



Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

NEWSLETTER 245
4th March 2023

EDITORIAL

As I type this newsletter the sky is blue and not a cloud can be seen, the sun has warmed the greenhouse, but I fear it's too early to plant seeds just yet. So, I've retreated indoors to work on the newsletter. I'm also planning some lace making later to make the most of the good light.

JANUARY PILLOW PARTY AND PBLC MEETING

Saturday 7th January saw the first PBLC meeting of 2023 not only that, but it was also the first meeting with the new format. The morning Pillow Party began at 10.30am in the small hall. 13 of us were keen to start our year of lace making. There was a lot of catching up on our Christmas and New Year family activities and people remembered to bring lunch with them.

There was a slight delay in the move into the main hall as there had been a party there during the morning. We welcomed our supplier, Sarah Jones, with her painted bobbins and attractive jewellery. Linda had a busy afternoon at the raffle tables as did Pam on the sales table. There were two display tables, the first with entries for the "First Lace Challenge" of a lace edged name badge for which there were 15 entries.

The other display of lace Birds and Butterflies was to complement the topic of our charity talk by Brittany Maxted from "Birds of Poole Harbour". The speaker was so enthusiastic and knowledgeable about her subject, the re-introduction of the Osprey to Poole Harbour. The illustrated talk she gave was probably one of the best, if not the best, we have had. Hopefully Brittany will come again to give us an update on the progress of the project. After the talk, Brittany judged the first of our challenges.

Jenny Harris

FROM THE COMMITTEE – INTRODUCING MYSELF – SUE BAKER

Years ago I worked with Sheila Herridge. I always admired her lace and promised myself that I would learn after I retired. In 2015 I went to a PBLC meeting with Sheila and she introduced me to Liz Pass. I asked if I could join her lace class at Broadstone Library. Next I heard about Tuesday Lace. I found this very good too.

When staying at our house in France I heard about a local lace group. I wanted to improve my French so I joined them – the teacher was very strict. I haven't been to France recently because of Covid.

The next lace group that I joined was to learn needlelace at Canford Heath Library. After that came Christchurch Lace Society, who meet for a whole day. I have already spent three years on PBLC committee, running the raffle. Now I have taken over the role of Treasurer. It interests me that so many people want to watch lace being made. I enjoy talking to people so demonstrating is great.

Sue Baker

THE FIRST LACE CHALLENGE

It was lovely to see 15 entries into this challenge and I am sure the winners – Carol Kennedy, Carol Bale and Eileen Deacon – have enjoyed their chocolate orange. Unfortunately, we omitted to take any photos! Those that appear here and on the website were taken at Tuesday Lace the following Tuesday. We need to put this right so please bring your badges along to the March meeting. I know that some of you have completed your badge since the last meeting and we would like to see those too please, - but sorry, there will be no chocolate orange!

Jenny L

PS Jenny Lewis won the badge raffle prize. (Ed.)



Eileen Deacon



Carol Kennedy



Carol Bale

You can see all the finished name badges on the PBLC website
<https://www.poolebobbinlace.com/>

DOLPHIN LACE – PROGRESS REPORT



The dolphin lace is back with me. I'm pleased to tell you that it has grown, there are now 30 dolphins, just over two metres of lace. I have tidied and finished the loose ends where new bobbins were added and will be looking for new participants later this year after the new PBLC joint enterprise of the flower spray for the DACA exhibition has been completed.

Eve Morton

BETTY WILSON

Dear Friends,

I expect that you will have heard that our dear member Betty Wilson passed to rest on Christmas Day after being poorly for some time.

Betty was a gentle dear lady and beautiful lacemaker, always ready to help and support whatever we at PBLC had taken on, especially helpful to us when putting on an exhibition (and there were plenty of those in the past.) Betty would always lend her beautiful lace that she had made, and demonstrate our craft.



We send love to her family who looked after her, and know that they will treasure her beautiful lace.

Thanking her for her friendship,

Dorothy Brown

Thank you to PBLC members who donated a total of £84 in Betty's memory. A cheque has been sent to Asthma UK.

4TH MARCH MEETING

Pillow party 10.30am – 1.30pm followed by **PBLC meeting 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

Don't forget your lunch. Tea and coffee will be available all day. The large hall is not as warm as your home, so dress accordingly.

This will be a **working meeting**, so bring your pillow or any other craft that you have on the go.

Eve will be running a **bobbin beading workshop**, so bring any bobbins you need re-beading with you. She can only take 5 at a time, so if you want to take part please give your name in on the door and you will be called when it is your time. There will be spare tools so once you have been shown and done one, please move away and continue elsewhere so other people can have a go. If you have small wire cutters or pointed pliers please bring them with you.

3.45pm Raffle

4.00pm Close of meeting

SALES TABLE

Our Sales table will be here at the March meeting with all the usual items plus a last chance to buy the books donated to PBLC over the last couple of years before being taken to the Honiton Lace Museum. So do have a look to fill any gaps in your collection. There will also be Betty Hawkes' Lace items again, pillows & books plus bobbins this time. Do bring along any Lace or Craft items you wish to sell, listed with a price, but please collect anything unsold at the end of the meeting as storage is limited. If anyone wants our Sales form for things they wish to sell, for this meeting or any in the future, I will have them with me on Saturday.

Pam Brown

Updating the list of teachers, classes, self-help groups and other groups in the area

We would like to update this list in time for the start of the demonstrating season in May. If you know of any group which fits into the above criteria, please will you pass that information onto a member of the committee. We need to know the meeting place, day and time and a contact person with either a phone no or an email or both. Also, if there are any requirements e.g. you must belong to PBLC or U3A.

Also, if you know of any group who may be interested in attending our Lace Day (embroiderers, etc. as well as lace makers) we would like to know that too.

Thank you for your help.

Jenny L

2023 ANNUAL COMPETITION

We hope that your entry for this year's competition is nearly ready to bring along to our meeting on Saturday April 29th. The theme of the **annual competition** is Movement. There will be a copy of a Lace Guild magazine which has lots of photographs on this theme and may give you some inspiration. There's still time – your entry doesn't have to be huge or elaborate. An Adult entry form has been e-mailed separately and looks slightly different to previous years as we have added a disclaimer re Insurance that we would like signed as an acknowledgement. Junior entry forms are also available and we will have more copies of both forms at the April meeting. We look forward to being kept really busy!

A gentle reminder to last year's trophy winners to please return them at the April meeting. Just in case you are now at a loose end, don't forget the Lace Day Competition. The subject is "Floral" – it would be lovely to have a full table of entries.

Linda King & Pam Brown

GROUP LACE PIECE

Thank you to the 13 people who have offered to make a piece of lace for this group piece. They have now all received their chosen thread and some people hope to have finished their lace piece by the March meeting. I realise some of you won't have finished it by then but please can you let me have it as soon as it is done and by the April meeting at the very latest to allow time for the mounting.

Jenny L

COMMITTEE 2023/2024

Linda King and Pam Brown will be retiring from the committee in July having served 6 years and 5 years respectively. Thank you to both of you.

We will therefore need 2 or better still 3 new members for the committee. It involves a committee meeting every month (currently held on the 2nd Monday in each month from 10am until 12 noon) and PBLC meetings every other month. This may change following the discussion and voting for what the members want at the AGM. Please give this some thought, and if you feel you can join the committee let any member of the current committee know.

We need you!

Jenny L

BEGINNER/IMPROVER CLASS TUESDAY 10AM TO 12 NOON

Two of the 4 beginners/improvers who started in this class last January are choosing to move into the self-help group so there are spaces in the class. If you would like to learn,

you know someone who would or you used to make lace and would like a refresher course please contact Liz Pass.

ADVERT

St George's Church is holding a CRAFT AND CHAT on Sat March 25th from 10am to 3pm. Tickets are £5 to include tea and coffee. There will be a cake stall and a bring and buy for those unwanted craft items. Bacon butties or veggie option will be available to purchase. This will be like our pillow parties, so why not get together with a couple of friends and have a day out.

FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS AND EVENTS

Date	Event
Saturday 29 th April 2023 Please note change of date from 6th May (Coronation Day)	Pillow party 10.30am – 1.30pm followed by PBLC meeting 2.00pm – 4.00pm Don't forget your lunch. Tea and coffee available all day. Entries for annual competition
Wednesdays; 3 rd May, 7 th June, 5 th July, 2 nd Aug. 6 th Sept. and 4 th Oct.	Hardy's Visitor Centre demonstration See Linda King to sign up.
Saturday 3 rd June	Lace Day 10.30am – 4.00pm Talk on Jacobean Embroidery
1 st July 2023	Pillow party 10.30am – 1.30pm followed by PBLC AGM 2.00pm – 4.00pm Don't forget your lunch. Tea and coffee available all day.
4 th – 8 th August 2023	Dorset Arts and Crafts Exhibition Further details https://dorsetartsandcrafts.org/

NEXT MEETING

Our next full meeting is on **Saturday, 29th April 2023.** Pillow party 10.30am – 1.30pm.
PBLC 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

If you would like to come along 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 April edition of the Newsletter should be with Liz Pass by **15th April 2023**