



Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

NEWSLETTER 235

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EDITORIAL

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the July newsletter, we hope you are enjoying this lovely sunny weather. In this newsletter leading up to the AGM in September we have quite a lot to cover. We urgently need Committee members this year, it is important that we have volunteers due to the possibility of PBLC folding in its 40th year, also at the meeting we will be voting on what will be our next charity for 2022/2023. Membership renewal is also due, please note that there has been no increase in subscriptions this year. On a lighter note Liz Pass has again come up with a new mystery object for us and the answer to May's, she has also completed the final part of her Lace Figurines. Jean Organ, while visiting Dorchester's 'Antelope Walk' took photos of some of the 'Hardy society' costumes on display in the empty units.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the committee members remaining to thank both Lucie Meersseman and Sue Baker for all their help in the last 3 to 4 years.

Ruth Oldridge

URGENTLY NEEDED

Next year in 2022, it is to be PBLC's Ruby Anniversary, 40 years of lace making, what an achievement but if you want PBLC to carry on into the future we need you to step up and make it happen.

We urgently need new members on the committee, sadly this year our Treasurer, Lucie Meersseman and Sue Baker who ran the Raffle table have both stood down; we thank both ladies for their time on the committee and the work they carried out. From next year, 2022, Ruth Oldridge, Penny Stevenson and Jean Organ are also standing down after 6 years as joint chairman and secretary, between them doing 2 or more jobs each and we will then only have 3 members left on the Committee.

So, if we have no volunteers for the committee, sadly in our 40th year PBLC will be folding, we hope this does not happen; please think long and hard as your help and your enthusiasm for making lace is required.

Please let us know if you can help us by emailing either Ruth Oldridge, Penny Stevenson or in person at the next meeting in September during the AGM.

Ruth Oldridge & Penny Stevenson

CHARITY NOMINATION FOR 2022-2023

Listed below are the 3 nominations received from members, these are to be voted on at the next meeting and AGM on Friday 3rd September.

Birds of Poole Harbour – nominated by Linda King

Blandford Fashion Museum - nominated by Jenny Harris

Dorset Wildlife Trust - nominated by Penny Stevenson (in memory of Sheila Herridge)

The Committee

MYSTERY OBJECTS FOR MAY AND JULY

Mystery Objects for May



The mystery objects for May are needle cases. The metal insert is intended as a needle threader. There is a small hole in the end of the case, where the needle is inserted, eye first. Then the thread is passed through the large, cone shaped hole, through the eye of the needle and out through a small hole on the opposite side. Well, that was the plan. However, I haven't been successful when trying it out. The eye of the needle doesn't sit far enough to allow thread to pass through.



Mystery Object for July

July's mystery object is made from mother of pearl and has a turquoise cabochon inset. The two pieces screw together, leaving a gap about a quarter of an inch wide.

Liz Pass

FORTH COMING EVENTS

CHECK EVENT WEBSITE TO CONFIRM THAT EVENT IS GOING AHEAD

Date	Event
Friday 6 August to Tuesday 10 August 2021	Dorset Arts and Crafts Showcase 2021, The Purbeck School, Wareham. 10 am – 5 pm, except Tues 10 when it closes at 4pm. https://dorsetartsandcrafts.org
Saturday, 20 November 2021	Havant Lacemaker's and Needlecrafts Fair, Havant Leisure Centre. 10am to 3.30pm. Group tickets available at £4. Individual tickets £4.50. http://www.havant-suppliers-fair.com/

THOMAS HARDY SOCIETY DISPLAY

At a time when events are cancelled and businesses are folding, it was a pleasant surprise to walk up Antelope Walk in Dorchester and discover the empty shop windows transformed into a free exhibition by the Thomas Hardy Society who under normal circumstances celebrate Hardy's birthday, on 2nd June, with a week-long programme of events.

Over the month of June, the display featured not just Thomas Hardy's work as an author but also costumes of the time. A girl's dress trimmed with lace at the neck, sleeves and hem caught my eye. There were also bonnets and ladies and men's outfits on display. With apologies for the quality, here are some photos taken on a very sunny day (hard to imagine sun as I write on a chilly, dull Summer Solstice).

Jean Organ



Right: Child's Dress trimmed with Lace and Ribbon for Bows

A: Detail of Needlerun Lace

Below: Two More Costumes on Display



FIGURINES AND PLATES (CONTINUED)

My final plate is rather different to the others. When I first saw it, I was not very impressed. The colours were a bit dull and the design too geometrical for my taste, as well as being lopsided when hanging on the wall. The next time I saw it, I realised there was a distinct pattern in the centre. I took the plate and on the reverse was pressed C S and a Maltese cross. There may have been a date too. To confirm this there was also MALTA painted in black and a symbol like noughts and crosses. Then all became clear. This design is a lace pattern.

Maltese Plate with Sgraffito (Inscribed) Lace Pattern



By coincidence the then current OI D F A magazine had an article about Maltese souvenirs which told me that a potter called Carmal Gerada was employed in 1952 to reproduce lace patterns on plates. At that time the pottery was called Ceramika Seracina (C S ?), later named Ceramika Maltija. There is a short slide show on line showing some of the products. Here's the website in Tiny format - <https://tinyurl.com/kn66mbn5> If you've never used Tiny URL it's very useful especially if you need to type out a very long or complicated address.

The technique used for the decoration is called sgraffito. First the fired ceramic is given a wash of coloured slip then, when this has dried, the design is scratched into the surface, allowing the base colour to show through, before being glazed and fired.

This kind of Maltese souvenirs is not often found on line, neither is there very much information about them, but I'll keep looking.

Liz Pass

REFUNDS FOR EXETER TRIP AND LACE DAY 2020

A refund will be available to members who paid for the events cancelled due to COVID-19 lockdown:

- Coach trip to Exeter Museum on Wednesday 13th May 2020
- Poole Lace Day on 6th June 2020.

Please collect your refund at the AGM.

The Committee

AL FRESCO COMMITTEE MEETING

The PBLC committee held their 1st outdoor meeting of the year at Upton House in June, socially distanced of course, despite the threat of rain, we carried on. Linda King was brave enough to join us despite being on crutches having cracked a bone in her ankle, hope it gets better soon Linda. We were also joined by quite an array of wildlife, a robin, squirrel and ducks all seemed very interested in what we were doing.

The Committee



PBLC Committee clockwise from top left: Pam, Jean, Linda and Ruth

FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS

At this present time there are no demonstrations planned for 2021.

NEXT MEETING

The next PBLC meeting will take place when Government restrictions have been lifted and it is safe for us to meet. As from the 14th June 'Freedom Day' of the 21st June was postponed until the 19th July. Taking this into account, the AGM that was to have taken place on the 2nd July has now been rescheduled to Friday, 3rd September at 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you all there.

The Committee

COPY DATE

Items for the September edition of the Newsletter should be with Ruth Oldridge, email: - ruth.oldridge@btinternet.com by 19th August.

The Editor

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

PBLC has taken the following steps to ensure that it is GDPR compliant. The Committee has agreed that this GDPR information below will be published annually in the July Newsletter at the time that members renew their subscription.

Each year when membership is renewed, PBLC collects the following data for each member – name, address, email address, telephone number and Lace Guild membership number.

The membership renewal forms containing this data are held by the Membership Secretary and the data is transferred to a spreadsheet to which only current members of the Committee have access. They hold this data on their computers which are password protected.

The data is renewed annually and kept only for the duration of membership.

The data will only be used for the purposes of PBLC and its Committee and will not be used for any other purpose or disclosed to any third party for any reason. For example it is used only to inform members of events, last minute changes to the programme, sending out the Newsletter to those who have requested it by email and for emergency uses.

When members are emailed PBLC uses the BCC facility so that no one has access to anyone else's email address.

Each year, on the membership renewal form, members are asked to sign to consent to PBLC holding their data on a database.

If at any time a member wishes to withdraw his/her consent for PBLC to hold data then the current Membership Secretary should be contacted.

In Addition – Please remember that if the Committee members agree to their personal details being on the new Programme Card then these must not, under any circumstances, be given to a third party. Anyone may contact PBLC via the website 'Contacts' page using the generic email address provided.

PBLC Committee



Poole Bobbin Lace Circle 21/22

PBLC Membership Number

Penny Stevenson
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Dear Member,

Membership Subscription 2021 - 2022

We are hopeful that meetings will be able to restart in September 2021 and in preparation for this please find the renewal prices for 2021/22

Full Member	£6.00 (Lace Guild Member)
Full Member	£6.00 + £2.25 insurance levy = £8.25(Non Lace Guild Member)
Junior Member (under 18)	£3.00

If you wish to renew your membership, would you please complete the information requested below and return this letter to the Membership Secretary at the address shown above before **Friday 3rd September 2021**. **Please do not forget to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope, large enough for an A5 Programme Card**, and make your cheque payable to "PBLC". Thank you.

We are once again taking out insurance with the Lace Guild, we have to pay a levy to the Lace Guild for each non member, so would you please indicate below if you are a Lace Guild member and provide your Membership Number.

NAME: Lace Guild Member YES / NO

ADDRESS:..... Lace Guild Membership No.

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..... Email

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Would you like to receive your newsletter as a pdf file attached to an email? yes no

please tick the appropriate box (if yes is ticked you will not receive a paper copy)

Your name will be kept on a database, if you do not wish to be on this please let the membership secretary know.

I agree to my details being on a database.

Signature.....

I enclose cash/cheque for £6.00 / £8.25 / £3.00 (please circle as appropriate) as my Membership renewal for Poole Bobbin Lace Circle for the ensuing year 2021/22.

Naturally, some members find it difficult to attend every Circle meeting for one reason or another and therefore cannot pick up their Newsletter. If you would like to have your future copies of the Newsletter posted to you instead, again please indicate below the number of stamps you are enclosing with your renewal. Any stamps not used on one year will be kept over for use in the following year.

How many stamps are you enclosing..... (enter number)

Yours sincerely

Penny Stevenson
Membership Secretary

In accordance with the relevant Data Protection Acts, the information provided above will only be used for the purposes of PBLC and its Committee and will not be used for any other purpose or disclosed to any third party for any reason.



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Annual General Meeting 2021

Friday, 3rd September 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
St George's Church Hall

Presentation of the 2019 Annual Competition Winners bobbins
will be at the first meeting after lockdown

AGM Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM 2020 (sent with Sept 2020 Newsletter)
3. Signing of the Minutes of AGM 2020
4. Matters arising from the Minutes of AGM 2020
5. PBLC Chairman's Report 2021
6. PBLC Treasurer's Report 2021
7. Appointment of a verifier for the end of year accounts
8. PBLC Committee – Nominations urgently required
9. Charity for 2022/23:
 - a) Birds of Poole Harbour
 - b) Blandford Fashion Museum
 - c) Dorset Wildlife Trust(Charity for 2021/22 is DorSAR)
10. Any other business:

The order may change if the AGM has to be via email for a second year.

(All items for 'Matters arising' from 2020 AGM, Charity nominations and AOB must be sent in writing, postal or email, to the Secretary, Jean Organ, by Friday 23rd July 2021).