



Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A return to Saturday afternoons for our meetings. Apart from the colder days it is nice to be able to drive home in daylight! Our speaker today is Dr Helen Walker talking about 'Children's Wear' and we have our Sales Table, so if you have any items you would like to sell please bring them along – with prices, unless you are happy for people to make a donation. To carry on with the speaker's theme our display table is 'Lace for a Child' and don't forget to bring any pieces for the Brag Table as well.

Thank you for your donations last month to Jean Lane's memorial charity BeatSCAD (Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection). I am sure they will be put to good use. We have also had letters from both CODA and The John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation thanking us for their surprise donation, we are hoping that we will be able to organise a visit from them both at a later date.

If you haven't done so already you can put your name down for a charity bobbin, your last chance will be at the January meeting after which we will be placing the order.

Last month's Pillow Party went well with 15 people attending. It made for a very happy atmosphere (the cake helped too!) Ruth has written a more detailed piece further in this newsletter. Let's hope for a similar attendance...or more on December 7.

Penny Stevenson

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT TODAY'S MEETING

- Our speaker today is Dr Helen Walter speaking about 'Children's Wear'
- The supplier is our own Sales Table
- The display consists of Lace for a Child
- Jean will be distributing Havant Lace day tickets
- The Sales Table will have sample bobbins and order lists for our Forest Holme Hospice Charity
- Sue will be selling Raffle tickets for prizes on the theme of Christmas

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2019/2020

Just a quick reminder for anyone who has not yet renewed their subscription, the renewal forms can be found with your July newsletter...I will also have some forms at today's meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting you can of course send your renewal to Penny Stevenson (address at the top of the renewal form), together with your A5 SAE and fee, please make cheques payable to PBLC.

Many thanks

Penny Stevenson

HAVANT LACE FAIR

Tickets for Havant Lace Fair have arrived. If you have paid for a ticket do come and collect it from Jean Organ.

The Committee

VISIT TO STOUR LACEMAKERS

Shirley and a Stour Lacemaker



Saturday 24 August dawned bright, sunny and very warm as nine members of PBLC (Linda B, Margaret C, Jean, Jayne, Jenny H, Barbara, Jenny L, Eve and Shirley) travelled to Manston Village Hall to join Stour Lacemakers for one of their meetings. It is always a fabulous day visiting old friends; drinking copious drinks accompanied by delicious cakes and biscuits and of course making lace.

This year members of the Marston Magna Lace Group were attending as well.

It was lovely to meet up with those ladies – one of whom regularly reads our newsletter on line. The Marston Magna group is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

We all very much enjoyed the day and managed to scoop three of the raffle prizes! As always we hope to meet up with members of Stour Lacemakers and Marston Magna at our Lace Day on Saturday 6 June 2020 and also to come and visit them again next summer.

Barbara and Friend



Jean and Jenny at Stour Pillow Party



Jayne and Jenny at Stour Pillow Party



Eve talking to two Stour Lacemakers including Chairperson Linda

Linda Burn

PBLC VISIT TO BLANDFORD FASHION MUSEUM

Friday 27 September saw a small group of PBLC members escaping the heavy rain of the day to the warm and dry surroundings of the Blandford Fashion Museum. The purpose of this visit was to view this year's display which features Heather Toomer's collection of Whitework including a Georgian apron. We met in their coffee shop for light refreshments before embarking on a tour to view their latest displays. To round off our lovely visit we headed back to the coffee shop for further refreshment and a spot of retail.



A Small but Select Group Visit to Blandford Fashion Museum

Ruth Oldridge

Costumes at Blandford Fashion Museum



EXTRA CHARITY DONATIONS UPDATE



Members of CODA in Receipt of Cheque

The two charities to have benefited from the money raised for MY TIME last year, have been presented with a total of £245 each. CODA and the JTYAF, both local charities, have been extremely grateful. Letters of thanks and photos will be on the noticeboard at the November meeting as well as the two photos to accompany this piece.

Linda Burn

John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation Receive Cheque



PILLOW PARTY AT ST. GEORGE'S – 5 OCTOBER 2019

Welcome to our first Pillow Party of the year and our first with the new timing of two hours 1.30 to 3.30pm. It was lovely to see so many lace makers there. Quite how much lace was made is not known as it was also a time for catching up with everyone after summer fun and travels.

A BIG thank you to Linda B, Linda K and Liz Pass for the lovely cakes they provided for us to enjoy with our tea and coffee mid-afternoon. Liz also brought with her some prickings that had belonged to the late Pat Gilbertson. She distributed some cover cloths that had belonged to Pat as well. Donations for these items are to be shared between PBLC and Cancer Research.



Included are some photos of the lace being worked.



Lace in Progress



Lace in Progress

Ruth Oldridge

LILY WILLS LACE BODICE



Front Cover of Die Spitze Featuring the Front of the Bodice

Whilst at the October meeting of CLS yesterday, we were surprised and thrilled to see a magazine being passed around with something familiar on its cover. It was Lily's stunning bodice adorning the front and back cover of Die Spitze (The Lace) which is the German Lace Society Magazine, published three times a year. This was the second issue of 2019. As I said we were all thrilled to see it so beautifully photographed. I hadn't realised that the back of the bodice was so intricately and beautifully worked as well as the front. Many congratulations Lily

Linda Burn



Back Cover of Die Spitze Featuring the Rear of the Bodice

LATE SUMMER/EARLY AUTUMN DEMONSTRATIONS

**Two Youngsters at the Have-A-Go Pillow
at Hardy's Visitor Centre**



It has been a busy end of summer for demonstrations this year. On Monday 2 September, Linda Burn and I went over to one of my favourite demonstrating venues, the Visitor Centre at Hardy's Cottage. It was a glorious day and there were quite a few young visitors making the most of the last days of the school holidays. Our photo shows a brother and sister from Weymouth, out with their gran and grandad. Both youngsters showed lots of interest and skill. Linda also encouraged a lapsed lacemaker who lives in the Weymouth area to take up

her bobbins again. She did, in fact come along to the Sandford group and made her way to Stratton Lacemakers too as that was close to where she lived.

Jayne and Laura went out to fulfil the last Monday demonstration on October 7. Their day was particularly wet and wild so they had lots of people stopping by to look at the lace being worked. The same grandmother returned wanting information on obtaining equipment for her grandchildren...they had both been taken with the Sammy Snake on the 'Have a Go Pillow'.

This really is one of the loveliest of venues with a steady flow of visitors, plenty of space and good light. Hopefully we will be able to continue to go there in 2020.



View of the Visitor Centre at Hardy's Cottage



**The Real Reason that the Visitor Centre
is so good for Demonstrating**

Saturday 14 September National Lacemaking Day saw demonstrations at two venues. One was in Poole Library where Liz and Sandra put up a display and demonstrated all day.



Sandra Demonstrating at Poole Library



Jenny, Pat and Maureen at Wimborne Library

The second was in Wimborne Library. Although the space was quite small, the light was good. Jenny Green brought some lace pieces for people to look at and handle while Maureen and Pat demonstrated.

A sincere thank you to all who have demonstrated over what has been a busy season this year.

Linda King

FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS

Date & Time	Location	Details
Saturday 30 November	Blandford Fashion Museum	10:30 – 3:30
Sunday 1 December	Scaplen's Court, Poole	11:00 - 3:00

If anyone has Christmas Lace for the display at Scaplen's Court, please bring it along to the November Meeting or contact Linda King.

Linda King

THE POOLE CUP

In the September issue of the newsletter Jean gave us details of Slovenian Nina Bajic who was the young winner of this year's Poole Cup. Nina is 15 years of age and her winning entry entitled 'DISCOVER SLOVENIA' features a map of Slovenia worked in Idrija Lace. It is cleverly presented as a board game with dice and tokens to follow around the map of Slovenia.

I put out a request for more information about this award and I'm pleased to say that Dorothy has forwarded some interesting information as to its origin in 1986.

John Bull Trophy 1986 – A message from Dorothy Brown

As you must all know by now, the John Bull Trophy is competed for internationally every two years at the English Lace School. Last year our young lacemakers competed, and although they did not win the John Bull, they won the 'Founder Students Trophy' for the most stimulating entry.

I felt that with the growing number of young lacemakers all over the country, they should have a trophy of their own to compete for. Poole lacemakers were the first winners of any trophy in this competition, so it was only fitting that the new trophy should be called the 'Poole Trophy for Young Lacemakers'. It has been advertised in the Lace School handout as a PBLC trophy, but that is a misprint as PBLC will not be involved.

With the trophy being awarded to young folk, I thought perhaps something was called for which would appeal to them more than a cup, so I have decided on a box containing 12 bobbins, six wood and six bone.

Dorothy Brown/Linda Burn

Presentation of the Poole Trophy at the English Lace School



LACEMAKERS JOIN QUILTERS!

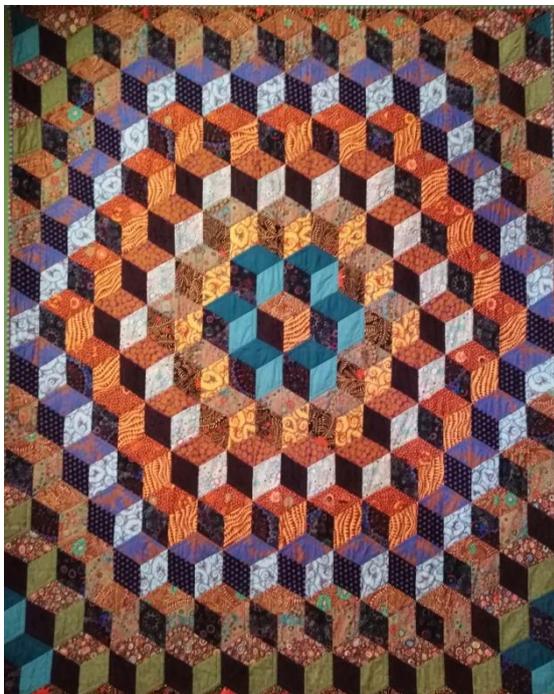
Following a meeting at our Lace Day in June with Seahorse Quilting, four of us June Welch, Liz Pass, Pam Brown and I joined in with a coach trip to Bath on Sunday 8 September.

We had a most enjoyable day with outstandingly good weather and spectacular views throughout the day. The outing included a stop at Midsomer Quilting where we were welcomed with coffee and biscuits. The display of materials that confronted us there was staggering.

Then we continued our journey to the American Museum in Bath where there was a special exhibition of Kaffe Fassett quilts. The display of 20 stunning brand new quilts was quite magnificent. A walk around the gardens made a very pleasant interlude between the two exhibitions.

All in all it was such good value – a really fun day with a good driver, a very comfortable Mercedes coach and super friendly company.

Here are the descriptions and photographs of just two of the quilts we saw:



Giants Block Quilt



Badge of Honour Quilt

Giant Blocks Quilt Kaffe Fassett 2017

'The Quaker Quilt that inspired this design is an appliquéd star, but I used the centre of the star for my redesign as I felt it made a powerful enough statement on its own. I love the colours in this piece.'

Badge of Honour Kaffe Fassett 2017

'This is the most intricate of our quilts. Since I was so impressed at the organisation of the original, I tried to make sure mine was as close in mood as possible. I like the patriotic contrast palette.'

Shirley Pearce

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on **Saturday 4 January 2020** when Kirsty Perks will be our speaker, talking about the work done at the Forest Holme Hospice. The supplier is Claire's Lace so a good opportunity to purchase any supplies you need, especially for the PBLC Competition due to be given in at the PBLC meeting on 1 May 2020.

A reminder too that our **December Pillow Party** has been reinstated. It will take place on **Saturday 7 December** at St George's 1.30 to 3.30pm. The committee will provide seasonal goodies to accompany your tea and coffee.

The Committee

EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday 16 November **The Southern Counties Lacemakers & Needlecraft Fair**
10am to 3.30pm. Group tickets available at £4. Individual tickets £4.50. www.havant-suppliers-fair.com

Sunday 17 November **A Time for Quilters** At the Hamworthy Club, Magna Road, Wimborne BH21 3AP. 10am to 4pm. Free parking. Entry £3.

Saturday 23 November **Dorset Arts & Crafts Christmas Fair**
Allendale House, Hanham Road, Wimborne BH21 1AS
10am to 4pm. Refreshments available. Profits from this event are donated to the DACA Arts and Craft Fund.

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Saturday 15 February **Short Course: Story of Lace**
1:30 to 4:30 at Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen Street, Exeter, EX4 3RX. Fee £30

Saturday 22 February **Short Course: Unflappable (1920s Fashion)**
1:30 to 4:30 at Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen Street, Exeter, EX4 3RX. Fee £30

Saturday 21 March **Short Course: Introduction to Devon Lace**
1:30 to 4:30 at Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen Street, Exeter, EX4 3RX. Fee £30

Saturday 4 April **South Oxfordshire Lace Day**
10am to 4pm at Benson Parish Hall, OX10 6LZ. £4.40 entry.

Sat 25 -Sun 25 April **Brockenhurst Needlework Fiesta**
Saturday 10am to 5pm; Sunday 10am to 3.30pm.
Brockenhurst Village Hall, Hants SO42 7RY. Entry £3

EDITORIAL

As I write this editorial the weather has certainly changed to be autumnally wet and windy – just the perfect time for being indoors and making lace either continuing with your ongoing projects or making plans for your entry into next year's annual competition. I know that some people have already begun their entry for the competition entitled Twenties.

The copy date for the January Newsletter is a date that's easy to remember! It will be **Friday 13 December 2019**. Slightly earlier than usual but Ruth (who will be taking over the newsletter from me in the summer) and I would like to work on this edition together. So please get any pieces for inclusion to either of us by the usual methods...email addresses can be found on your programme card. In the meantime may I wish you happy lacemaking during this autumnal season.

Linda Burn