

Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter

February 2024



From the Editor



Welcome to our February newsletter.

This is an open forum meeting, and we invite you to make requests for demonstrations in advance.

We are planning to bring lots of winding and twisting equipment and will demonstrate that. See below for more information.

We still have lots for sale and will add more yarn each time.

If you are planning to bring machine parts for Neil Collison to diagnose at the March meeting, it might be worth letting us know. We are not aware of a lift repair yet and are considering if we can move the meeting downstairs to make access easier.

Meanwhile, check out this video - a wonderful animation about the healing powers of knitting https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/26/opinion/knitting-healing.html?unlocked_article_code=1.JE0.BsYx.R1ElG9cntJIK&smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare

but be aware that, since I started writing this, the link now requires you to sign up for their free newsletter: when I did this I did get lots of emails, but you can sign up, watch the video, then unsubscribe!

This is a link to a trailer for it <https://youtu.be/S9VqlIISZyY>

More information about the maker is here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-68060289>

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Calendar 2024

LBMK calendar 2024	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
8th Jan	Knitting in different directions
12 th Feb	Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends!
11th March***	Neil Collison – knitting machine maintenance ****
8th April	Patterns from the environment
13th May	Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends!
10th June***	Erica Thomson – sewing machines for machine knitters
8th July	Yarn technology
12th Aug	Combining crafts
9th Sept ***	Claire Newberry – combining stitches
14 th Oct	Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends
11th Nov	Adapting hand knitting patterns for the knitting machine
9th Dec	AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES. End of year celebration

**** Neil has kindly offered to look at any machine knitting parts which are causing issues, except for garter carriages, during the session.

Last Month

January's meeting was definitely a good start to the year. Despite the lift being out of order [for the foreseeable future], we managed to bring more items for sale and quite a few bargains were struck!

We looked at knitting in different directions, which is really knitting in one direction, but making it up in different directions! Our show and tell was distinctly thematic, and we considered ways of combining pieces of knitting. Pat demonstrated the Hague linker, of which we had one to sell, and it did!

February Meeting

As this is a 'forum' style meeting, we have no distinct theme. The idea is to give us time to discuss/show/demonstrate any technique on request [but we ask you to let us know beforehand, so we can prepare]

I anticipate the lift still being out of order, but if this causes anyone difficulty, please let us know, we can try to help if possible.

March Meeting

We are delighted to welcome Neil Collison to this meeting: he will address the issues of machine maintenance and repair and has offered to look at any MK parts which are causing concern [apart from garter carriages, which are more time consuming].

Winding and Twisting

We have small yarn winders for sale, but most of us use larger ones.

My favourite is the Royal Jumbo, which can, in theory wind 500g, but I would not like to test this. It uses a centre cone screw in insert, which I tend to leave in the wound cakes rather than using the centre pull facility.

I also have a Strauch ball winder, which I like aesthetically, and which I use to wind hand spun yarn, but I think is not so great with finer yarns for machine knitting - maybe my technique, however!



And my other centre pull ball winder is the nostepinne, of which I have several <https://woolery.com/using-a-nostepinne/> shows how to use one

But my latest acquisition is an Electric Eel cone winder, which is brilliant for winding cones:



<https://www.dreamingrobots.com/product/eew-cone-winder/>

There is a video of it in use here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1ny8ZF-5S0&t=45s&pp=ygUPZWV3IGNvbmUgd2luZGVy>

Pat will also be showing her cord maker, shown here being used by Anna Crutchley

<http://www.annacrutchley.co.uk/cordtwister/>

and, on a similar note, I will bring two tools for twisting fringes, one manual and quite expensive, the other one electric and cheap -this links to Amazon, where there are plenty of options



For Sale

Brother Electroknit Machine	KH965	£500
Ribbing attachment	KR850	£300
Knitleader	<u>KL116</u>	£30
Colour Changer	KHC820A	£40
Intarsia carriage	KA8210	£40
Linker	KA8310	£50
Knitting machine table (collapsible)		£20
Assorted ribber weights and accessories		£10
Instruction Books		
Video instructions for electronic machine		
Hague Linker		

I would be pleased to accept any reasonable offers for the above if anyone is interested.

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Club Sales

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We have 3 machines, all Brother: KH950i, KH910, KH260
Garter Carriage model KG-88
2 x Ribber KR850

Suppliers

www.wools.co.uk - Uppingham Yarns

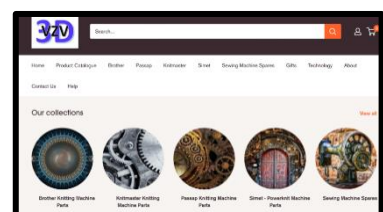
<https://yeoman-yarns.co.uk/> Yeoman Yarns

<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/>



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Other information

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 now she has her own YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDxy6pQHAs4gd5XBztYWmw>

which is well worth a visit. Well done, Sally, a marvellous resource.

<http://handymachineknitting.libsyn.com> is a regular podcast

<http://knitwords.blogspot.com/> is a blog

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.

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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