



Doole Bobbin Lace Circle

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EDITORIAL

I am afraid you will have to do with a very short introduction today. There are many different notices, requests, suggestions, lists etc which will give you plenty to think about and action. Enjoy your lacemaking!!

TODAY'S MEETING

Today's speaker is Tim Parker who will introduce us to the tricky sphere of threads. Having dealt with enquiries from baffled lacemakers for many years, what he doesn't know is hardly worth worrying about. Our supplier will be 'Claire's Lace', who has taken over Tim's business earlier this year, a good time to get to know her. Pat Gilbertson is bringing her cards and hopes to make up for your disappointment when she had to pull out in January due to illness, Di Pemberton's U3A group is showing us their laces and we accept your annual competition entries, hoping they are as many and as varied as in years past. You can also sign up for the workshop with Jan Tregidgo and the outing in October to the Knitting and Stitching show.

LACE DAY 2008

Mary will have Lace Day tickets for sale again today, £8.50 entry and ploughman's lunch (or £4 entry only, but you will not be allowed to eat your packed lunch on the premises!)

The list of suppliers is as long and diverse as always and Jan Tregidgo will show slides of her path to 'LetExist', a re-arrangement of 'Textiles'. Not only is she an expert lacemaker, but through this approach she attracts other textile makers to our hobby of lacemaking. In the afternoon David Howell from the RNLI will collect this year's Charity cheque and the competition is: '**Colours and Texture**'

We would like to remind you that Canford Bridge in Wimborne has roadworks and traffic lights slowing everything down. If you can find another way into Wimborne please do so.

PBLC SWEATSHIRTS

We are exploring the possibility of ordering sweatshirts and t-shirts showing the PBLC logo. If you are interested in purchasing one please see Gill Kingsbury or give her a ring on 01202 602563 so we can decide how to proceed with this venture.

LETEXIST COURSE with Jan Tregidgo

We need some more takers for this fun course, where lace is not the main ingredient, but in conjunction with an interesting background, all made on the day, can stimulate your artistic side and give you an interesting textile which can be used in different ways. You could frame it, make it into a book cover or even fashion an individual bag.

So be bold, try something out of your comfort zone and surprise yourself. The course is on Sunday after Lace Day at the Broadstone Community and Art Centre and costs £20. Sign up today and get your full requirement list.

PBLC AGM

We loose 3 committee members at this AGM whose seats need to be filled. I haven't had any volunteers for the 3 places yet, and I really am most reluctant to have to pressgang anyone during the AGM. I know there is some work involved and some time and commitment required, but we keep the committee meetings to a minimum and as short as possible and we all support each other.

There have been two different **proposals** to the same effect:

Would the membership agree to changing the 3 summer meetings currently held on Friday nights to Saturday afternoons.

We will have a short debate on the proposal and then take a vote. The two suggestions mention the ageing membership, who find it difficult, or do not like to, go out in the evenings and so would miss the meetings, and the other was finding suppliers and speakers for a Friday night meeting. If you are unable to come to the AGM and still would like to make your voice heard, please send me your thoughts via e-mail or a postcard by July 10th. Lily Wills, details at the end of the newsletter.

Any other proposals need to reach Jenny Lewis by June 16th in writing please.

SELF-HELP LACE MAKING GROUP

Would you like to make lace in company with other people but don't generally need help?

The 'self-help' group meets on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon. at St Georges Church, Oakdale. The cost is £2 a session and you will only pay when you are there. The committee of PBLC have agreed to support the group until there are enough regular lace makers attending to keep the cost at this level.

The idea is that you come along with your lace. You do not need to be an expert lace maker as if you occasionally need help you will be able to ask other members of the group for their advice. This group is not intended to replace any teaching group that you already attend but to be an optional extra!

The address for St Georges is Darbys Lane, Oakdale Poole BH15 3EU (for those with a Sat Nav!). Bus no 26 stops right by the Church and Bus no M5 and M6 stop at Oakdale Library a short distance away.

If you would like to join us (or need more details) please contact

Jenny Lewis 01202 676398 or aandj.lewis@btinternet.com

Or

Eve Morton 01202 709818 or eve@chez-morton.com

TRIP TO THE KNITTING AND STITCHING SHOW

The coach is booked for Thursday, October 9th, 2008 to take us to Alexandra Palace in London. We will leave Poole at 7am to get there in good time and start the return journey at 5pm. Price for travel and entry to the show will be £25. Gill Kingsbury is organising this trip and will take bookings with a deposit. She will be asking if you are an OAP which means a reduction on entry fee.

Not only can you purchase anything to be used for knitting, crochet, stitching, and crafting from excellent little scissors to the most sumptuous threads, and these made from so many different fibres: silk, wool, linen, cotton, hemp and lately also bamboo. There are always many interesting and intriguing little exhibitions dotted about: end of year student work, invited groups from abroad, stitched pictures, lace exhibits and many more, different each time. And when you need to sit down for a breather there are plenty of chairs around. There are tables and seats for your picnic or areas with snacks for sale or a proper restaurant for those who cannot do without their proper meal.

LACE STAND AND PILLOWS FOR SALE AND NEW FOREST ART TRAIL

Sally Coombe writes: I live in the New Forest and have a lacemaking stand with three pillows and a pillow bag and a booklet on 10 motifs for cards or paper weights which have been given to me to sell for charity at our forthcoming Open Studio event.

We are having our New Forest Art Trail 10th May to 18th May inclusive and would be most happy if any of your remembers would like to visit. Details are on the following website <http://www.nf-arts.co.uk/> our own person website is <http://www.rickandsally.co.uk/> and we will be raising money for two local charities involved with families with children with special needs during the 9 days we are open.



THANK YOU

David Winch sent me a thank you e-mail for finishing his aunt's last lace project. He also wants to thank the whole membership of PBLIC for the kindness and bonhomie they showed to Grace in her time as a member.

NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE

We have been asked by an American Lace Group if we would like to exchange Newsletters. It would take too much paper to re print one for everyone, but please take a copy from the signing in table, read it and pass it on.

FOR YOU COMPUTER LITERATES

The website of Australian lacemaker Rosemary Shepherd: <<http://www.lacedaisypress.co.au>> shows some beautiful jewellery made with wire if you click on "gallery".

DEMONSTRATIONS

The demonstration Rota is filling up nicely, but still mainly from the old faithful, regular ones. August 10th is a day that still needs covering, so please, give yourself a nice day (or half day) out, and see what goes on at Lulworth Castle these days. Tell Valerie, she'd be thrilled.

Kingston Lacy	Saturday, Sunday/ Monday	May 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th
Lulworth Castle	Saturday, Sunday	August 9 th and 10 th
Kinson Common	Sunday	August 10 th
Kingston Lacy	Saturday/ Sunday/ Monday	August 23 rd , 24 th and 25 th
Upton Country Park	Saturday/ Sunday	November 22 nd and 23 rd

EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

March 15 th -June 15 th	Art of the Stitch , Embroiderers' Guild international exhibition, Birmingham, Gallery of Modern Art.
March 21 st -Oct. 31 st	Kingston Lacy Costume Exhibition at the Priest House Museum, Wimborne High Street, Mon-Sat 10am-4.30pm.
March 22 nd -May 31 st	Beguiling Time , 10 th anniversary exhibition by the '98 Lace Group', The De Morgan Centre, 38 West Hill, London SW18, Tues, Wed: 12.00-18.00; Fri-Sat: 10.00-17.00. Entry free See their website.
May 29 th -31 st	Bristol Quilters Exhibition at Badminton School, Westbury Road, Bristol, BH9 3BA, Thurs 2-7pm, Fri&Sat 10am-6pm
June 14 th	Sovereign Lace Fair , at the Causeway School, Larkspur Drive, Eastbourne BN23 8EJ, Displays 'Bucks Point Lace' by Alexandra Stillwell and 'Lace at the Windows of Heaven' by Jean Eke, many suppliers. free parking. 10am-3pm, entrance £2, under 16's free.
June 15 th	West of England Bead Fair , 10am-4.30pm at Wincanton Racecourse, Traders and Suppliers and Workshops with Tutors, exhibitions and demonstrations. Wwww.westofenglandevents.co.uk . Further details from Stitch'n'craft 01747 852500 or Well Head Books 01747 840213

LACE CLASSES, COURSES, WORKSHOPS

June 8th

LetExist – Contemporary Lace Textiles, Day course at Broadstone Community and Art Centre, 10am-4pm, Cost £20. Contact Lily Wills

BARTON LACE GROUP

The next few meeting dates of this group are May 19th, June 23rd and July 14th, at New Milton Junior School and charge 1.50 per session for bobbin and needle lace, crochet and tatting. Visitors are welcome. 7-9pm



'Thought I'd do some while the old dear's out'. Marilyn

NEXT MEETING

This will be the meeting of the AGM, on July 11th, so please bring the minutes from the last one which were attached to the September newsletter 152, and we will be revealing all your competition entries and honouring the trophy winners.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Please send any information, articles or notices for inclusion in the next Newsletter to: Lily Wills, 14 Highland Road, Wimborne Minster, BH21 2QN or by e-mail to lacewills@talktalk.net