Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter - November 2026

Socks & Gloves

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 November newsletter.

This month we are going to be demonstrating how to make socks and gloves. Ever wanted to make these, then come along and learn how to.

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

Last Month

A very good session starting with show and tell.

Pat showed us some lovely jackets using the plating technique.
Kathy had made some lovely bags and some examples of plating on the ribber with cable twists.
Lynda had some examples of plating using tuck stitch.

Other show and tells were cowls, shawls and wraps plus various tops made my members.

This was followed by a demonstration by Lynda of plating on the LK150, a technique that I didn't know was possible on this little versatile machine.

Pat showed us the how to make her bandana/neckerchief by demonstrating the icord start and finish plus increases and decreases. The pattern for this is on the website https://longbuckbymk.com/accessories/

I was wearing a waistcoat that I had made using an icord cast on with a hand manipulated lace to make a pointed edge, this was demonstrated on the LK150.

Pictures on the website. https://longbuckbymk.com/pictures/

Useful YouTube video and website links:

Bands

https://youtu.be/lNS9gkMWNg0 - 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.iinouiio.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.