



Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

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EDITORIAL

By the time you receive this newsletter, Christmas, with all the preparations and decorations, will be over for another year. I hope you had a good one. For many of us it's a time of mixed emotions; the highs of celebrations and family reunions side by side with memories of those we have lost at this time of year. For PBLC, Jean Nathan and Valda Duncan, both former members, passed away in the last few months and Sharon Moore's husband who died suddenly in November. We send our condolences to their families.

Editor

THREADS – WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT ?

At the November meeting we had a very enjoyable illustrated talk given by Jan Gardiner of Lacewing Designs. Jan described the vast choice of threads for lacemaking suitable for big shawls to small size Honiton. The source of threads can be from animal, plant, fossil or mineral. She detailed the means of manufacturing of threads by spinning creating either S or Z twist, and the measuring of the weight of threads and yarns, which can be by denier, NE or the number of wraps per inch or centimetre. It was recommended to work a test piece if we were unsure of the suitability of the thread. Jan also gave us advice about breaking threads, a moist tea towel over the pillow if the cause is dry threads, which can happen when the thread is old. Jan was a very clear speaker and the time flew by with this fascinating talk.



Eve Morton

DECEMBER PILLOW PARTY

A good number of regular attendees joined together in the Small Hall for an all-day pillow party, while others chose to spend just half the day making lace. The atmosphere was convivial, helped by a wide selection of Christmas goodies, a miniature Christmas tree suitably dressed with lace ornaments and a raffle with topical prizes.

If you've never been to a Pillow Party, I thoroughly recommend it.

Liz Pass

CHARITY BOBBINS

You will be able to place your order for this year's Charity Bobbin at the January PBLC meeting or at the morning Pillow Party. This will be your last opportunity to do so.

The wooden bobbin is £5.75 and bone is £10.00. Please pay at the time of ordering.

Jenny Harris

DEMONSTRATION AT BLANDFORD FASHION MUSEUM

Pat Jenkins and I had a lovely day demonstrating lace at the museum. Everyone was warm and welcoming. We had a lot of interest from the visitors and quite a few had a go on the snake. We also met the mayor. There was lots of tea and cake - yummy. And I won a raffle prize too. The museum is changing their exhibition of '50s costume. So I'm looking forward to seeing what's next.

Barbara Jackson



THE ANNUAL COMPETITION THEME "YOUTH"

I hope you have started your next entry for PBLC's annual competition – or at least thinking about it. The theme for this year is "Youth", to complement the charity "Gully's Place". The lace you choose to enter can relate to clothes, toys, activities, hobbies, etc. It is your interpretation of this age group 0 -- 18.

Jenny Harris

FORTH COMING PILLOW PARTIES SAT 3rd FEB.

This Pillow Party should be taking place in the small hall at the same time as St George's Church will be holding their Craft and Chat in the large hall. The committee has decided that we will join with the church in the large hall. The event will run from 10am to 3pm. Tickets will be £5 in advance or on the door, and you will still be able to sit with fellow lacemakers if you wish. Bacon baps will be available to buy for your lunch (you can still bring your own lunch if you prefer), there will be a cake stall, and tea and coffee will be available all day. There will also be a stall for your unwanted craft items – like our sales table at PBLC where you take any unwanted items and can take anything from the stall by making a donation. I do hope you will come.

PILLOW PARTY SAT 6th APRIL.

This Pillow Party will be taking place in the large hall. Whilst you can still come along to enjoy a day of lacemaking, following a request by members, Pompey Parry will be running a workshop on 'How and where to start a piece of lace'. We are not sure yet whether it will be in the morning or afternoon as it will depend on numbers, but if you would like to join the workshop, please add your name to the list today. There will be a charge of £2.

DANISH WHITEWORK WORKSHOP SUN 2nd JUNE 10.30 to 3.30

Full details are in the November newsletter and repeated below.

INFORMATION FOR DANISH WHITEWORK WORKSHOP.

A workshop tutored by Anna Winter will be held on Sunday 2nd June following her talk at the Lace Day. Places will be limited. The cost will be £30 which will include the course kit which comprises the instructions, fabric and thread to work a coaster sampler. Please indicate any previous experience you have in this skill. The day will be held at the Scout Hall adjacent to St. George's Church Hall and will run from 10.30 – 3.30pm. PBLC members will have priority until the March meeting, but then it will be open to non-members, and advertised in The Lace Guild magazine and locally.

If you are interested in attending please will you contact Jenny Lewis at;
chairman.pblc@yahoo.com

JEAN NATHAN 1943 – 2023

Long standing members of PBLC will remember Jean, who passed away in October after a long illness. Jean was a member of PBLC until 2014. I met Jean in 2007 when I joined. She belonged to the Moordown Community Group when it was tutored by Eileen Deacon and later, Jackie Barton, and remained a member when it became a self help group upon Jackie's retirement from teaching. She was still joining the group up until a few weeks before she went into Forest Holme hospice.



In 2004 she passed the Lace Guild's assessment course in Torchon at the

intermediate level. She enjoyed designing lace using a computer program Lace R – XP. Jean was a winner of the Rose Bowl in PBLC's 2005 competition, "Things Beginning with 'T', ' with her 'True Love Ring Pillow'. She contributed to 'Lace', the Lace Guild's newsletter, on three occasions: in issue 125 January 2007 with her 'Jack of Diamonds Playing Card' pattern; in issue 130 April 2008 'Anniversaries' with her patterns for Hallmarks originally designed for PBLC's silver anniversary and also in 131 July 2008 with a modular approach to design with a Wedding Garter. Our sincere condolences go to Bill, her husband.

Eve Morton

VALDA DUNCAN 1936 – 2023

Valda was another long standing member of PBLC, who passed away on October 4th. She was a modest lady, quiet and meticulous in her everything she did. After several years of learning bobbin lace, Valda took part in the 4 year Bobbin Lace Techniques Course. This demanded a great deal of time and commitment. She also made lace with the Ace Lacers, a local group, who were willing to step away from traditional patterns and experiment. Then she joined the self-help needlelace group which met in Broadstone Library. When the group had to move from Broadstone Library to Canford Heath Library, Valda ceased to attend as she didn't drive and was reluctant to ask for lifts. After leaving school Valda worked for a very well known jeweller in London, One of her responsibilities was stringing pearls. At one PBLC meeting she recounted the story of the Medici Pearls and their many owners from the royal families of Europe. In her early life Valda was a keen ballroom dancer and took it up again after the death of her husband. In memory of this, Glen Miller's recording of "String of Pearls" was played during Valda's funeral. Our condolences go to her daughters and grandchildren.

Both families requested that donations should be made in lieu of flowers and both chose Forest Holme as their charity. We will be making a combined collection for them at the meeting

Editor

GROUP PIECE FOR DACA 2024.

Would anyone like to join a sub-committee for this? The suggestion at the moment is for lots of lace butterflies to hang from a white twig tree, but any other suggestions will be considered. Are there any other suggestions?

Jenny Lewis

BLANKET SQUARES FOR UKRAINE

Last summer I came across an article about a charity which, among other things, sends knitted and crochet blankets to Ukraine. I spread the news and as a result a lot of PBLC members have been beavering away. It takes 48 squares, 8 x 8 inches to make a blanket suitable for a single bed. If anyone would like to join us, please let me know OR if you have oddments of knitting wool it would be gratefully received.

Liz Pass

FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS AND EVENTS

Date	Event
Saturday 6 th January 2024	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. Our speaker will be coming from "Gully's Place" Display – lace in a bangle.
Saturday 3 rd February 2024	All day pillow party joint with St George's Craft and Chat. More details on Page 2. 10.00am – 3.00pm
Saturday, 2 nd March 2024	Pillow party 10.30am – 1.30pm followed by PBLC meeting 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Saturday 1 st June 2024	Lace Day Speaker Anna Winter
Sunday 2 nd June 2024	Danish Whitework workshop, tutored by Anna Winter

NEXT MEETING

Our next full meeting is on **Saturday, 2nd March 2024**, 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

HONITON JABOT AND CUFFS.

True to his word, the Speaker of the House of Commons wore the Honiton jabot and cuffs at the Opening of Parliament in the Autumn.

COPY DATE

Items for the March edition of the Newsletter should be with Liz Pass by **15th February 2024**