Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter - December 2026

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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 December newsletter.

Our December meeting is a celebration of the year, with a prize for the knitted item most popular with attendees – remember to bring your entry. In addition we will have food and drink and will share next years calendar with you.

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.

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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Last Month

A very good session starting with show and tell.

Beautiful bag sewn by Kath

Long socks knitted by Claire

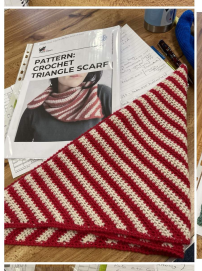



Striped cardigan by Claire

Cable waistcoat by Sue




Crochet scarf and crocodile fingerless gloves by Pat.





Knitted fingerless gloves by Pat.

Advent calendar by Kathy.




Inside the advent calendar and hat made by Kathy on garter carriage.




Machine knitted socks by Lynette

Scarf knitted by Sue




Socks:

During the show and tell everyone shared how they make their socks. Some of us make them flat and seam the sides. Others use a circular sock machine or use the circular function on a machine with a ribber. There are many YouTube videos which will explain all different methods. I prefer the ones by Diana Sullivan, this is the link for her channel.

Gloves:

Pat demonstrated how to make gloves on the machine.



There is some needle manipulation but once you get the hang of moving the stitches this becomes very easy. The pattern is on the website and can be found here.



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

https://youtube.com/@dianaknits?si=xU3xtRjXvYbDURTP - for socks

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.