

Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter



May 2026

From the Editor



Welcome to our May meeting

The theme is circular yokes, although it is a forum meeting, so there may be other demonstrations.

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

Last month

We had a morning workshop on overlocking. We looked at a variety of overlockers, and had two demonstrations: Pat on cut and sew necklines, and Kathy on rolled edges.

In the afternoon we had our usual show and tell.



We also discussed how the club would proceed in the event that Pat or I stopped what we do. The outcome was that either the club would fold, and the material assets would be donated to TWAM, with the financial assets being divided between TWAM and KCG; or someone else might take over the running of the club. Members asked for us to provide some 'job descriptions' which will be shared at a later date.

Lola demonstrated some joining on the machine:



Pat showed us how to integrate a pocket into our knitting:

Ladder Pockets

This method produces a single thickness pocket invisibly joined to the garment.

The pocket is knitted before the garment and joined to the garment as it is knitted.



Sample

Pocket

1. Put 14sts. either side of centre 0 in work position. (28 sts. in all)
2. Push back 3rd needle from each end to non work position.
3. Using main tension cast on with waste yarn. Knit 10 rows.
4. Change to main yarn. Row counter 000 knit 30 rows.
5. Using waste yarn knit 10 rows. Release from machine.

Garment Piece

1. Put 25 sts. either side of centre 0 to WP. (50sts in all)
2. Cast on by hand at main tension. Knit 20 rows. Carriage at right.
3. Pick up sts. in 1st row of main yarn of pocket onto 14sts either side of centre 0. (St 12 each side of centre 0 will have 1st loops of ladder). Make sure that as the pocket hangs down the right side of the knitting is facing you. RC 000.
4. Knit 1 row. Carriage at left. Hook up 1st loop of ladder onto needles 12 right and left side.
5. Repeat every row until row counter reads 30.
6. Put needles 15-25 either side of centre into hold position.
7. Remove main yarn but do not break off. Set machine to hold.
8. Using waste yarn knit a few rows on centre 28sts. Remove waste yarn and knit 1 row to remove these 28sts from machine. Carriage at right.
9. Fill 28 empty needles with the loops of the last row knitted in main yarn on pockets. Sts. 12 either side of centre will be filled with loop of stitch from row below.
10. Rethread main yarn. Set machine to knit back from hold.
11. Knit 20 rows and cast off.

Pocket Band

1. MT - 1 cast on 28sts. in waste yarn. Knit 6 rows.
2. Change to Main Yarn. Knit 10 rows at MT -1.
3. Knit 1 row at MT + 1
4. Knit 10 rows at MT - 1.
5. Hook up 1st row in main yarn. Knit 1 row at MT.
6. Right sides together hook up sts. in last row MY on pocket opening.
7. Knit 1 row MT and cast off behind pegs.

Carefully stitch sides of pocket band to main garment.
The pocket band can also be knitted in rib or mock rib.

Abbreviations

WP- Work position

MT- Main tension.

MY- Main yarn.

May meeting

This will be a forum meeting, the main theme being yokes.

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

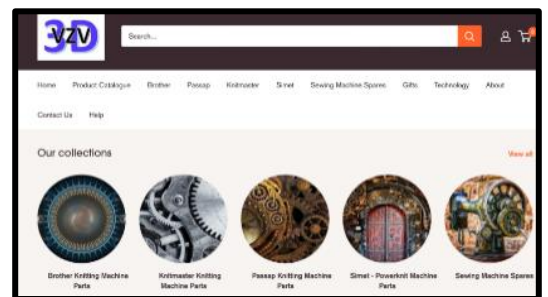
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For 3d printed parts try <https://vzv3d.com/>
[Buttons - High Quality Buttons For Sale - Totally Buttons](#)



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](#) or

John Briscoe jbxxx@sky.com

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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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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