



# Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

## NEWSLETTER 167

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### EDITORIAL

We are thinking about outings and workshops for next year's programme. Suggestions from our membership as to desired workshops or outings will be very welcome. Please give your ideas to a committee member today or phone them. I finally managed to get an oval piece of lace started so I will have some lace to mount at the Mounting Lace Workshop in April. I designed this piece nearly twelve years ago. The design was the culmination of a workshop that I was taking on lace designing using a computer. We were learning how to draft ellipses. There are not many short cuts on the computer programme that I learnt to use from paper and pencil drafting with graph paper. The advantage to me is that once the file is created I can print as many as I want and of course the grid that was produced after the initial effort can be used to create other designs. I do have another oval design that is nearly as old, based on the same grid.

### TODAY'S MEETING

The speaker is Heather Michie from the Dorset Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre, and not Judy Grant as in the programme. Sarah Jones will be tempting you with her lovely painted bobbins and there is a wonderful display is of Sheila Herridge's trophy winning lace. Lace Day tickets are on sale at the meeting, see the attached form to this newsletter. Pay for the American Museum outing and the Mounting Lace workshop today.

### CHARITY BOBBINS

Hooray, at last we do have a sample charity bobbin from Stuart Johnson! I think that it is very attractive. The sample, photograph to the right, is wood but the design will be the same on bone with I presume a darker lettering. They cost each: £7.50



for the bone and £4.75 for the wood. Please make your order today or by March 14th to Jenny Lewis on 01202 676398. There are still a few of the less expensive Winslow charity bobbins at £3.50 to buy.

### TRIP TO THE AMERICAN MUSEUM AT BATH

Thursday May 13th, places are filling up; the balance of the trip cost is due today. Please see Jenny to pay her.

## **MOUNTING LACE WORKSHOP**

Saturday April 17th tutored by Pauline McLeod. The cost for the day will be £20. The full payment or the balance is due today.

## **FANTASY FLOWERS WORKSHOP**

This workshop will take place on the Sunday after Lace Day on June 6th at Broadstone Arts and Community Centre, the tutor will be Barbara Brooks of Mainly Lace. We will take names today. The cost of this workshop will be £12. Please pay for the workshop at the May meeting.

## **SHEILA HERRIDGE'S LACE**

Sheila started to make lace in 1979 she had been making macramé but then decided that the scale of threads in lacemaking would be easier to manage. Her first tutor was Dorothy Brown. It wasn't long before Sheila entered her lace into the Dorset Arts and Crafts Show in 1981 when it was at Puddletown. In 1984 she won the Portman Challenge Cup with a nightdress, sadly the garment has not lasted but the lace has. In 1989 she won the Pitt Rivers Cup with her fan, a really exciting win as it is awarded to the best of the entries for the entire needlework section. In 1992 her interpretation of the Poole Shield won the Design trophy from our own competition Sheila's Lacemaker won the Rose Bowl and The Margarets' Bobbins in 1999 and in the same year her glass tray with the grapes won the Design trophy and the Royal Doulton figurine, Dorothy, at Dorset Arts and Crafts. Her wonderful 3D butterfly carried off the Royal Doulton figurine again in 2002. The Portman Challenge Cup was awarded to her again for another nightdress with Bucks Point lace trim in 2005. Last year she won Dorothy for a third time with her Fantasy Flowers. According to Sheila it is all to do with "presentation" that makes a successful entry. I think that you will all agree that this is an outstanding contribution to getting lace noticed and on display to the public.



## **PILLOW PARTY REPORT**

We had a lovely day at Broadstone and the weather was a great improvement on last year, making lace in good company with the sunshine pouring in through the windows. If you have not been before, it's an opportunity to meet other lace makers from around the county and to admire the many types of lace being worked. There is lots of friendly chatting and the comparing of notes, with plenty of free tea and coffee available. This was just what we all needed to spur us on forward and into the coming year.



Joan Pratt

## VENUE FOR CIRCLE MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 2010 — JULY 2011

Advance notice that next year all our meetings will be at St George's. Unfortunately when we tried to book St Mary's Hall for next year we were unable to get any of our meeting dates.



### YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

Attached to this newsletter you will find a nomination form. We need four new committee members, ideally we would like to co-opt someone now to replace Sue Rabjohns, who has resigned for family reasons. We lose three more members of the committee in July when they come to the end of their term of office. Please think seriously about joining us.

### PROJECTED NEW CHILDREN'S GROUP

Jenny and Eve would like to find out whether anyone would be prepared to help a new group for children aged between 7 and 16 to be held at St George's on Tuesday afternoons at 4.30pm for an hour and a half. Our plan is that if there are sufficient volunteers you would help on a rota basis. Contact Jenny on 01202 676398 or Eve on 01202 709818.

### PBLC DEMONSTRATIONS IN 2010

These are the dates for which we need your help with demonstrating lacemaking. We have a new event for us "The Poole Town and Country Show", that is being held at Upton Country Park in the summer. Further events will be added soon.

Upton House	Easter Sunday & Monday	April 4th & 5th
Kingston Lacy	Saturday/Sunday/Monday	May 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Upton Country Park	Saturday & Sunday	August 7th & 8th
Kingston Lacy	Saturday/Sunday/Monday	August 28th, 29th & 30th
Upton House	Saturday/Sunday	November 20th & 21 <sup>st</sup>

See Eve at the meeting today or phone her on 01202 709818

### EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

Leaflets and details of many of these events can be studied in full on the notice board during our meetings.

- 18th - 21st March **Stitch & Craft 2010**, Olympia II, London 10am to 5.30pm (Sun 5pm)  
Ticket Hotline 01473 320407, or buy online at [www.twistedthread.com](http://www.twistedthread.com).
- 20th March **Weald Lace Fair** at Sports Hall, Collyers College, Hurst Road, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2EJ 10am - 3.30pm Displays 'Kath and Mollie's Lace' and 'Ancient and Modern'. Entry £2. More details, phone Jenny Hudson on 01798 873279
- 20th Mar – 4th July **Quilts 1700 – 2010** Exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 2RL Tel. 020 7942 2000 or the website [www.vam.ac.uk/collections/textiles/quilts-1700-2010/](http://www.vam.ac.uk/collections/textiles/quilts-1700-2010/) a unique opportunity to see the V&A's unseen quilt collection.
- 27th Mar - 8th May **"Carnival in Lace"** An exhibition by the Bristol Lace Group at Athelstan Museum, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BZ 10.30am. - 4.30pm Every day Telephone 01666 829258
- 9th - 11th April **Lace Guild Convention 2010** at the Charles Hastings Education Centre, Worcestershire Royal Hospital, Worcester WR5 1DD. Contact The Lace Guild 01384 390739 or email [hollies@laceguild.org](mailto:hollies@laceguild.org)

- 17 April **The Lacemakers' Circle Members Annual Meeting** at St Mark's Church Hall, Cardiff CF14 3BL 10.00am to 4.00pm. Free for members £1 non-members. Contact Jennifer Williams 02920 624469 or email [maricajenda@hotmail.com](mailto:maricajenda@hotmail.com)
- 22nd - 25th April **Stitch and Creative Crafts Show** at the Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet. Open 10.00am-5.00pm (Sun - 4pm) Ticket Hotline 01822 617744 or buy online at [www.sccshows.co.uk](http://www.sccshows.co.uk)
- 24th April **The Lace Society AGM and Rally** at The Greig Hall, Kinwarton Road, Alcester, Warks. B49 6AD 10.00am - 4.00pm For tickets apply to: The Lace Society, PO Box 14463, Henley in Arden, B95 8AQ Lace Society members £5.00, non members £8.00, to include tea/coffee, parking, speaker and suppliers.
- 24th & 25th April **Brockenhurst Needlework Fiesta** at Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Road SO42 7RY open Sat 10.00am-5.00pm, Sun 10.00am-4.00pm Entry £2.50
- 19th June **MidDowns Lacemakers 17th Lace Day** at Clair Hall, Haywards Heath RH16 3DN 10.00am - 4.00pm Tickets £5 from Mrs J Sinclair, with an SAE please. Cheques made payable to MidDowns Lacemakers.
- 24th July **Wootton Bassett Lace Day** at The Memorial Hall, Station Road, Wootton Bassett, SN4 7EE 10.30am - 4.00pm. Tickets £4.50 from Mrs Pam Bennett, Cheques made payable to Pam Bennett.

## **CLASSES AND COURSES**

- The Alpine Experience** Summer craft courses in the French Alps, Lacemaking, Tassels or Beading, [www.book4alps.com](http://www.book4alps.com) for more details phone Jackie Roger on mobile 07803 957374 or 0033 450 580 184, or email [jackie@book4alps.com](mailto:jackie@book4alps.com)
- Great Escapes** Weekends in Country Houses, Lacemaking, Embroidery, Beading and Jewellery, [www.greatescapes-weekends.com](http://www.greatescapes-weekends.com) to find out more information or phone Jane Dickinson on 01825 733422 or 07711 348208
- Rosaline Lace** Sundays, 14th Mar, 18th April, and 16th May tutor Judith Cordell at Otterbourne Village Hall, Otterbourne, Winchester, SO21 2ET. 10am - 4pm. £18 per day. Light refreshments, bring your own lunch. Contact Judith on 02380 470443, or mobile 07790 215636 or by email at [VJEY\\_Judith@hotmail.com](mailto:VJEY_Judith@hotmail.com)

## **NEXT MEETING**

Meeting will be at St Mary's on Friday 7 May at 7.00pm. Our speaker will be the textile artist Terrie Hitchcock, the supplier will be Michelle & Simon Dobson "World of Beads" and the display mounted by Ace Lacers. Don't forget to bring your entries for the Rose Bowl Competition, "Animal Vegetable, Mineral" and to return the trophies that you were awarded last year.

## **NEXT NEWSLETTER**

Please send any information, articles or notices for inclusion in the next Newsletter to: **Eve Morton, 17 Forsyte Shades, 82 Lilliput Road, Poole, BH14 8LA or by e-mail to [eve@chez-morton.com](mailto:eve@chez-morton.com)**