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Dear All

We hope you are safe and well and have all you need?

Many of the members are now aware that all meetings and events with Poole Bobbin Lace have now been cancelled but we wanted to make sure that all members were kept abreast of the situation. The Committee are following Government advice that all 'social gatherings' stop for at least 12 weeks. We could have waited for it to become compulsory but firstly, and mainly, for our own safety this was not really an option and secondly it was not fair on the people supporting all the events to leave them waiting any longer than necessary. At present the meetings and events that have been cancelled are; Tuesday Group (UFN), 4<sup>th</sup> April Pillow Party, 1<sup>st</sup> May meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> May Exeter trip, 6<sup>th</sup> June Lace Day and all Demonstrations. In the event that restrictions are lifted early then we will do our best to reinstate as much as we can, however it may be necessary to cancel more meetings later on but either way we will keep you informed.

With that in mind the Committee has decided to maintain the newsletter throughout this period, it may be a little reduced in content but if you have any articles, photos, items of news etc please send them to Ruth or Jean, contact details are in the programme, preferably by email but postal is fine. The newsletter will be predominantly via email so if you don't currently receive yours by email and would like to temporarily be added to the list please email Penny, contact details above.

The Exeter trip will not go ahead as the exhibition is due to finish around the end of May. Anyone booked on the trip who has paid (which is now most of you) will receive a full refund. Likewise anyone who has bought Lace Day tickets will receive a full refund. Please bear with us while we organise this as the committee is only in contact via email, which is very useful but does have some limitations.

As it is possible the AGM will also be cancelled we have postponed the competition, 'The Twenties', until next year, the theme 'Movement' that was planned for 2021 will be brought back later, as 2022 will reflect our Anniversary year. Forest Holme have been

informed of our cancellations and that they will still receive a donation but when and how much is yet to be determined.

Demonstrations have also been cancelled, so far these are; all of May and June, Thomas Hardy's cottage and the Priest's House Wimborne. Linda has been in touch with those on her lists and will keep others up to date as and when they occur.

We fervently hope that things will return to normal as soon as possible but in the meantime the most important thing at the moment is we all stay safe and secure, if anyone has a problem or needs help in some way or just wants to chat please feel free to contact either Ruth Oldridge or Penny Stevenson and we will endeavour to help out.

Thank you all so much for your support during these strange times and thank you to all those who have sent messages of support, they make a difficult job bearable.

Kind Regards  
Poole Bobbin Lace Circle Committee