



Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the September issue of your PBLC newsletter. Well here we are over halfway through the year and what a year it has been so far. With everyone having so much spare time there is sure to have been plenty of active hours making lace.

As the situation with Covid19 remains ever-changing your health and wellbeing remains our top priority. The Committee would like to thank all our members for your continued support and your understanding at this difficult time. We look forward to seeing you all again as soon as it's safe to do so.

In this issue we have included a look back to the very first 'Lace Days' starting with 1977 and 1982 when PBLC was formed. There is also a brain teaser of a wordsearch compiled by Penny Stevenson, Pam Brown's trip to the Sidmouth Museum and Jean Organ's trip to Highcliffe castle.

You will have also seen in an email sent out to members that the Committee has made the decision to cancel all further PBLC meetings until the New Year; February Pillow Party 2021 being the earliest. This also will include the cancellation of the December Pillow Party due to be held at Sandford Community Centre. Hoping when restrictions have eased further and that Covid19 is a distant memory, we can all meet up again. We will of course keep you updated.

Ruth Oldridge

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2020/21

Just a quick reminder that even though there is no fee to pay this year I still need the renewal forms to be returned so I can keep our records up to date and calculate the annual insurance premium to the Lace Guild. The renewal forms can be found with your July newsletter or online at www.poolebobbinlace.com. I'm happy to receive the forms via email as a photo or scanned copy. The annual programme will not be produced until we book meetings again, you will be notified via email when we do or keep an eye on the website.

Many Thanks

Penny Stevenson

HAVANT LACE FAIR

The Havant Lace Fair has been cancelled for 2020. The next fair will be Saturday 20th November 2021, 10am to 3.30pm.

The Committee

FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS

At present there are no signs of any of our planned demonstrations for 2020 going ahead. September would have been Canford Needlework Festival, but that is definitely cancelled. Also cancelled in September and October is the demonstration at Hardy's Visitor centre, although I hear they have opened their cafe, so still worth a visit!

December is our usual display and demonstrations at Scaplens Court, as I have not heard from them I assume it is also cancelled.

I fear any demonstrations may be difficult due to social distancing. Let us hope 2021 will be a better year and we can resume our demonstrations.

Linda King

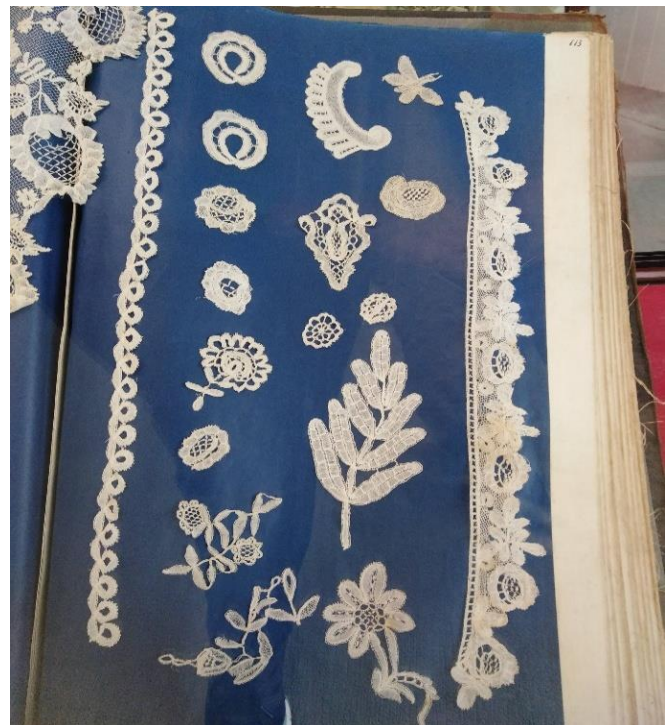
VISIT TO THE SIDMOUTH MUSEUM

Following a few days holiday in Teignmouth last summer, I stopped off in Sidmouth on my way home. After the talk by Carol M^cFadzean on Lace Day, it seemed that a visit to the Museum was too good an opportunity to miss.

The Museum is situated within a lovely Regency House in the centre of the town, the only downside being the Lace exhibits are on the upper floor. Those who find stairs a challenge may have difficulty and there is only wheelchair access from the ground floor. The large quantity of lace on display is beautifully arranged in cabinets which show the lace to its best advantage. Taking photos was a bit of a challenge as there were so many lovely things, in



quite a small room, with lots of reflection off the glass – but here are a few. It is quite a fascinating little museum with many other interesting rooms containing lots of local items. The Fossils were quite amazing; my Grandsons would love it. Well worth a visit if you are down that way.



The Lace Display at Sidmouth Museum

Pam Brown

TUESDAY SELF-HELP GROUP

We are hoping to restart Tuesday Lace from Tuesday 1st September but we will have to adhere to the Government directives and also those at St Georges Church.

Therefore the following will be in place:-

1. There will be a one-way system so entrance will be through the main hall doors and exit through the play area.
2. Hand sanitiser will be in the entrance hall and you must wear a mask or a face shield at all times when inside.
3. All tables and chairs that we use must be sanitised by us before and after use.
4. Tables will be arranged according to the markings on the floor and we will sit at the ends of the tables, allowing us to be 2m apart when sitting with enough room to be 1m apart when moving around.
5. The toilet for the main hall will be the one in the annex.
6. We will not be able to use the kitchen or go into the small hall, so if you want a drink or a biscuit you will have to bring your own. We have to take any rubbish away with us.

As the numbers will be down we are asking everyone to pay £3 on attendance for the time being and, if possible, please bring the correct money.

There is room for 32, so if any PBLC member would like to join us you will be very welcome, but please let me know in advance if you hope to come.

Jenny Lewis for Tuesday Group

PBLC SCRAPBOOKS

You will have read recently in one of our newsletters that I have taken on the task of organising and keeping up to date our PBLC Scrapbooks to help the Committee.

On picking up the latest Books I was sorry to see that there was very little in the books since the year 2000, literally just 23 pictures to cover 10 years. A very sad state of affairs when you look back at the scrapbooks that we have since the beginning of PBLC. They are our History.

I am therefore asking All Members, Past Chairs and Committee Members, please search your lace rooms and see if you have any Photos, Newspapers cuttings, or anything that would be of interest for our scrapbooks, such as presentation of trophies, photos of Meetings, Pillow Parties, anything that involves members of PBLC.

All will be welcome. All I ask is if you can please write on the back the name of who is in the photo, where it is, and an approximate date if possible, this would be very helpful to me when sorting things out.

I know I am asking a lot but the scrapbooks are important, let us all try and get them up to date.

I know with Covid19 things are difficult at the moment and I'm not sure when we will meet up again, but you can post to me at the following address or just keep them safe until we are able to meet up again even if it's not until next year.

Ann Bray

A LOOK BACK INTO THE LACE ARCHIVES

Before PBLC was formed the very first Lace Day was in 1977 and it was held at Dorothy Brown's there were about 15 to 20 lace makers present, with Dorothy's husband Ray being put to good use turning bobbins in his workshop.



Lace Day 1977



Lace Day 1977

In 1978 'Lace Day' was held in the Canford Room at the Poole Arts centre, this was quite informal. Elsie Luxton was there with her display of Lace together with Dorothy and Jane Atkinson's display of Antique lace, this was attended by about 80 to 100 people.



Lace Day 1978

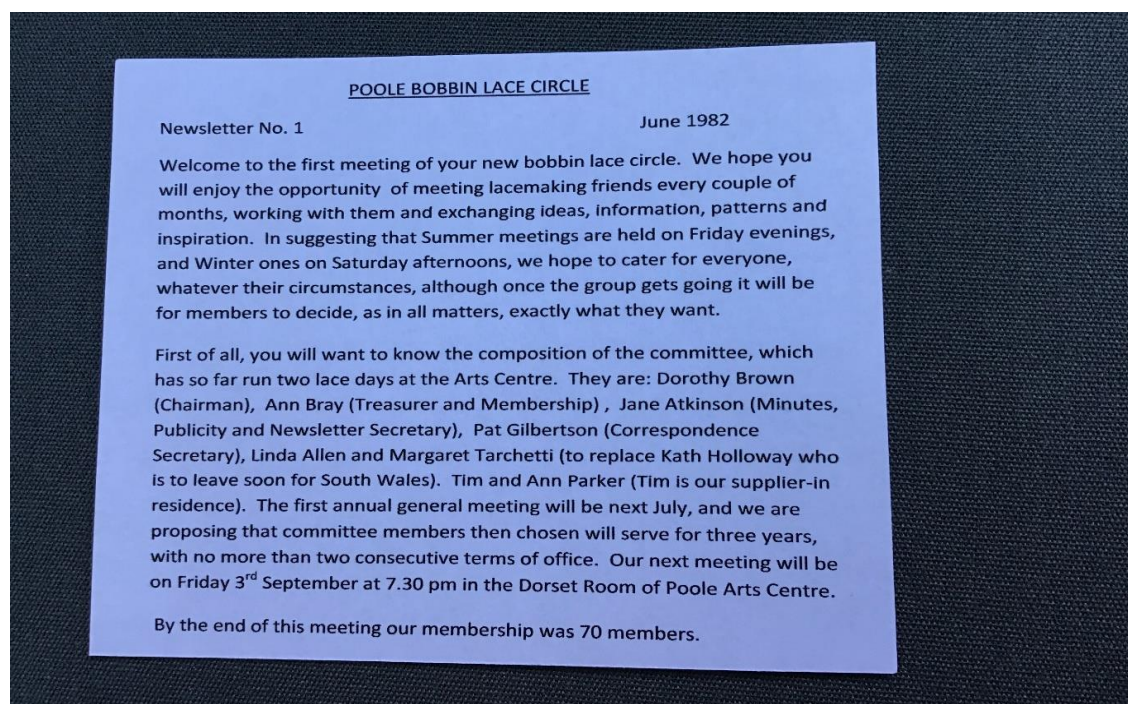


Lace Day 1978

In 1982 'Lace Day' was again held in the Canford Room at the Poole Arts centre, the speaker was Santina Levey, keeper of Textiles at the V & A Museum. Everyone was spellbound after her talk and her knowledge was second to none. This was the official formation of Poole Bobbin Lace Circle as we know it today. My thanks to Dorothy Brown for her photos and snippets of the day's proceedings.



Lace Day 1982



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AL-FRESCO PBLC AGM

Here are photos of the PBLC AGM at Upton Park attended by members of the committee.



From L to R: Pam, Linda, Sue and Ruth



From L to R: Pam, Penny, Sue and Ruth



View of the PBLC Committee at Upton Park

LET THE RIVER FLOW BY AT HIGHCLIFFE CASTLE

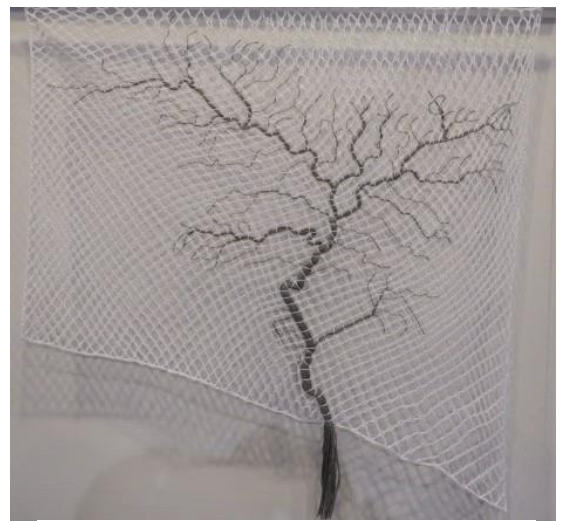
Back in October 2019, Highcliffe Castle was the lucky host of 'Let the River Flow By' an exhibition of contemporary lace by the Westhope Group, a group of very talented and experienced lacemakers who regularly exhibit their innovative pieces of modern lace. Visiting with a non-lacemaker, there is always the worry that there will be little to appeal to them so it was a relief to hear "Incredible! Where do they get their inspiration from?"



Detail of Shoal by Pamela Layzell



Dreaming the Dream or Living the Nightmare by Kitty Mason



Arteries of the River



Pharaoh and Family Go Hunting by Ann Collier

Jean Organ

WORDSEARCH

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Beads	Egyptian Cotton	Lace Guild	Pricking Tool	Snips
Blue Film	Fansticks	Pillow	Roseground	Spider
Bobbin	Half Stitch	Pins	Silk	Tenerife
Bucks	Honiton	Point Ground	Snake	Torchon
Cover Cloth	Lace Day	Poole Bobbin Lace	Spangles	

Penny Stevenson

NATIONAL LACEMAKING DAY

National Lacemaking Day is taking place on Saturday, 12th September 2020. PBLC are not arranging a demonstration on this day but it's a good excuse to spend some time during the day at your pillow. Happy Lacemaking.

The Committee

COPY DATE

Please don't forget to send me any photos or Lace related articles that you would like me to incorporate into the next Newsletter in November.

Articles for the November edition of the Newsletter should be with Ruth Oldridge by 19th October.

The Editor