



EDITORIAL

Here we are again; time seems to fly by; what happened to summer? Well, it was busy for me, and probably for you, too. In June we had Lace Day; July saw our AGM, and August brought the Dorset Arts and Crafts Association annual show, which seemed larger than ever. Sadly, we were not invited to demonstrate there this year, but each summer and autumn month the National Trust welcomed us to the Hardy's Visitor centre, near the cottage where Thomas Hardy was born and grew up. We have also been invited to demonstrate at Fleetsbridge Tesco. So, now we can look forward to winter (well perhaps not the weather) You will see from the programme of events that your committee have arranged an amazing variety of events. Make sure you mark the dates on the calendar so that you don't miss anything.

Editor

TODAY'S MEETING

The Pillow Party will be from 10.30am to 1.30pm in the large hall, followed by the regular PBLC meeting. There will be a display of 100 pieces of antique lace and a discussion about the future of PBLC's trophies.

ANNUAL COMPETITION WINNERS 2024

Trophies	Rose Bowl	Carol Bale
	Lin Allen	Margaret Eaglestone
	Bobbin Lace Techniques	Eve Morton
	Bro Dowel	Jean Organ
	Design	Margaret Eaglestone
	Lace Maker	Carol Bale
Certificates	Gold	Carol Bale, Margaret Eaglestone, Eve Morton
	Silver	Jean Organ, Elizabeth Pass
	Blue	Laura Navrady-Pitcher, Jenny Lewis, Louise Ludgate



Carol Bale's Christening robe



Louise Ludgate's Baby Bunnies

DORSET ARTS AND CRAFTS 2024

What a successful time we had at DACA this year!

The PORTMAN CUP was won by our group piece, Kaleidoscope of Butterflies. Well done to all 23 of our members whose 35 butterflies (and 1 moth!) made this possible. Give yourselves a pat on the back!



The ROYAL DOULTON LACEMAKER was won by Margaret Eaglestone with her picture, Little Bo Peep. Well done, Margaret.
(Can you see the sheep?)



The Dolphin Cloth also received a Work of Outstanding Merit Certificate. So well done to the 11 members who made a dolphin or 2 on this piece. Shirley Pearce was the custodian of the lace pillow during lockdown and completed 11 dolphins. Finally, mention goes to Eve Morton who organised the dolphins and mounted the lace onto the cloth (receiving a special mention in the Judges' Comments). Thank you, Eve.

These, and all the other pieces entered, will be on view at the meeting along with the Judges' Comments. If your piece is there and you also entered it into the PBLC Annual Competition, please bring the Judges' Comments from that competition along as well – It is often interesting to see how 2 different judges view the same piece of lace.

BUTTERFLIES.

You will be able to collect your butterflies after the meeting when we dismantle the tree. You will be asked to sign for them.

DACA 25.

Has anyone any ideas for a DACA 25 group piece? Kaleidoscope of Butterflies will be a hard act to follow!!

THANK YOU to Lily and Clive Wills for printing our newsletters, membership forms etc. over the year. This thank you was omitted at the Annual Meeting for which I apologise.

Jenny L.

VISIT TO BLANDFORD FASHION MUSEUM

A visit to Blandford Fashion Museum has been arranged for Thursday 19th September. If you wish to go, please see Jenny Harris to sign up at the meeting on Saturday 7th September. The cost is £8.30 which includes the cost of entry, coffee or tea and biscuit. Please arrive at 10.00am. Travel is by car share to be arranged by you. *Jenny Harris*

SALES TABLE

There seems to be some confusion about where the money goes for items sold on the Sales Table. 10% of any sale goes to PBLC funds with 90% going to the vendor unless the item is being sold 100% for a charity. In that case the 100% does go to the charity and there will be a notice to that effect next to the items being sold with the charity being named.

COMPETITIONS 2025

The **Lace Day Competition** will be for a piece of lace to fit into a 4" square. Your lace can be any shape.

The **Annual Competition** is for a piece of lace to wear. It doesn't have to be massive like a dress! It can be something much smaller - say a piece of jewellery. What can you come up with?

There will also be the **3rd Lace Challenge** to be announced in October, and to be judged by the Charity speaker in January. All for a Chocolate Orange!

Please note that any item of lace may only be entered **once** into any PBLC competition – so, either the Lace Day Competition or the Annual Competition but not both or twice even in different years. DACA has the same rule – you may only enter an item once, but you can enter an item in DACA that has been in a PBLC competition. *Committee*

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD CLUE from Newsletter 253

No. 1 *Fragile lace tied fancily (8 letters)* was an anagram of *lace tied* and rearranged to spell *delicate*. Nobody posted an answer at the meeting, but Carol won the chocolate bar on Tuesday morning with the correct answer. The new cryptic clue is a bit longer.

No.2 *Lace she made at this west London College of Arts? (7 letters)* If you think you can work it out, let me know at the meeting.. The first correct answer will get a chocolate bar.

Liz Pass

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Date	Event
Sat. 7 th Sept. 2024,	Pillow Party 10.30am – 1.30pm. PBLC meeting 2pm – 4pm. PBLC sales table. Display of antique lace by Tina Mitchelmore
Thurs. 26 th Sept. 2024	Tesco, Fleetsbridge Demonstration in the Community Room from 9.30 to 11.30am
Weds. - 11 th Sept. and 9 th Oct. 2024	Hardy's Visitor Centre Demonstrations. 10am – 3pm. Free parking.
Sat. 5 th Oct. 2024	All day pillow party 10.30am – 3.30pm
Sat. 2 nd Nov 2024	Pillow Party 10.30am – 1.30pm. PBLC meeting 2pm – 4pm. Speaker – Claire Richards Topic – Raffia Craft, from plait to bags, hats and more.
Sat. 16 th Nov. 2024	Havant http://www.havant-suppliers-fair.com Please accept my apologies for an incorrect date in the last newsletter. <i>Editor</i>

Our next full meeting is on **Saturday, 7th September 2024**, see above, and will be a Pillow Party in the morning with the usual meeting at 2pm. 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.

NEWSLETTERS

If you receive your newsletter by email but are unable to print it, you may ask for a hard copy to be collected at the meeting. Please speak to Carol, Membership Secretary.

COPY DATE

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