



Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the 1st evening meeting of the Summer, I hope everyone is well and enjoying the lighter evenings and warmer weather. Tonight our speaker and supplier is Anna McDowell from Shaftsbury, and she is bringing along with her Henry's Buttons.

Don't forget to bring your entries for this year's annual competition 'Twenties'. Pam Brown and Linda King will be there to receive your lace and help with any questions and queries.

There will also be a list for anyone interested in the visit to Blandford Fashion Museum on 20th May, £7.00 entry fee (seniors). Why not visit their website here at.

<http://blandfordfashionmuseum.co.uk>

Thank you to everyone who contributed articles for this edition of the newsletter, especially to Liz Pass who has kept us guessing with all the mystery object's this passed 2 years.

Ruth Oldridge

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

This year 3 members will be leaving the Committee having each served their 6 years. Due to dwindling numbers of committee members over the years each member is now having to double, if not treble up, on jobs, so you will not just be losing your joint Chairmans and Secretary but also Treasurer, Editor, newsletter producer, bookings clerk, membership secretary, Lace day organiser/helpers along with all the odd jobs that we all carry out in the course of the year.

PBLC has a very good reputation amongst the lace community but with the closure of The Lace Society and several groups like ours, there are fewer and fewer opportunities for lace makers to meet up and to promote lace as a traditional craft. In the great scheme of things it's not a disaster I know but it would be sad to see the demise of yet another group, not to mention the industry that has grown up around us will also suffer – the pillow makers, the bobbin makers and painters, thread producers etc. Lace Makers must have almost single handedly kept the smallest crochet hooks and specialist pin makers going!! We all know that things can be bought over the internet but it's so much nicer to be able to meet up with friends and to actually go and chose things in person, also an opportunity to see what's new out there. A number of our members are now too elderly to attend meetings or lace days anymore and I have received several letters thanking PBLC for sending out newsletters and helping to keep them 'in the loop', they may not be able to make lace but they still want to feel part of it. Being on the committee can have its ups and downs but generally there is a real sense of satisfaction along with getting to know other members.

I know you have heard this all before but we desperately need new committee members to come forward at the AGM. This really is crunch time, as you will see on the draft agenda for the AGM, item 8 is about scheduling a meeting in order to disband PBLC and dispose of all its assets etc. THIS WILL HAPPEN unless we can get at least 2 new committee members to maintain the quorum, ideally we need 3 or 4. This is your final chance to stop PBLC from closing which would be a real shame in its 40th year. So please, keep PBLC going and put yourself forward to become a committee member.

The Committee

AT TONIGHT'S MEETING

- Talk: Anna McDowell on Dorset Buttons: The Rise and Fall of a Cottage Industry.
- Displays: Bragg Table and Wildlife.
- Supplier: Henry's Buttons <https://henrysbuttons.co.uk>

ANNUAL COMPETITION

We look forward to receiving your entries into this year's annual competition at our meeting on Friday 6th May. The theme is "Twenties," which has been held over from 2020, so we hope there will be a lot of paperwork for us to do this evening. An entry form is attached to the newsletter, but we will have forms available on the night if needed.

The results will be announced in our July newsletter and the awarding of trophies and certificates will take place at our AGM.

When you hand in your entries, we will ask entrants who are resident in Dorset if you would like your lace to be entered into the judged competition at Dorset Arts and Crafts Exhibition this summer, which runs from Friday 5th to Tuesday 9th August. PBLC will be paying the entry for the Lace items (Maximum of 2 items per person) together with taking, collecting and returning your Lace to you. This is a great opportunity to show off all that PBLC members can do, so we hope that you will allow us enter your Lace for you.

Pam Brown & Linda King

MYSTERY OBJECT FOR MARCH 2022 & MAY 2022

I expect that many of you recognised the hackle pliers from the last newsletter. They are so useful. If you break a thread that's too short to hold while trying to add a new one, the hackle pliers will do the job for you, letting you concentrate on making the slip knot and pulling it up. I keep mine in my purse, just in case.



**Mystery Object
for March**



Mystery Object for May

This month's newsletter will have the last mystery object. It's something you will never want near your lace, but it the only mystery I have left to show. It's made of aluminium, about one and a half inches high, just over two and a quarter at the widest part. It's shaped like a goblet and the centre is filled with hundreds of fine wires.

I hope you've enjoyed my mysteries over the past few newsletters.

Liz Pass

OIDFA SPRING CONTACT DAY

On the 9th April, a small but select group of lacemakers gathered at Otterbourne village hall for lace making and plenty of chat, all part of the Southern Spring Contact Day for members of the Organisation Internationale de la Dentelle et à l'Aiguille (International Bobbin and Needlelace Organisation). There was an opportunity to buy second hand lace / craft items for sale in aid of Ukraine, to see the lace made for the UK Stand at the next OIDFA Convention and to admire the exquisite lace of Jane Rowton-Lee. In the afternoon, speaker Jane Glennie entertained with a theatrical performance "How Do you Take Yours?". The day finished in typical lacemaker's style with a slice of cake.



Jane Rowton-Lee's Lace including Hermione the elephant made for a Leander Club raffle in aid of clean water at the Zafu River and Rowing Centre on the Zambezi.

Jean Organ

TEA & COFFEE VOLUNTEERS ROTA

Firstly, many thanks to everyone who has helped with the serving of teas and coffees at our lace meetings. I am planning to set up a rota for the serving of refreshments at our Lace Day on the 18th June and would welcome any volunteers to do a 1-2 hour or more shift. If you are available to help please let me know. Thank you.

Carol Kennedy

APRIL PILLOW PARTY

On the 6th April we held our Pillow Party at St George's, it was lovely to see so many of you enthusiastic lace makers there, Congratulations go to Carol Kennedy, Angela Smith and Jayne Frampton who all won an Easter egg in the raffle. I'm sure some lace did get made but as usual there was a lot of catching up with everyone in-between tea, coffee and Easter nibbles, thank you to everyone that attended.

Ruth Oldridge



Pillow Party group



Jayne Frampton, Carol Kennedy and Angela Smith with their Easter Eggs



Carol Kennedy, Margaret Cormack and Jenny Harris at their Pillows



Angela Smith's Lace



Shirley Pearce's Lace



Jenny Harris's Lace



Angela Smith and Shirley Pearce at their Pillows



Sue Baker and Hillary Harrop at their Pillows



FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS

As previously mentioned, we have been asked by Dorset Arts and Crafts Association (DACA) if we would like to demonstrate at the August exhibition (5th – 9th August). DACA have said they are using the main hall for a Sales Gallery, so demonstrations will be in one of two classrooms on the ground floor. There will be 2 or 3 groups in each room that wish to demonstrate.

We would like to try to get back to our demonstrations and displays of lace. As at previous demonstrations, I feel it would be better for 2 people at a time to demonstrate, maybe for a day or half a day. I will be there on the first and last day as I have to set up and take down. If anyone would like to put their name forward for demonstrating then please see me at the May meeting.

I hope this will be the start of our demonstration events.

Linda King

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE CHECK INDIVIDUAL EVENT WEBSITES TO CONFIRM THAT THE EVENT IS STILL GOING AHEAD

Date	Event
Friday 20 th May	Blandford Fashion Museum Visit Meet at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday 18 th June	Poole Lace Day with Sandi Woods The Chinese Whisper School of Designing Various Suppliers
Sunday 19 th June	Milanese Lace Workshop – FULL (There is a waiting list)
Friday 5th - Tuesday 9th August	Dorset Arts and Crafts Association, Purbeck School, Wareham. https://dorsetartsandcrafts.org
Saturday 19 th November	Havant http://www.havant-suppliers-fair.com

NEXT MEETING

Our next full meeting is the AGM on Friday 1st July 2022 at 7:00pm.

Before that on Saturday, 18th June 2022 at 10:30 a.m. is Poole Lace Day

If you would like to come along to any meetings but need a lift, please let us know and we'll do our best to organise something for you.

The Committee

COPY DATE

Items for the July edition of the Newsletter should be with Ruth Oldridge by 21st June.

The Editor

POOLE BOBBIN LACE CIRCLE WEBSITE

<https://www.poolebobbinlace.com>