# Long Buckby Machine Knitters

# New/letter



# March 2024

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#### From the Editor

Welcome to our March newsletter.



First, some sad news. Doris Worral, a long time very regular member, has died, and will be missed by all members who knew her. We will be thinking about her at future

meetings - she was always interested in knitting and learning new skills. Here she is [left] pictured with Sue Booth and Brenda.



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This month's meeting is about maintenance, and we are delighted to welcome Neil Collison to demonstrate basic care for your machine and more.... If you want to bring items for him to diagnose, please let us know before the meeting. In addition, he could bring sponge bars for members to buy [cash only] - please let us know if you are interested.

And a bit of good news - the lift is back in order [for those who did not make it to the last meeting]

Lynda [and Pat]

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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]	Торіс		
8th Jan	Knitting in different directions		
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends!		
11th March***	Neil Collison – knitting machine maintenance ****		
8th April	Inspiration 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

February's meeting was a forum meeting, with no fixed topic, but we brought in equipment for winding and cord making. This proved to be popular, and a few members showed an interest in learning to spin on a drop spindle.

As a result, our next forum meeting, in May, will consist of a workshop on drop spindling, led by me, and another on shaping knitwear to fit, led by Pat.

It would be useful to me if members would let me know if they wish to do the drop spindling session – I can then organise equipment properly.

## April

Our topic is Inspiration from the Environment, and we hope to include:

- Seeing patterns and colour schemes in everyday life
- Using colour and texture to develop patterns
- Using web resources to help plan for knitting

#### May

See above under Last Month - two workshops planned.

### June

We have Erica Thomson as our visiting speaker – always inspiring, and this time she will talk about sewing knitting. I am sure she will have lots of ideas and skills to demonstrate, and she will bring her travelling shop full of good things to buy.

#### OTHER EVENTS

# **Machine Knitting** 2-days of knowledge sharing 'Gauging' level of interest



10.30 am-16.30 pm

Art at the Alex

72-73 James Street RUGBY CV21 2SL

To find out more contact jane@needlesofsteel.org.uk **IF SUFFICIENT INTEREST** THIS WILL OFFER

£20 for two days (incl. tea/coffee), non-residential, (social meal as optional extra), CSMs welcome **ARE YOU INTERESTED?** 

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#### 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 Contact Pat at chairman@longbuckbymk.com

We have 3 machines, all Brother: KH950i, KH910 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

<u>https://woolyknit.com</u> Woolyknit and this one deals in recycled fibres <u>https://www.iinouiio.com/</u> For 3d printed parts try <u>https://vzv3d.com/</u>



### Other information

Sally Butcher has a <u>Kalamunda Crafts</u> 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

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

<u>www.twam.uk</u> 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 <u>administrator@longbuckbymk.com</u> please include LBMK in the subject