



Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

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EDITORIAL

They say “Hope springs eternal in the human breast” I say “Spring brings hope for plenty of good light, warm weather and lots of ideas for the next piece of lace.” There are never enough hours in the day, but light evenings help to make more time for leisure activities, whether it be lacemaking, gardening or just going for a stroll at one of the many beautiful places around our county. PBLC member Ann Plummer has discovered a new visitor attraction. See her article below.

Editor

TODAY'S MEETING

The morning starts with the **Pillow Party** from 10.30am – 1.30pm followed by the afternoon **PBLC meeting** which will be from 2pm until 4.00pm. Our speaker is Joyce Meader who will tell us about knitting for the troops from 1850 until today.

SALES TABLE

There will be a lot of lace equipment that was previously owned by Kay Moscrop and Win Gair. Have **you** got any lace related items you wish to sell at the March meeting? If so, you need to put the price on each item. 10% will go to PBLC but if you donate your items all the money goes to our charity. Bring your purses! and please remember to take all unsold items home with you. Thank you

Marilyn

JANUARY MEETING

Our speaker at the January meeting was Kathryn Reed. Kathryn comes from the Blandford Fashion Museum, PBLC's charity for the present year. She told us about all the backroom work that makes the Blandford Fashion Museum such an attractive and interesting place to visit. We heard about storage, cleaning, repairs, fund raising as well as educational events for students of all ages. The museum has now opened for the 2025 season





Items from the Fashion Museum's handling collection.



LACE HEARTS CHALLENGE

The latest lace challenge brought more entries than previous challenges. Our speaker was invited to choose the winners. Thank you to everyone who entered the Heart Challenge at the January meeting. There were a good variety of hearts!



The winners were:- For one heart - Eve Morton; for many hearts - Jane Cox and for your own design - Margaret Eaglestone.

Barbara Jackson won the raffle for all the entries. Well Done Ladies!



FEBRUARY PILLOW PARTY

The February pillow party was once more combined with St. George's Craft Day. As usual there were lots of different crafts being worked and a very good Bring and Buy table. Refreshments, cake sales and raffle together raised around £600. Well done organisers and everyone who contributed. The next one is planned for 31st May.

PILLOW PARTIES AND MEETINGS.

On Feb 1st the cost of the hall went up by £2 an hour to £26.

The committee have reviewed the charges for Pillow Parties and to avoid confusion have decided that the charge for the Pillow Party, when there is a meeting in the afternoon, will be £4. For an all-day Pillow Party, the charge will still be £4 for the morning session, £4 for the afternoon session or £7 if you stay all day.

These charges will start from the next Pillow Party on March 1st.

The Committee.

LACE DAY 2025

PRE-ORDER LACE DAY BOBBINS

Jenny Harris has received the samples from Chris Parsons for the commemorative Lace Day bobbins. They show the PBLC dolphin backed by the colours favoured by our charity, Blandford Fashion Museum, and are spangled in similar colours. The wording is *Poole Bobbin Lace Circle Lace Day, 7th June 2025*. The cost is £9.95 for a lemon wood bobbin or £14.95 for a bone bobbin. If you wish to pre-order your commemorative Lace Day 2025 bobbins please see Jenny, either at Tuesday Lace or at the next meeting, on 1st March. Please will you pay when you place your order. Thank you.

LACE DAY TICKETS 2025

Tickets for Lace Day on Saturday 7th June will be available from Jenny Lewis at the meeting on Saturday 1st March. The price is as last year, £7 in advance or £8 at the door on the day. The speaker will be Judith Cordell, her topic, Rosaline Perle Lace. She will be holding a workshop the following day and for more information and to sign up for the workshop please see Jenny Lewis.

Jenny Harris

ROSALINE LACE WORKSHOP June 8th 2025, 10.30am to 3.30pm

Cost £25 excluding materials – please pay by the April meeting.

If you would like to join this workshop, please let Jenny know as soon as possible. There is a list of equipment you will need – some of which you will be able to borrow.

At the moment, we do not have enough names for it to take place, but it will be advertised in the Lace Guild magazine, and to other local groups, so hopefully more people will join us. I hope to see you there.

Jenny



MAINLYLACE - OUR LACE DAY SUPPLIER

Mainlylace no longer carry FINCA thread but they now have another comparable thread available. Barbara Brooks also says if you have anything special you wish her to bring to Lace Day you can contact her direct at enquiries@mainlylace.co.uk or speak to Jenny Harris. Thanks to Barbara Jackson for this information

NEW ARTS VENUE IN DORSET

I recently visited The Sherborne (www.thesherborne.com), a property recently renovated thanks to the generosity of the philanthropist Michael Cannon. The old part of the house has been beautifully restored and is now home to rolling art work



Willow Glade
(PS These two pieces are huge! Ed.)

exhibitions. At present and up to the 25th March the exhibition is for local Dorset artists using any medium. Their work is also for sale. Jane Atkinson, a local lace maker, has two pieces of work on display:

An architect designed addition to the house has a small restaurant which requires booking and a bar which serves coffee and cakes. The well designed gardens, displays a good variety of sculptures. Entry to the house and gardens is free.

Larmer Tree of Life
Ann Plummer



WORD-SEARCH

There are 23 words to find in this word-search. They have been taken from an advert which was published in the Needlecraft magazine during the First World War. A prize of a chocolate bar to the first person who finds all 23. Answers next newsletter.



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Date	Event
Sat. 1 st March. 2025	Pillow Party 10.30am – 1.30pm. PBLC meeting 2pm – 4pm. Speaker – Joyce Meader Knitting for the troops from 1850 to today.
Sat. 22 nd March 2025	Christchurch Lace Day 10.00am – 3.30pm.
Thurs. 24 th April 2025 and last Thurs. in every month until further notice.	Demonstration at Fleetsbridge Tesco.09:30am -11:30am Refreshments and cake are provided.
Sat. 17 th May 2025	Wool Charter Fair Millennium Sq. Wool. 12Mid-day - 5pm.
Sat. 31 st May 2025 Advance warning	St George's Craft and Chat , 10am to 3pm. More details in due course
Sat. 7 th June 2025	Lace Day - see further details elsewhere in newsletter.
Sun. 8 th June 2025,	Rosaline Lace Workshop 10.30am – 3.30pm (following Lace Day) Tutor Judith Cordell on Rosaline Perle Lace. See further details elsewhere in the newsletter.
Sat. 26 th July 2025	Milton Abbas Street Fair 11am – 5pm Special request to wear rural country costume (18 th century)

Our next full meeting is on **Saturday, 1st March 2025**, 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.

Committee

VOLUNTEERS WANTED for refreshments

Two volunteers wanted for each of the following dates -- 3rd May, 5th July, 6th September and 1st November. Duties included making tea and coffee and washing up. Please see Pat Jenkins or any committee member if you can help.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED for demonstrations

It is time for me to arrange lacemaking demonstrations once again, so I would love some volunteers please. You won't be expected to attend on your own and you will always have a companion. We all enjoy the day out and it's encouraging to meet people who are interested in our special craft, only to discover many have never seen lace making before. If anyone has any ideas for new venues to demonstrate lacemaking, please would you let me know and I will investigate.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered for demonstrations in the past. Thank you.

Carol Kennedy Demonstration Secretary

VOLUNTEERS WANTED for the committee 2025/2026

Carol Kennedy will have completed her 6 years on the committee in July 2025 so we will need at least one new member for the committee. As the committee is currently only 6 when it should be 9, more than 1 new member would be very welcome.

It doesn't matter if you have been on the committee previously, or if you are a new member, or if you have never been on a committee before, you will be very welcome. We are a friendly group and we all help each other out, so please consider joining the committee.

We meet once a month as a committee and, of course, there are the meetings on the first Saturday of each month except August. For more information, please speak to any of the committee.

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 May edition of the newsletter should be with Liz Pass by 15th April 2025.

Design your own lace umbrella. Trace this outline. Overlay it on torchon dot paper, add spiders or trails or fill with squiggly lines and work tapes to fill the space. Don't forget to share your designs.

