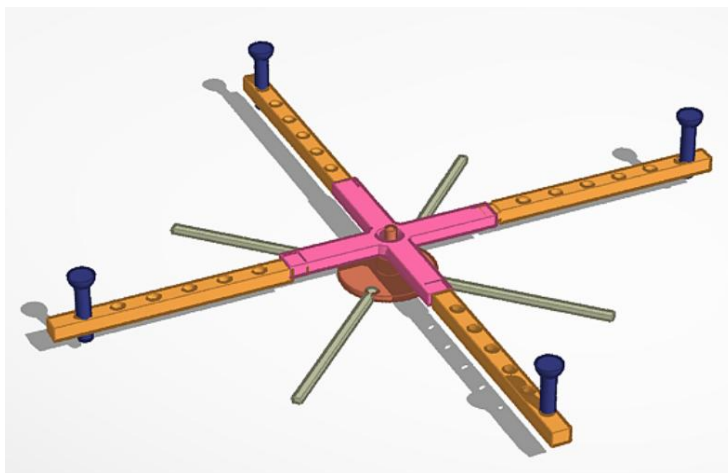
<https://youtu.be/mwBAKqbOYwc>

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



Since printing these I redesigned a swift of my own, the design in Tinkercad looked like this

3d printing

I was asked to include details of my printer and other sources, so here goes:

I have this machine: [Elegoo Centauri Carbon | Best High-Speed CoreXY 3D Printer - ELEGOO UK](#)

And I use ElegooSlicer [ELEGOO SatelLite 3D Slicer - ELEGOO Official](#) to prepare the models for printing. I was lucky enough to have my son to help with setup, but I think this just saved me time - once I started, I learned quite quickly. I did have one or two failures/practice models, but have largely enjoyed the results. My machine arrived on December 23rd last year, and, after 2 months, I have almost got through my original 4kg of PLA filament.

There are multiple sites where you can download free [or sometimes reasonably priced] files for printing, some of which I have included below.

[Thingiverse - Digital Designs for Physical Objects](#)

[3D models database | Printables.com](#)

[Cults · Download free 3D printer models · STL, OBJ, 3MF, CAD](#)

[MakerWorld: Download Free 3D Models](#)

[yeggi - 3D Printer Models Search Engine](#)

I used other people's models from these sites to begin with, and most were successful. I wanted to design my own models, partly because most free designs are restricted to personal use, and partly because I like designing!

I use TinkerCad to make my own designs - it is free, fairly easy to learn, and probably sufficient for most people. www.tinkercad.com. It has taken me about a month to learn enough to feel really confident in my designs, but most of that was getting used to 3d on a 2d screen! Have a go at something simple to start with.

Today

We welcome John, who will demonstrate/talk about machine maintenance. Members can bring in items for simple repair etc.

He volunteers at TWAM [We send tools to Africa | Tools with a Mission | Recycling tools | England](#) and services machines for them.

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

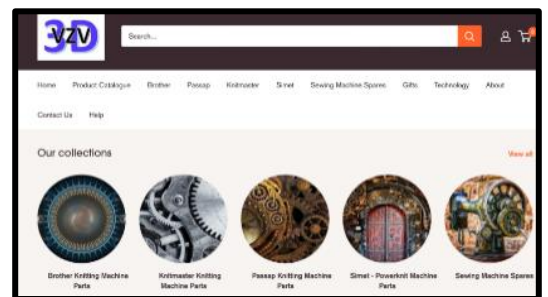
<https://www.yarnoncone.co.uk> Yarn on Cone

<https://woolyknit.com> Woolyknit

and this one deals in recycled fibres

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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.

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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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