



Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

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EDITORIAL

At last summer has come and it's just like those long school holidays when the sun shone every day and we all got sunburnt because sun screen hadn't been invented. And of course, it never rained (apart from 1953). The country seems to be gradually returning to pre-Covid with lots of summer activities, outings, shows, lace days and lace demonstrations. (More of that later) We can indulge our hobby in the open air without fear of a downpour but make sure not to sit in full sun as the shadows cast by the pins are very confusing.

Editor

FROM THE COMMITTEE – INTRODUCING MYSELF – PAT JENKINS

I was born in Tiverton and often watched my grandmother who did Honiton lace. We lived near Susan Cox who began the English Lace School. When I was 12 years old the family moved to Parkstone, but I still go down to visit Tiverton.

I have always done knitting, crochet, cross stitch and sewing but always wished I could learn lace.

In the late 1990s I went to Stapehill Abbey with my friend Eileen Hoare and while we were there we met some lacemakers, including Sheila Herridge. Eileen introduced me to her, as Sheila was her teacher. I tried out the "Have -a-Go" pillow and Sheila told me she had room for me in her class, which was great. Sheila was a lovely lady and I had very good times with her, demonstrating and outings. We all miss her. Later I joined the Tuesday group which I still go to and have made a lot of friends and learned more laces.

Pat Jenkins

LACE DAY 2023 SATURDAY 3 JUNE



Our Lace Day Speaker Jan Goodwin and an example of her work

Looking back 'Lace Day 2023' was a very enjoyable occasion with a good selection of suppliers and an outstanding talk by Jen Goodwin entitled 'Jacobean Crewel Embroidery'. The climax of Jen's talk was her telling us about the embroidery she created for the Coronation of King Charles III. Jen is a tutor and assessor at the Royal School of Needlework as well as having a studio space at Walford Mill.

Margaret Eaglestone

LACE DAY COMPETITION



Many thanks to everyone who entered this year's competition on the subject of Floral. We had 15 entries of many varieties of Lace and the table looked amazing when they were displayed for judging. It certainly seemed to create a lot of discussion as people were taking their time to make a decision on the 2 categories, finding it difficult to decide. At the final count over 50 people attending Lace Day voted and the overall winner of both categories was Linda King with her Honiton Fuchsia Spray, with 22 votes for Best Technical Entry and 20 for the Entry I would most like to take home.

Pam Brown

CHARITY PRESENTATION

Brittany Maxted received the cheque for £550 on behalf of our charity 'Birds of Poole Harbour'. Grateful thank must go to Linda King who nominated the charity and also worked tirelessly to raise additional funds raffling some of her textile pieces.

Brittany with PBLC Chairman Jenny Lewis.



BIRDS OF POOLE HARBOUR UPDATE

The three chicks are already growing feathers. See them here with their mother.

<https://www.birdsofpooleharbour.co.uk/osprey/osprey-webcams/>

THANK YOU TO LACE DAY HELPERS.

Your Committee would like to thank all those who helped to make this year's Lace Day so enjoyable: the Speaker and Suppliers; those who helped with the refreshments, keeping the kitchen running smoothly and especially Laura for her lovely cakes; the competition entrants and all who voted. A special "thank you" goes to Andrew Lewis, his son-in-law, Ivan and to Brian Kennedy, all of whom were "press ganged" into helping set up the halls on Friday 2nd afternoon.

We look forward to Lace Day 2024.

The committee

AGM

The agenda for the AGM was sent with the May newsletter.

We will, as usual, be presenting the bobbins for the winners of the Trophies last year, and the Trophies and certificates for this years' competitions at the start of the meeting.

There has only been 1 nomination for the Charity for 24/25 so far. If you would like to nominate a charity please notify the secretary as soon as possible and be prepared to give some information about that charity at the AGM.

PBLC'S SCRAPBOOKS

Pat Jenkins has offered to take over the custodianship of PBLC's scrapbooks. She would be pleased to receive any photos that you might have taken at lace events which have happened since the dreaded covid.

FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS AND EVENTS

Date	Event
22 nd June - 3 rd July 2023	<i>Top Drawer Art Exhibition</i> in The Gallery Upstairs at Upton Country Park. Includes work by former PBLC member, Jane Atkinson. Cafe downstairs ideal for coffee and cake. Lots of open space for walks.
Saturday 1 st July 2023 10.30am -1.30pm	<i>Pillow Party</i> Don't forget your lunch if you are staying for the AGM.
Saturday 1 st July 2023 2.00pm – 4.00pm	<i>PBLC Annual General Meeting</i>
Wednesdays; 3 rd July, 2 nd Aug. 6 th Sept. and 4 th Oct.	<i>Hardy's Visitor Centre</i> - PBLC demonstration. Visitor centre includes Thomas Hardy books and videos, refreshments and toilets. Lovely woodland walks.
4 th – 8 th August 2023	<i>Dorset Arts and Crafts Exhibition</i> The largest show of its type in the county. Amazing works of art from amateurs and professionals alike. Plenty to see and buy. Too good to be missed. Further details https://dorsetartsandcrafts.org/
Saturday 12 th Aug. 2023	<i>Farnham Village Street Fair</i> Dorset, runs from 12noon to 4pm, although the roads will be closed prior to this. No problem parking. Plants, books, bric-a-brac, cakes, refreshments, etc. Flower arrangements in the ancient church where PBLC will be demonstrating. Post code for your satnav DT11 8DE
Date and details to be confirmed	<i>Courtyard Craft Centre</i>

NEXT MEETING

Our next full meeting is on **Saturday, 2nd September 2023.**

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 September edition of the Newsletter should be with Liz Pass by **15th August**