

Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter - October 2026

Silver Reed LK150

Please note that the lift is out of order for the foreseeable future so the next couple of meetings we will be in a downstairs room.

Please enter via the front door and bring your own refreshments.

Welcome to our October newsletter.

As we cannot carry our standard gauge machines and accessories down the stairs and then back up again afterwards we have decided to use the lightweight plastic mid gauge machine to demonstrate some techniques that may be of interest to you. Even if you don't own one of these fantastic machines I'm sure you will find it interesting. These techniques can easily be transferred to other machines you may have like the Brother Convertibles.

There will be some donated coned yarn for sale so bring some cash along.

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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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 – LK150 - mid gauge tips and techniques
9th Nov	Forum – socks and gloves
14th Dec	Annual celebration

Last Month 🥰

We enjoyed the company of Claire Newberry who showed us some wonderful techniques using the ribber.

I have added some pictures for you to have a look at on the website.
This is the link. <https://longbuckbymk.com/pictures/>

Useful YouTube video and website links:

Bands

<https://youtu.be/INS9gkMWNg0> - shows knitting a button band on the LK150

<https://youtu.be/31dLxapW9VA> - for a V neckband

Buttonholes

<https://youtu.be/Z4FOnE5YkCc>

Suppliers

<https://andeeknits.co.uk/> - for machines, parts and much more

<http://www.wools.co.uk/> - Uppingham Yarns

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

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

<https://woolyknit.com/> - Wooly Knit

<https://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk> - Wool Warehouse

and this one deals in recycled fibres <https://www.iinouio.com/>

For 3d printed parts try <https://vzv3d.com/>

<https://www.totallybuttons.com/> - For buttons

Other Information

For free downloads of manuals and pattern books go to <https://mkmanuals.com/> or <https://www.knititnow.com/ManualAndDocuments/> (which points in the same direction but for some reason is more dependable).

Videos and Instructions

Sally Butcher has a [Kalamunda Crafts](#) on Facebook. Sally is an inspiring machine knitter with lots of ideas and videos to keep you busy. You can also find her here - [Sally Butcher YouTube](#)
Well done Sally, a marvellous resource.

Claire Newberry is also fantastic - <https://knittingschool.co.uk> for DAK tutorials and YouTube videos here - [Claire Newberry YouTube](#)

Repairs

Neil Collison - <https://knittingmachinerepairs.co.uk>

John Briscoe - jbxxx@sky.com or Facebook

Recycling

Tools With A Mission 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 new businesses or learn a new trade. Local Centre is 6 Paynes Lane, Rugby. They also accept any unwanted tools, gardening, electric, carpentry etc.

Joining and Meeting

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. secretary@longbuckbymk.com please include LBMK in the subject title.