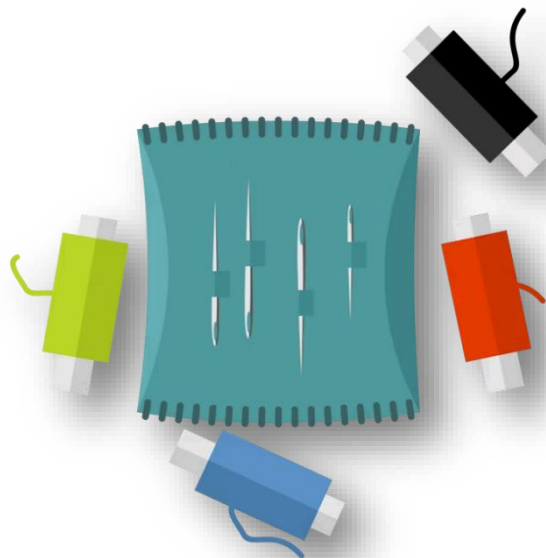


Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter



April 2026

From the Editor



Welcome to our April meeting

We have an extended meeting this month, starting with a workshop in the morning. The afternoon meeting will start at the usual time, 2pm, although we will be there from 1pm if you want to come early.

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

We welcomed John Briscoe, who showed us how to look after our machines. John volunteers at TWAM [We send tools to Africa | Tools with a Mission | Recycling tools | England](#) and services machines for them. **He can service knitting and sewing machines, and can be contacted via email jbxxx@sky.com .**

Starting with daily or weekly cleaning he moved on to a full clean, when he used various cleaning fluids which can be obtained on the internet. He kindly sent photographs of the fluids so that we could source them. Then John gave a problem carriage a deep clean, pointing out the various levers and flippers that can seize up. At the end of the demonstration, we all felt more confident about caring for our machines and there was one very happy member who went home with a carriage that worked!

He has kindly shared his preferred cleaning products:



For cleaning and general lubrication

For when you need a heavier lubricant such as ribber brackets



For getting more fluff out of difficult places



Alternative lubricant



For degreasing and general cleaning



For cleaning plastics



Same as heavy lubricant but leaves a dry film.

April meeting

Morning workshop: overlocking, practice without a tutor, self-help style

<https://education.thesewingcollection.com/course?courseid=intro-to-your-serger> this links to a free beginner course - you need to subscribe to get it.

<https://youtu.be/uj51sfMqsZ0?si=8Dww9LuPOp4E8WVT> this is another free beginners' course, on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/UpyzPheUuQY?si=EygqtXrR5XljJxKW> this shows a few beginners' tips

Afternoon meeting: finishing touches- seams/ shoulders/ kitchener stitch

<https://youtu.be/VWqqOGGP5co?si=vYoqZutSLPvJ6M41> Joining seams on the machine

<https://youtu.be/V7o+DNGJXXU?si=CPQ8WV16uHnHkSSo> Shoulder shaping

https://youtu.be/9DxHy6NGek8?si=THp38n_sMYdYIHNV Kitchener stitch

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

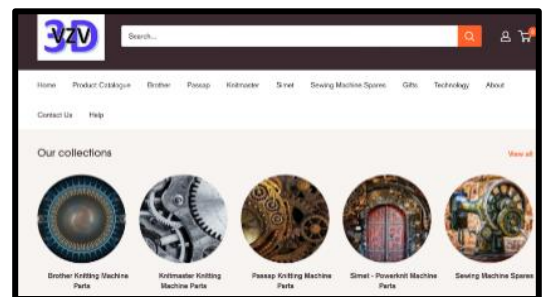
<https://www.yarnoncone.co.uk> Yarn on Cone

<https://woolyknit.com> Woolyknit

and this one deals in recycled fibres

<https://www.iinouiiio.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.

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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.



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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