



EDITORIAL

I hope it's not too late to wish Happy New Year to everyone. Here's looking forward to warmer weather, lighter evenings and plenty of opportunity to make lace. 2023 brings a big change to PBLC. Pillow parties and regular PBLC meetings will take place on the same day in future, beginning this month. You will be able to attend either meeting or both. See details below.

7 JANUARY MEETING

Tea and coffee will be available throughout both meetings.

Morning pillow party 10.30 -1.30.

As from today Pillow Parties will last for three hours and there will be a contribution of £4.50 to cover the cost of the room. Do not forget to bring your lunch!

Afternoon meeting 2.00 – 4.00

- Brittany Maxted is our charity speaker from Birds of Poole Harbour. The January meeting is the last time you can order the Birds of Poole Harbour Charity Bobbins.
- Sarah Jones will bring her beautiful painted bobbins and the theme of the lace display is Birds and Butterflies. Don't forget to bring your masterpieces.
- 3pm Judging of name badges
- 3.45 pm Raffle
- 4.00 pm Close of meeting

FROM THE COMMITTEE – INTRODUCING MYSELF – PAM BROWN

My lace journey

I think I started making Lace in 1994. I had been given a Dryad kit as a Christmas present and despite my best (or worst) attempts, didn't progress very far. I found out about an Adult Education class at Corfe Hills that was run by Liz Pass and was lucky enough to get in. When things with Adult Education became difficult the class carried on, for a short time at the Broadstone Community Centre, then moving to Broadstone Library where it is still going strong today. I also enjoy Needlelace, joining the Saturday class run at the time by Ann Dukes at Broadstone Library and now by Liz at Canford Heath Library. I'm not sure when I joined PBLC, I think it was about 2001 and have been lucky enough to have had varying success in the Annual competition over the years. A definite highlight was at our Lace Day, then held at the Allendale Centre in Wimborne, when I won a prize in the Raffle of a trip to visit Diane Miller in Evian, France. We returned on another 2 occasions, always being made welcome by Diane & her husband Brian in their beautiful part of the world. I now go to Sandford Lace where it is lovely to carry on learning whilst making new friends

DEMONSTRATION IN BLANDFORD

The last Saturday in November Barbara and myself went to demonstrate at Blandford Fashion Museum in the afternoon. On the way we called in the bakery - it's very good. If anyone goes to Blandford it is worth a visit. The museum staff were very pleased to see us there and gave me some bobbins. When I got home and looked at them, I had not seen any like them before. So, I asked Liz about them she said they were German ones. I took a photo to show what they are like.

Whilst there we had lots of people looking at the lace and Barbara explained how we did this. The Mayor of Blandford, Cllr Colin Stevens, came round and was very interested about the lace. Carol and Shirley were there in the morning,



Thanks to Sue Baker, Shirley Pearce, Barbara Jackson and Carol Kennedy for their contributions.

German bobbins being used on a bolster pillow.



I would like to thank Carol Kennedy, Shirley Pierce, Sue Baker and Barbara Jackson for demonstrating at Blandford Fashion Museum in November. I understand a good time was had by all, especially an 8-year-old girl, who came back to the 'have a go' pillow several times. The Museum have said they were pleased we had attended and hope we will come back next year.

Linda King

A very keen visitor

THE FIRST LACE CHALLENGE

I am expecting lots of entries as more than 30 people have taken plastic holders!

There are 3 levels of competition:

- Level 1 is for badges made using one of the 2 patterns given.
- Level 2 is for badges using the same patterns as Level 1 but adapted or embellished in some way OR made using another commercially available pattern
- Level 3 is for badges made using a pattern you have designed yourself.

There will also be a free draw like a raffle and all prizes will be a Chocolate Orange.

When you hand in your badge you will be given a raffle ticket to put over your name and the other part will go into the draw.

Thank you for supporting this challenge – I hope you have enjoyed making the lace.

Chairman

SALE ITEMS

There will be a Sales table at the January meeting with items belonging to a lady called Betty Hawkes. Her niece made contact as her Aunt is now unable to make Lace due to failing eyesight. There will be books, pillows and threads – all moderately priced – but no Bobbins as we have Sarah Jones as our supplier. As we are selling these items on behalf of this lady, we will not be having the regular Sales table items. There will be an opportunity to sell any of your surplus Lace/craft items at the March meeting, when we will have our normal Sales table.

Pam Brown

RAFFLE

As you may be aware, alongside the 50p strip raffle I have been adding another to help raise money for our Charity, i.e., 'number of buttons' and 'guess the weight'. In January and March I will be adding something similar, this time I will have as prizes 2 hand painted coasters of birds, done by our very own Anne Bray. The tickets will be £1 each and drawn on the day. I will also be introducing another prize of a handmade quilt at £1 a ticket but this one will not be drawn on the day but later, probably at Lace Day. You will be able to buy tickets at any of the meetings until then. Thank you for your support.

Linda King

NOVEMBER WORKING MEETING

Saturday 5th November, the weather was wet and windy but even so 28 members came to the first working meeting of this year's programme. Everyone had been encouraged to bring any craft they were working on. The supplier was "Bluebell and Daisy Designs" with their attractive range of jewellery. The hall was arranged with tables grouped for those who were working at their craft and smaller tables for those who just wished to chat and catchup. A selection of the PBLC scrapbooks were also put out for members to browse. Linda and Pam had a good selection of prizes on the raffle table and Linda had an additional raffle of "Guess the weight of the Baubles". Linda was also taking orders for Charity bobbins in aid of "Birds of Poole Harbour." Members were able to sign up for the "Name badge challenge" and also if they would have any interest in contributing to a PBLC group entry for next year's DACA event. There was another chance to see some of the Mary Gibbons' lace which Linda and Carol had arranged. Sue and Linda, the jewellery ladies, said how much they had enjoyed looking at the lace being worked and the Mary Gibbons' lace display. They also thought the scrapbooks were interesting. Tea, coffee and biscuits were available throughout the afternoon which added to a relaxed afternoon.

Jenny Harris

BETTY WILSON

I have just heard that Betty Wilson died on Christmas Day - a long time member of PBLC, a lovely lady and a brilliant lace maker. R.I.P. I will let you know the funeral arrangements as soon as I know them. Meanwhile, there will be a collection in her memory at the meeting.

Chairman.

FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS AND EVENTS

Date	Event
Saturday 29 th April 2023 Please note change of date from 6th May (Coronation Day)	Pillow party and PBLC meeting to take place one week earlier
Wednesdays; 3 rd May, 7 th June, 5 th July, 2 nd August, 6 th September and 4 th October.	Hardy's Visitor Centre See Linda King to sign up.

FUTURE PLANS

Please note change of date for May meeting 2023.

NEXT MEETING

Our next full meeting is on **Saturday, 4TH March 2023.** Pillow party 10.30am – 1.30pm.
PBLC 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

If you would like to come along but need a lift, please also let us know and we'll do our best to organise something for you.

The Committee

COPY DATE

Items for the March edition of the Newsletter should be with Liz Pass by **15th February 2023**