

# LONG BUCKBY MACHINE KNITTERS



February 2016



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### CLUB MEETINGS

## Today

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February**      **IN THE BEGINNING AND AT THE END**

- 14<sup>th</sup> Mar**      **RIBBING** with club members
- 11<sup>th</sup> Apr**      **CHARTING DEVICES**  
How to prepare for, set up and use the device. Where to look for and how to make patterns
- 9<sup>th</sup> May**      **HOLES:** decorative and functional  
Various forms of lace, button holes and interesting uses for eyelets
- 13<sup>th</sup> June**      **RIPPING YARNS:** All about yarn, and how to knit with unusual and challenging yarn.

### WORKSHOPS

Workshops for 2016 are as follows: [although the workshops have a theme, we can run personalised workshops at the same time e.g. beginners' techniques, software/ computing for knitters, or using specific equipment



<b>18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>1-4 Doors open at 12.30</b>	<b>WORKSHOP: machines supplied/ booking essential</b> <b>Charting Devices and other patterning: following on from club meeting</b>	<b>£15</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>1-4 Doors open at 12.30</b>	<b>WORKSHOP: machines supplied/ booking essential</b> <b>Combining Yarns: Following on from club meeting, including mixing yarns for effect</b>	<b>£15</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>1-4 Doors open at 12.30</b>	<b>WORKSHOP: machines supplied/ booking essential</b> <b>Using the Garter Bar</b>	<b>£15</b>

All workshops to be booked in advance by non-refundable full payment. Cheques will be cashed at the time of the workshop, and should be made out to Long Buckby Machine Knitters.

### GUILD OF MACHINE KNITTERS RENEWAL

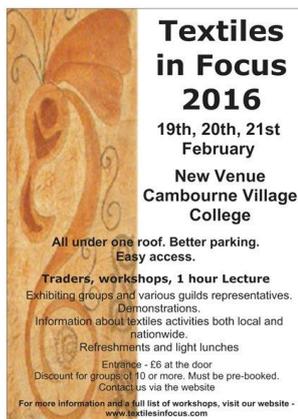
If you wish to renew your GMK membership, you can do so with a £16.20 cheque payable to Long Buckby Machine Knitters or cash in an envelope with your name. If you have received your renewal reminder with your Feb newsletter before the Feb meeting, then include that in the envelope. Don't forget to fill in any changes in address, email address & Telephone number too.

***ALL MEMBERS: Please let Kathy know of any changes to your personal contact details at any club meeting!***

## OTHER EVENTS

### Friday 19th Feb - Sunday 21st Feb: Textiles in Focus

**Cambourne Village College Cambridge, CB23 6FR** [http://www.textilesinfocus.com/new\\_home.html](http://www.textilesinfocus.com/new_home.html)



**19th-21st February 2016: Unravel, Farnham Maltings, Farnham, Surrey**[craft.farnhammaltings.com](http://craft.farnhammaltings.com)

**3rd-6th March 2016: Knitting & Stitching Show, Olympia, London**[www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com](http://www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com)

**5th March 2016: Machine Knitting Live, Bournemouth** [www.machineknittingmonthly.net](http://www.machineknittingmonthly.net)

**10th-12th March 2016: Stitch & Craft UK, Three Counties Showground, Malvern**

**17th-20th March 2016: Sewing for Pleasure / Fashion Embroidery & Stitch / Hobbycrafts, NEC, Birmingham** [www.ichfevents.co.uk](http://www.ichfevents.co.uk)

**3rd April 2016: All Knitting Show, Nottingham** [www.machineknittingmonthly.net](http://www.machineknittingmonthly.net)

## SMALL ADS

### FOR SALE

#### **Knitmaster 155**

Chunky Machine with Ribber and Table, also Knitmaster Knit Radar, Intarsia Carriage, Instruction Books and Tools, with some punch cards and patterns £200. Lynn 01788 813619

#### **Brother KH 881**

Table/Hard cover/carry case/Soft dust cover/Ribber attachment/Instruction manual

All tools and accessories as listed in manual/Cone winder/Roll of pattern punch card and hole puncher

We thought £250 or very near offer would be a fair price.

I can be contacted on 01722 337917 or [Elizabethaedwards@btinternet.com](mailto:Elizabethaedwards@btinternet.com)

**KNITMASTER 700** including SRP 50 ribber and lace carriage and RT1 transfer carriage

YC6 Colour changer Tricot Intarsia Multi Colour Yarn Brake

Complete with punchcards, punch and wool winder and all instruction books

Hague Twisting Yarn Stack Magazines Knit radar charts Cones of Yarn Table & swivel chair

£250 Collection from Milton Keynes Area Contact DOT on 01908 646448

**Wendy Stock in Coventry** has the following for sale:

Brother transfer carriage £30.00/Brother linker £40.00/Brother KG88 Garter carriage £125.00

Machine knitting table( grey, and a little wider than the standard size table £20.00

Twisting yarn stack £20.00

Large sack of yarn, full and used cones, lot's of neutrals, wool and polyester mix £30.00

Contact: Tel: 02476 416041 Email: [wendystock27@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wendystock27@yahoo.co.uk)

## For Sale as a job lot

The following can be seen set up and running

Zippy Plus standard gauge knitting machine PLUS KR7 Knit Radar/LC2 Lace Carriage (Boxed)/YC6 Colour Changer (Boxed)/AW1 Weaving Arm Intarsia Carriage (Boxed)

Selection of punchcards and punch/4 arm Yarn mast fixing and 2 two arm yarn masts

Wool winder/Steaming kit/Ribber (in need of maintenance)

Keen knitter has sadly decided that this must all go as she has arthritis and is unable to continue knitting. She will accept £300 for everything. To be collected from Akeley near Buckingham.

Dorothy Staley 01280 860 332 [rich.staley332@btinternet.com](mailto:rich.staley332@btinternet.com)

## WANTED

### ❖ Machine Knitters needed!

❖ Mhairi MacLachlan ([maclachlan.mhairi@gmail.com](mailto:maclachlan.mhairi@gmail.com)) 07813 897 528

❖ Harrison Winter of HCR knits [<http://www.hcrknits.com/>] Contact: [info@hcrknits.com](mailto:info@hcrknits.com)

## BUSINESS ADS

### ❖ Knits 'n' Bits [Long Buckby]

We buy and sell used [serviced] knitting machines and accessories, and also sell books, punchcards, spares and more. Contact Wendy on 01327-842335 or email [knitsnbits@live.co.uk](mailto:knitsnbits@live.co.uk)

### ❖ Elsie's Wool Shop: Ma's Buttons

❖ Elsie now has a wool shop with her daughter in Victoria Road, Rushden, just off the high street. They supply wool, all plies, including cones and a large selection of buttons and haberdashery items.  
email [mcginnelsie@yahoo.com](mailto:mcginnelsie@yahoo.com) or telephone 01933 380610 evenings or weekends.

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PLEASE LET ME HAVE DETAILS OF ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE.  
SALES AND WANTED – FREE ADVERTISING!

## INSPIRATION, INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION

### TIP:

If you find it difficult to machine knit with fluffy yarns [mohair and such like] or knobbly yarns [e.g. Grigna], and have access to a machine without gate pegs, e.g. HK160/ MK70/ LK150 or Brother Convertible, try knitting the yarns on it. You will be amazed at the difference – no catching!

### FRILLED EDGE CAST ON AND OFF:

Cast on. Start at left hand side of needles. E.g. for a 20 needle cast on, begin at L10-L6 ewrap cast on 5 stitches.\* Knit two rows, carriage set to hold and on Right side, put leftmost needle to hold, bring needle at right hand side to work\*, repeat from \* to \* until you have 20 needles in hold. You will have 5 needles in working position at the RH side, which you then cast off. Your cast on is complete.

Cast off. Carriage on Right side set to hold, all needles in holding position, ewrap cast on 5 stitches on right side of stitches in work. \*Knit 2 rows, Dec 1 st on right hand side, put 1 stitch back into work on left side\*. Repeat from \* to \* until all stitches are cast off.

You can knit as many rows in between transfers as you like for a more frilly edge.

## SOLO – AN A-LINE HIP LENGTH TOP

Instructions for finished chest measurement of 36/38/40/42/44/46 inches.



## MATERIALS

Size 38 took about 300g of Yeomans Panama. Any 4 ply yarn knitting to a tension of 30sts/42rows to 4 inches/10cm would do.

## METHOD

Cast on used on original: I used a length of commercial lace bought at a haberdashery stall, hung it on the selected needles, and began knitting. Attention needs to be paid to the 'tension' of the lace, and how it will hang on the finished garment. Other similar edges could be obtained with a scarf yarn with holes in the edge, or even a pre-knitted I-cord, or a braid. Or you could just use your own hem technique!

## BACK:

1. Cast on 150/160/168/176/186/194 sts in MY, using TD7, Stocking stitch and closed edge method.
2. Work 5 rows.
3. A-line Shaping. Dec 1 st at each end of next row, then every following 29<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> row to 138/146/154/162/170/178 sts. 152/154/154/158/156/160 rows total. Work to 186/190/194/194/194/198 COR.
4. Armhole shaping. Cast off 7/7/7/8/9/9 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. COR. Dec 1 st at each end of every alternate row for 20/22/28/30/34/38 rows. Total 208/214/224/226/230/238 rows with 104/108/110/114/118/122 sts remaining.
5. Work to Total 270/276/284/286/288/294 rows.
6. Shoulder shaping. [\*\*\*\*\*Preferred method is to put selected needles for 'cast off' into holding position, with hold selected on carriage. Then continue until all shoulder stitches are in hold, take off on waste yarn. When Back and Front are finished in this way, they can be rehung on the needles with right sides together, and cast off together for a neater finish]  
Cast off 7/7/7/8/8/8 sts at beginning of next 4 rows. Cast off 7/8/8/8/9/9 at beg of next 2 rows COR.
7. Total 276/282/290/292/294/300 rows with 62/64/64/66/68/72 sts remaining for back of neck. Cast off loosely.

## FRONT:

- 1-3 Follow steps 1, 2 and 3 as for back. COR.
4. Armhole. Dec for armhole at both ends, as for back. Continue until 222/226/232/234/234/240 rows total, with 104/108/110/114/118/122 sts remaining.
5. Shape neck. COR. Cast off center 20/20/22/22/24/24 sts. 42/44/44/46/47/49 sts each side.
6. Right neck. LH needles in HP. Dec 1 st at neck edge every row 10/11/10/11/11/12 times, then dec 1 st at neck edge every other row 11/11/11/11/11/12 times, until 21/22/23/24/25/25 sts remain. Then work 16/17/20/19/21/18 row(s) even. Total 270/276/284/286/288/294 rows.
7. Shoulder shaping. Cast off as for back.
8. Left neck. COL. Work as for right neck, reversing shapings.

## SLEEVES:

1. Cast on 86/90/94/98/100/104 sts in MY, using TD7, Stocking stitch and closed edge method.
2. Inc 1 st at each end of every 9<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> row 5/5/6/6/6/6 times to 96/100/106/110/112/116 sts
3. Work to total 54 rows. COR.
4. Shape cap. Cast off 7/8/8/9/9/9 sts at beg of next two rows (82/84/90/92/94/98 sts rem). Dec 1 st at each end of every 2nd row 11/12/14/30/14/32 times, then dec 1 st at each end of every 3rd row 4/4/2/0/2/0 times, then dec 1 st at each end of every 2nd row 11/11/13/0/14/0 times. Total 112/114/116/116/118/120 rows. COR. Cast off remaining 30/30/32/32/34/34 sts loosely.

Finish by closing seams. I machine stitched some more lace round the neck. Any other edging is possible!

