



# Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

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## **FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Welcome to the first newsletter of PBLC's year and as many of you are now aware from a joint Chairmanship. To introduce ourselves we are Ruth Oldridge and Penny Stevenson and have both been lacing for over 20 years – each! We will endeavour to maintain the high standards set by Margaret Eaglestone and the previous incumbents. Our thanks go to both Margaret and Pat Jenkins for their time on the committee. We would also like to welcome Sue Baker to the committee who will be taking over from Pat on the raffle. For the present both Ruth and I will be continuing in our current committee roles, as Sales and Membership respectively, as we are still down on committee member numbers.

Well done to all those members who exhibited and won certificates and trophies at the Dorset Arts and Crafts Association Exhibition, the entries of which are today's display. A report with photos from the exhibition will appear later in the newsletter. Huge thanks to all who helped in the setting up, taking down, demonstrating and generally participated in DACA and other demonstrations in which we have taken part this summer, especially in the very hot weather. We hope that we will have more volunteers for the upcoming demonstrations, a list of which can be found in the newsletter.

We are also hoping that we can persuade members to be part of a Volunteer List. There will be no obligation on the part of members but to have such a list of willing people that we can call on to help us maintain the efficient running of meetings would help the committee. If you feel able please put your contact details on that list.

Finally, all the upcoming events for PBLC are in your 2018 – 2019 Programme. As well as details of our meetings throughout the year it gives information about the Pillow Parties and the Tuesday Self Help Group held in the small hall here at St. George's every Tuesday.

*Ruth Oldridge and Penny Stevenson*

## **WHAT IS HAPPENING AT TODAY'S MEETING**

- Our speaker is Dinah Warnock giving a talk about 'The History of Black in Fashion'
- The Supplier is our own Sales Table. Linda King will be helping Ruth
- Display consists of the DACA entries
- Membership Renewal - Lucie is helping Penny. There is a separate table for membership renewals this year
- Sue will be selling raffle tickets for our 2018 -2019 charity 'MyTIME'
- Linda Burn and Jean will have lists for you to sign for: Havant Lace Day tickets; for members to demonstrate at The Canford Needlework Festival, Jane Atkinson's Ebb 'N' Flow Exhibition in Wimborne, at Scaplans Court in December and for any members who wish to volunteer their time to help at meetings
- Sheila Herridge will have a list to fill in the coffee and tea rota for this year

## **SALES TABLE**

It's that time of year again! At this September's meeting we have our own Sales Table so please get sorting through your unwanted lace items and bring them with you to be sold on Friday evening. Price up your items unless you want to let them be taken for a donation.

Please remember to collect any unsold items at the end of the evening. Thank you.

*Ruth Oldridge*

## **SOUTHERN COUNTIES LACEMAKERS AND NEEDLECRAFT FAIR**

**Saturday 17 November 2018**

As in previous years we will be purchasing tickets for the Lace and Needlecraft Fair at Havant at a reduced rate of £4 rather than £4.50. Tickets must be purchased in multiples of ten. If you would like to purchase a ticket please pay your £4 and book a ticket at today's meeting. The special exhibition this year is by Gwynedd Roberts and is entitled 'Lace to be Worn'. Anna Winter is demonstrating Danish Whitework, Judith Cordell is demonstrating Rosaline Perle Lace and the Japanese Embroidery Guild is demonstrating beading and Japanese embroidery.

A day not to be missed!

*The Committee*

## **LACEMAKING IN AVON VALLEY WILDLIFE PARK**

On a very hot Sunday 15 July 2018 Margaret Eaglestone, Linda Burn, Jenny Green and myself demonstrated at The Wild Sunday Activity Day. We had attended this event last year and we were all really looking forward to repeating the experience. The venue however had been changed...this year it was in a huge field, several miles down Boundary Lane which was difficult to find. It hadn't been well advertised and there were no signs to direct visitors!



As well as lacemaking there were plenty of other stalls and activities – wood carving, jewellery making, barge painted work, glass blowing, bee-keeping, insect farms and birds of prey. There was a huge archery arena and a train to take visitors around. We had quite a few visitors showing interest in our lace, some trying the 'Have a Go' pillow. Two visitors turned out to be ladies who had not made lace for many years. We encouraged them to come along to our Ferndown group and also join PBLC. They were

recently returned from overseas and both seemed keen to start making lace again when they became settled.

The day ended in the early afternoon when a sudden wind got up. It blew away several stalls and their wares as well as the archery arena! Our gazebo collapsed and a team of forest rangers and volunteers had to dismantle it and lift it over our heads and lace pillows. We stayed another half an hour but it really was too hot to sit for long unprotected in the sun. A dramatic end to the day! Although the morning was enjoyable visitor numbers were lower than last year possibly due to the heat of the day, the new venue and the Wimbledon and World Cup Football finals.



*Mary Tate*

## **WANTED**

Please can I ask for volunteers to help in the kitchen during PBLC meetings. If you could give up some time just once a year to serve the tea, coffee and biscuits...we all enjoy a cuppa and something sweet to kick off the meeting! If you can help please put your name down even if it's months ahead (I can always cover if something crops up at the last minute).

Many thanks to all members who volunteered last year. Here's to a full list for 2018 – 2019.

*Sheila Herridge*

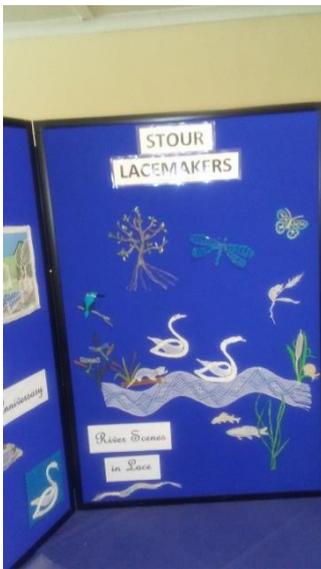
## **MEMBERSHIP FEES 2018 – 2019**

Just a quick reminder for anyone who has not yet renewed their subscription, the renewal form can be found with your July newsletter. This year there will be a separate table for renewing so sign in as normal and renew at the designated table. If you are unable to attend the meeting you can of course send your renewal to Penny Stevenson (address at the top of renewal form) together with your A5 SAE and fee. Please make your cheques payable to PBLC. The fees are £6 for a Lace Guild member, a non-Lace Guild member is £6 membership plus £2.25 insurance making a total of £8.25. Junior membership is £3.

Many thanks.

*Penny Stevenson*

## **PBLC VISIT TO STOUR**



On Saturday 28 July eight members made the journey to Manston near Sturminster Newton to spend the day with Stour Lacemakers. This is always an enjoyable day full of lacemaking, chat and eating delicious cakes. Stour Lacemakers meet twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday. Their meetings involve them working on individual and group projects, they have a raffle and bring cakes for a sumptuous afternoon tea at 3pm.

Our sincere thanks to them for inviting us. It was lovely to see all their work. It was also great to meet Jo Dodd, from Bere Regis who knew nothing about lacemaking until she inherited her grandmother's lacemaking equipment a few months ago. She has been coming to the meetings and, with the guidance of some of the Stour members, is making excellent progress on her lacemaking journey. We certainly hope to be able to make another visit next year.

*Shirley Pearce*



## **DEMONSTRATION UPDATE**

My sincere thanks to all members who demonstrated at DACA this year. It was greatly appreciated, especially in the heat of the main hall. Overall the exhibition was a great success with the possibility of some new members.

We have been asked to demonstrate at the Canford Needlework Festival on Sunday 16 September. There are also a few vacant slots to fill at Jane Atkinson's Ebb 'N' Flow Wimborne exhibition during September and October. The dates still to fill, all Wednesdays, are 19 September, 17 October and 24 October.

Finally, an invitation to demonstrate at Poole Museum (Scaplans Court) in December has just been received. The date is Sunday 2 December between 12 noon and 3pm. We did it last year and it proved to be very popular.

If you can help with any of these demonstrations please see me or sign up on the lists at this evening's meeting.

*Linda King*

## THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF DEMONSTRATING AT DACA – 3-7 AUGUST

9.30 Car loaded with lace pillow, stand, instruction book for Rosaline lace, notebook and a large bottle of diluted cranberry juice.

9.35 Picked up Pat Gilbertson. Loaded more equipment into the car.

9.54 Arrived at Purbeck School. No traffic problems...HIGH, sat in car waiting for 10 am opening time for Dorset Arts and Crafts Show, car hot so opened door wide, another car drew up alongside, shut door...LOW.

10.00 Walked straight through reception into large hall, looked for display and demonstration chairs, HORRORS...worst LOW of the day – display tucked behind screen diagonal to wall. Area looked a bit dark...oh dear forgotten to remove sunglasses, changed specs, opened curtains...THAT'S BETTER.

10.05 Moved chairs into more prominent position, wasn't going to hide away. If visitors didn't notice the display they certainly wouldn't miss Pat and me. Pinned 'Have a Go' pillow notice so that anyone coming in the right direction could see it easily – that worked. More people tried it than usual...three boys and quite a few adults throughout the day...HIGH. It always amazes me that onlookers can chant, "Two over three; two and four back; two over three again", while the poor have a go guinea pig is struggling. None of the onlookers wanted to have a go though!



PBLC Display - Colours of Suffrage



Eve's Winning Entry

Set up own pillow. Began work...HIGH

11.00 Periodically walked around the hall, admiring exhibits. Such a brilliant display of work...HIGH. What talent lives in our beautiful county. But only six pieces of lace entered...BIG LOW. Congratulations to their makers: Eve Morton for winning The Royal Doulton Lacemaker for her Idria Peacock; Barbara Jackson entered four pieces: a Milanese motif which gained a blue – Highly Commended award; her Torchon Lace Clock Face gained another Blue award; a Milanese Santa's Sleigh gained a Green – Commended award as did her Bucks Motif. It was touching to see Dorothy Watson's final piece of lace. When she became seriously ill last year she asked if her granddaughter would finish it.

Congratulations to Margaret Eaglestone whose piece 'Red Poppies for Remembrance and White Poppies for Peace' was

entered in The Champion of Champions category and was given a Gold award – Work of Outstanding Merit. Margaret also entered the Weaving section gaining another Gold award for her matching accessories...bag, purse, spectacle case and scarf.



Champion of Champions - Margaret's Entry

More congratulations should go to Linda King and Ruth Oldridge who set up PBLC's display in Suffragette colours. I didn't think when looking for cool clothes to wear, I chose a purple tee shirt and white trousers (could have worn a green ribbon in my hair)

Think visitor number down...LOW, people on the beach or hiding indoors to get out of the sun?

Even so, great delight of this show is meeting old friends and visitors to the area from all over Britain and further afield. It never ceases to amaze me that people from my childhood, past PBLC members, friends, ex-students of all ages and/or their parents and many like-minded crafts people are not only passionate about their own speciality, but genuinely appreciative of other crafts...BIG HIGH

12.45 Soon to be relieved by afternoon demonstrators...HIGH. Hall very hot...LOW. Perspiration!

1.15 No one arrived yet...LOW

1.30 Afternoon shift – could it be us? Yes it could!

2.00 Sat under a shady tree and ate lunch...HIGH

2.15 Back to work...HIGH

3.15 Investigated stalls, chatted to stall holders. Made purchases. Treated myself to a wooden jigsaw...HIGH

3.30 Back to work again...HIGH

4.45 Time to tidy up, tie up bobbins and leave Purbeck School once more. I hope I'll be back next year.

*Liz Pass*

### **LACE WORKSHOP AT DACA**

Again this year I was invited to run a Lace Workshop at DACA. With total beginners and a maximum of two hours it is difficult to find a project that can be completed in the time. Something that had been successful in the past was a lace Christmas Bauble, so even though it was a few months early I thought that it would be suitable.

I was lucky to have the support of Jenny Green and David, my husband. Unfortunately the attendance at the DACA workshops this year had been down, possibly due to



**Lace in the Making**



**Making Lace at DACA Workshop**

the wonderful weather, with an average take up of two participants. Mine was no exception and just two attended so with one-to-one tuition they both made excellent progress and completed their lace decoration in record time.

Various members of the public popped in to see what we were doing and one lady in particular who had been a lace maker was a very young 101 years old! She said she was not making lace now as she hadn't the flexibility in her fingers but

she was an inspiration to us all. Her secret to a long life she said was "Moderation in everything!"

*Margaret Eaglestone*

### **PBLC TRIP**

It is proposed that the Committee organise a trip to The All Hallows Lace Museum at Honiton in Devon. It is planned that while there we would have a talk by Pat Perryman our 2018 Lace Day speaker. The trip is in the planning stage at the moment and we have suggested a date in May 2019. Further information will appear in the November newsletter.

*The Committee*

## **A TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY WATSON AT DACA**

Sadly last August during the DACA exhibition Dorothy Watson passed away. She was a great supporter of DACA and as one of her former students I know she was always encouraging us to enter our lace. One of the entries in the competition was a wall hanging started by Dorothy and completed by her granddaughter.

This was attached to the piece of lace, written by Dorothy's daughter Joanne:

This was the lace my mother was working on last year, aged 81, when she was taken ill. One of her requests was that my eldest daughter completed it and entered it in this year's Dorset Arts and Crafts Exhibition. So here it is.

*Margaret Eaglestone*

## **THANKS**

We received this letter of thanks from Jenny Gurden, the Chair of DACA:

To all members of Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

On behalf of the Dorset Arts & Crafts Association, I would like to thank you all for demonstrating your lacemaking and staging a small display of work at our annual exhibition. I hope you enjoyed your time at the exhibition and that it was successful for you.

I am aware that the space we were able to allocate to you was perhaps not as much as you would have hoped. We will continue to look at how we can make best use of the space within the hall. If you have any suggestions or comments, I would welcome them.

We had another successful exhibition. Visitor numbers were slightly down on last year, which was probably attributable to the exceptionally hot weather. However, everyone who came was very enthusiastic and enjoyed their visit very much.

For your information, the exhibition dates in 2019 will be 2 to 6 August. I will be in touch early next year about your participation.

With kind regards

*Jenny*

## **LACE GUILD LIST – GDPR**

As you probably recall from earlier this year PBLC had to update our privacy rules to comply with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Lace Guild has to update theirs too. They have sent a request for any teachers or groups who are on their database to renew their application. To comply with new GDPR regulations, everyone will need to complete a new form and return it to Andrea Gaskell at the Lace Guild.

The link to obtain the form is <https://www.laceguild.org/guild/TeacherForm18.pdf>; there will also be paper copies available on the noticeboard at the September meeting.

*Jean Organ*

## **NEXT MEETING**

Over the years Lily Wills has created some impressive pieces of lace, so do come along on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to hear Lily talk about *Painting with Colour*. You will be able to treat yourself to a painted bobbin from Sarah Jones. Do bring along a piece of lace for the Display on the theme *Autumn* and also bring along your completed lace for the Brag Table.



**Dorothy & her Granddaughter's Wall Hanging**

## EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

- Sunday 16 September**      **Canford Needlework Festival** 10am to 4.00pm. Hamworthy Recreation Club, Magna Road, BH21 3AL. Admission £3. An exciting event for all stitching enthusiasts. Carvery lunches are available as well as tea coffee and bar. Plenty of free parking.  
**[www.canfordneedlework.co.uk](http://www.canfordneedlework.co.uk)**
- Saturday 29 September**      **Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers Open Day** Free entry 11am to 3.30pm, Sunninghill Preparatory School Hall, Culliford Road North Dorchester, DT1 1QG. Website:  
**<https://dorsetwsd.wordpress.com>**
- 15 Sep – 28 Oct**      **Ebb 'N' Flow, Lace, Place and Climate** Walford Mill Crafts and Priest's House Museum, Wimborne.  
**[www.walfordmillcrafts.co.uk](http://www.walfordmillcrafts.co.uk)**
- Saturday 17 November**      **The Southern Counties Lacemakers and Needlecraft Fair** 10am to 3.30pm. Group Tickets available at £4; Individual Tickets £4.50.  
**[www.havant-suppliers-fair.com](http://www.havant-suppliers-fair.com)**

## EDITORIAL

This is an information packed newsletter. In compiling it I have been reminded of the buzz that goes with starting a new year at school. It is great to welcome Penny and Ruth to the joint Chair (I am sure they will use their bobbin gavel well) and Sue Baker as a Committee Member with responsibility for the all-important raffle which raises money for our charity – this year 'MyTIME'.

What a scorcher it was for much of the summer. Wonderful to be able to go out without cardigans but on some days too hot to do anything constructive. I wonder if it means we are in for a cold, wet winter which might be more conducive to making lace. Which brings me on to my second area of responsibility – Competition Secretary. In 2018/19 the Annual Competition subject is 'A Pair'. So please get your thinking caps on and put in an entry for our annual competition. There were only a few entries last year and even fewer for the DACA Exhibition. We have lovely trophies that should be on show in member's homes. Please think of showing your talents that are always so highly praised in our displays, and enter a piece of your work next May.

Our next full meeting is at 2pm on **Saturday 3 November** when PBLC member Lily Wills will give a talk entitled 'Painting with Colour'. Before that we have our first Pillow Party on **Saturday 6 October**. There is plenty of activity on the Craft front this autumn to look forward to – Jane Atkinson's exhibition in September and October; St. George's Craft Day organised by Jenny Lewis at the end of October and The Lace Day at Havant on Saturday 17 November (please note this is the correct day, in the last newsletter it was mistakenly written as being in the 16 Nov).

Items for the November newsletter should be with me by **Monday 8 October**.

*Linda Burn*