

Hoole Bobbin Lace Circle



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EDITORIAL

The last few weeks since our September meeting have provided us with some momentous memories: sadness at the death of the Queen and the solemnity of her funeral with all its pomp and ceremony; the precision of the armed forces carrying out their duties; the incredible variety of ceremonial uniforms worked with superb skill, each showing the role of the wearer. Then there were the crowds of well-behaved, friendly, good-tempered people of all ages, from a diversity of backgrounds, patiently queuing with a feeling of togetherness and good will.

Just a week or so earlier the Queen met with her new Prime Minister. Her Majesty looked so pleased to see Liz Truss, but how would she feel by now, with rising prices everywhere, political turmoil and uncertainty about the future?

So where do we stand in all this? I'd like to suggest that we have *one* answer, where we can forget the day-to-day problems for a short while – PBLC meetings, including Pillow Parties, Lace days and Tuesday morning work-ins. There's friendship, conversation and opportunities to learn from others. We have a common love for our craft. While most of us don't produce spectacular pieces of lace, we all make it to the best of our ability and enjoy the doing of it. So why not make the most of these opportunities to enjoy yourself?

Finally, I'd like to thank Ruth, Penny and Jean who have showed me the way as editor of our Newsletter.

Editor

TODAY'S MEETING

- 2.00 pm Doors open
- 2.15 pm Welcome, followed by a chance to make lace; chat to other lacemakers about successes and difficulties with certain lace prickings, opportunity to examine Mary Gibbons' exquisite lace and peruse the delights of our suppliers, Bluebell and Daisy. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the evening
- 3.45 pm Raffle
- 4.00 pm Close of meeting.

FROM THE SECRETARY – INTRODUCING MYSELF – JENNY HARRIS

From an early age I was taught to knit and sew by my Mother and Aunt. My Aunt also taught me to embroider and crochet, she tried to teach me to do drawn thread work and smocking but I never mastered those skills. Skills learnt as a child have been used throughout my life.

Fast forward to 1980 when I met Jan Banwell, she had started to make lace at evening classes and I thought I would like to try that. There I was at the head of the queue at Henry Harbin School to enrol in Dorothy Brown's Wednesday evening Lace making class. In those days if you were not at the beginning of the queue all the places were taken. I was given a sheet of paper telling me how to

make my pillow, 18 inches in diameter, stuffed with straw from the pet shop, that I would need 2 dozen bobbins and I think it was crochet cotton. My husband turned me some bobbins on his lathe from a length of dowelling, I still have some in use to this day.

By the mid 80's I had joined PBLC, there was a waiting list at that time! I joined the Lace Guild about the same time, later I also subscribed to the Lace Society, I always preferred their magazine it was so readable, sadly the Lace Society is no more. Over the years my memberships of PBLC and the Guild have lapsed for various reasons and but I would always rejoin.

My membership of Dorothy's class was a constant, moving from venue to venue, ending in her lounge when she finally retired. Over the years I have tried Torchon, Honiton, Bucks Point and Bedfordshire lace most recently Bruges. I made contributions to the class's group entries to the John Bull Trophy competitions, the frieze around the box containing a photograph album and a clown and his jalopy car for the circus tent entry. Sadly neither won.

As secretary one of my tasks is to source speakers and suppliers for our meetings and Lace Day. These people are becoming ever more difficult to find due to their retirement, the cost of travelling to venues and suppliers trading increasingly on the internet, so if you have any contacts or suggestions for these elusive people please do let me or any of the Committee know.

This is my second time as a member of the Committee. Over the years lace making has given me a lot of pleasure and frustration. It has also given me a large group of friends which at times have given me a great deal of personal support and for that I will always be grateful to Poole Bobbin Lace Circle Members.

Jenny Harris

THIS IS ONE FOR THE KNITTERS

You will find all the details here.

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/rauma>

Who will be the first person to wear one to a PBLC meeting?



GROUP PIECE FOR DACA 2023

Are you interested in taking part in a group project to enter Dorset Arts and Crafts (DACA) next August? I have found a design on the front of a booklet produced in 1982 for an exhibition in Poole. I see it as a tree made up of 11 round pieces of lace with 2 leaves and some stem pieces, each piece being a different lace – Torchon, Beds, Bucks etc. Each person could choose their own suitable pattern.

Of course, one of you may know of a more suitable design. We are open to ideas.

The picture will be on view at the November meeting. Please register your interest with the types of lace that you can do.

Other suggestions based on next year's Coronation include pincushions in the shape of a crown, suitably embellished with small pieces of lace, beads and sparkle; emblems which convey British and Commonwealth countries e.g. maple leaf for Canada, kiwi for New Zealand etc.

Why not talk about this with your group and pass on your ideas to the committee?

PHOTOS FROM DORSET ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION



We all recognise Jenny L. and Margaret E. but whose hands are shown in the third photo.

OCTOBER PILLOW PARTY



This was the first time Fran had been to a pillow party. Fran said, "It was lovely to be with lace making friends, who made me very welcome".

Eve's busy and so are Sharon, Jenny H, Sue, Margaret and Jenny L



NEWS OF MEMBERS

Edith CANSDALE passed away peacefully in Lymington hospital on Monday 5th September 2022 aged 97 years. She was a long standing member of PBLC and a very good lacemaker and teacher.

Carol KENNEDY has been awarded the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal which is given to front line members of the emergency services (and the armed forces) who have 5 years active service. Carol's was given as a member of the Dorset Search and Rescue.

FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS

Date	Venue
Saturday 26 th November 2022	Blandford Fashion Museum
All dates are on Wednesdays in 2023 3 rd May; 7 th June; 5 th July; 2 nd Aug; 6 th Sept; 4 th Oct.	Hardy's Visitor Centre <i>Please see Linda King if you would like to demonstrate on any of these dates.</i>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Saturday 19 th November 2022	Havant http://www.havant-suppliers-fair.com
Saturday 3 rd December 2022	Pillow Party
Saturday 29 th April 2023 Please note change of date from 6th May (Coronation Day)	Pillow party and PBLC meeting to take place one week earlier

WEBSITES OF INTEREST TO LACEMAKERS

Two innovative lacemakers

Jane Atkinson - <https://www.contemporarylace.com/index.htm>

Pierre Fouche - <http://www.pierrefouche.net/>

FUTURE PLANS

Please note change of date for May meeting 2023.

NEXT MEETING

Our next full meeting is on **Saturday, 7TH January 2023**. This will be the first time that the Pillow Party and PBLC's regular meeting take place on the same date, so you might like to take the opportunity of a whole day out. Pillow party 10.30am – 1.30pm. PBLC 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

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 January edition of the Newsletter should be with Liz Pass by **15th December 2022**