

Hoole Bobbin Lace Circle

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the latest edition of the PBLC newsletter. I've been waiting for the weather to cool down a bit before putting words to paper, but I can't leave it any longer. It's been too hot to make lace in the garden, and too dark to work indoors with the curtains pulled. So here I am, early in the morning, assembling contributions from various members, starting with our Chairman, Jenny Lewis.

Editor

TODAY'S MEETING

- 7.00 pm Doors open
- 7.15 pm Welcome followed by
 - Presentation of trophies not collected at July meeting
 - Presentation of Annual Accounts 2021/2022
 - Presentation of new committee
 - Discussion on subscriptions
 - Programme for 2022/2023
- 7.45 pm Speaker – Liz Pass will talk about Mrs Georgina Marian Roberts
- 8.15 pm Collection of Subscriptions – cash or cheque. Please bring loose change if possible and 6 X SAEs if you want your newsletter by post.
- 8.45 pm Raffle
- 9.00 pm Close of meeting.

The display will be the DACA entries (See below for the results.) and there will be the PBLC Sale's Table.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN – INTRODUCING MYSELF – JENNY LEWIS

This is the first of a series of profiles of members, starting with the Committee.

I started learning to make lace over 40 years ago in Olney, N. Bucks. I am a founder member of Olney Lace Circle (OLC) and am now an Honorary Life Member. I still try to go there 2 or 3 times a year to all-day Pillow Parties and Lace Days. My 3 daughters all learnt to make lace and my eldest daughter is also a member of OLC, which still meets as a lace-making group every week.

As many of you will know, in the early days, we had to make our own lace pillows as you couldn't buy them. The one I made was considered by my teacher to be very good and she suggested that I should make them for sale – which I did. If you bought a straw pillow from Audrey Sells, D J Hornsby, Tim Parker, or The English Lace School in the late 70's I probably made it! Dennis

Hornsby also used one of my pillows as a mould for his first polystyrene pillows – but I didn't receive any commission!

Until I moved to Poole 19 years ago, I only made lace once a week in the evening group of OLC, but in Poole I joined Liz Pass' Thursday class, Di Pemberton's U3A group and PBLC. As there was no opportunity to make lace weekly as part of PBLC, Eve (who I met at Liz's class) and I decided to start a weekly self-help group, so Tuesday Lace as part of PBLC was born. It is open to all members and in July we averaged 23 attendees.

Along with several other members of PBLC, I belong to Christchurch Lace Society because we can make lace all day. I have also been a member of The Lace Guild since magazine no. 13 and I have all those magazines in a cupboard!

The other thing that you need to know about me is that I am deaf. I have a Cochlear Implant which gives me fairly good hearing but I also rely on lip-reading. If you are talking to me, please make sure that I can see your face. If a battery fails, I cannot hear a thing and have to change it immediately.

I know that there are others in PBLC with hearing difficulties, so for that reason we will be using the microphone for all talks and announcements. If you can't hear what is being said, please let me know.

I hope that you will be happy with me as Chairman – I welcome your feedback and any ideas or suggestions you may have.

Jenny Lewis.

DEMONSTRATIONS AT DORSET ARTS AND CRAFTS

Friday 5th August. After an early start, Carol Kennedy and I arrived at Purbeck School to set up our display. I had already set out the tables, the day before. We were lucky enough to have a large room to ourselves, but on first sight I was worried that the display would look tiny and lost in the large room. With a bit of thought I managed to arrange everything. It took Carol and I nearly 2 hours to arrange the display and the rest of the room, just finishing at the doors opened at 10am. We had a continuous flow of people all admiring the lace, watching us making lace, chatting and having a go on the Sammy Snake pillow. We were exhausted by 5pm and glad to be going home for a rest.

Saturday 6th August. Liz Pass and Linda Burn took over demonstrating.

Sunday 7th August I returned briefly on Sunday morning to replenish some leaflets, while Pam Brown, Lucie Meersseman and Margaret Eaglestone demonstrated.

Monday 8th August Laura Navrady-Pitcher and Jane Frampton demonstrated.

Tuesday 9th August I was back with Jean Organ. Tuesday was much quieter than previous days but still a very pleasant day, chatting to various people, including a young lady from Australia, who was, in the past one of Ann Bray's pupils. At 4pm Jean and I packed up all the display and equipment. I think all went well and everyone, demonstrators and visitors had an enjoyable time. I would like to thank all the demonstrators who helped make this, our first show in two and half years, a great success.

Linda King, *Demonstration Secretary*

I overheard these words as people tried out the “have a go” pillow – soothing, therapeutic, calming, relaxing, restful. Do you agree? *Editor*

DORSET ARTS AND CRAFTS ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND TROPHIES

Most entries for PBLC’s annual competition were also entered in DACA.

Work of Outstanding Merit – Bobbin Lace

Jenny Lewis	Torchon lace waistcoat	Portman Cup
Margaret Eaglestone	Art Deco lady	Royal Doulton Figurine
Elizabeth Pass	Torchon lace trimmed 20s style dress	
Wednesday Lace Group	Bunting strip with 28 pennants	

Work of Special Merit – Bobbin Lace

Carol Bale	Christmas decoration
Linda Burn	Torchon lace sampler with 20 spiders
Sandra Stonham	Sun catcher

Highly commended – Bobbin Lace

Margaret Cormack	Maltese cross brooch
Pauline George	Torchon serviette and placemat
Shirley Pearce	Framed picture

Commended – Bobbin Lace

Eileen Deacon	Ruby spiral
Pauline George	Torchon serviette and place mat
Barbara Jackson	Art Deco lady

Work of Outstanding Merit – Needlelace

Sandra Stonham	Stained glass window
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Thank you to Linda Burn for noting the entries and awards.

PBLC ANNUAL COMPETITION 2022 - PHOTOS

Here are the photos of the entries to PBLC Annual Competition on the theme of Twenties:



L to R: Maltese Cross by Margaret Cormack, Suncatcher by Sandra Stonham and Bracelet of 20 Pairs by Jean Organ



L to R: Flapper Lady by Barbara Jackson, Stained Glass Window by Sandra Stonham and Downton Abbey Dress by Elizabeth Pass



L to R: Art Deco Lady by Margaret Eaglestone and 20 Spiders by Linda Burn

PBLC VISIT TO STOUR LACE GROUP

Linda Maskell, Chairman of the group, gave a warm welcome to the eight members of PBLC and Jenny's daughter from Olney Lace, who travelled to Manston Village Hall on Saturday 23rd July. As usual we sat at tables together with Stour Lace members. We had a lovely day chatting with them. In the afternoon we had delicious cakes for tea and a raffle in aid of the group's funds. We did make some lace too.

There was also the sale of Nanny Manning's lace equipment, as sadly she can no longer make lace and has moved to live nearer her children. The proceeds of the sale will be donated to an Alzheimer's charity. There were lots of books, patterns, bobbins and threads to choose.

Jenny Lewis thanked the group for giving us a lovely day and we hope to be invited back next year.

See Stour Lace Group's website
<https://tinyurl.com/yc22bkub> for more photos.



Eve Morton



FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS

At this present time there are no more demonstrations planned for 2022.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Saturday 1 st October	Pillow Party 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm
Saturday 29 th October	St Georges Craft Day 10.am – 4.30 pm
Saturday 19 th November	Havant http://www.havant-suppliers-fair.com

ADVERT!

St Georges Craft Day Sat Oct 29th 10am to 4.30 pm. Entrance £5

This is a day when you can try different crafts or sit and do your own all day. There are 3 sessions during the day with at least 5 crafts to choose from. You may to book 2 sessions in advance (assuming availability) and a third on the day if you wish.

Your £5 entrance fee includes tea or coffee with biscuits all day with home-made cake in the afternoon. Bring your own lunch. A craft session costs £1.50 for 1.5 hours or £1 for 1 hour plus the cost of materials to a maximum of £2.50 (unless notified in advance)

Details of workshops are on the tables today. Tickets can be bought in the hallway after this meeting. All proceeds go to St Georges Church. I hope to see you there

Jenny L.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST TO LACEMAKERS

<https://www.poolebobbinlace.com> Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

<https://www.facebook.com/search/posts/?q=stour%20lacemakers> photos of PBLC visit to Stour Lace Group.

<https://www.laceguild.org/>

FUTURE PLANS

Jenny Harris wonders if anyone would be interested in a visit to the Chained Library in Wimborne Minster, sometime after Easter 2023. It's up a stone, spiral staircase and can only host 4 or 5 people at a time. Please let her know.

NEXT MEETING

Our next full meeting is on **Saturday, 5th November 2022 at 2:00 pm**. It will be a working meeting, so bring your pillows. If you would like to come along but need a lift, please also let us know and we'll do our best to organise something for you.

The Committee

COPY DATE

Items for the November edition of the Newsletter should be with Liz Pass by **15nd October 2022**

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PS GOOD NEWS from Honiton and the House of Commons. The Speaker will in future wear the Honiton Lace jabots and cuffs made by Pat Perryman, for ceremonial occasions. See notice board for news cuttings.