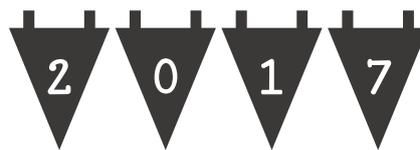
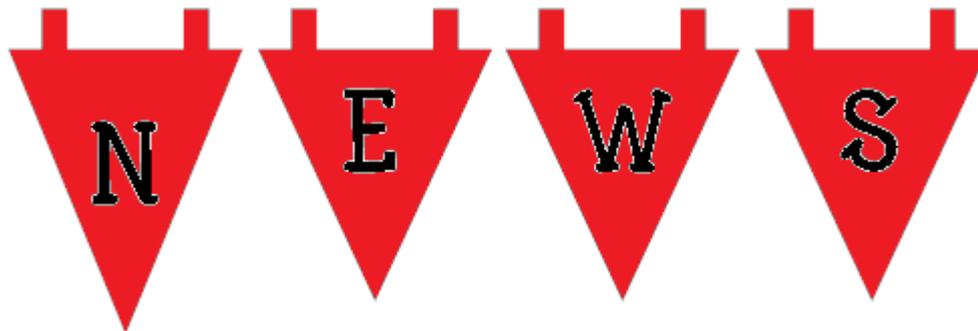


# LONG BUCKBY MACHINE KNITTERS



## CLUB MEETINGS

**Today****ENDING, FINISHING AND JOINING**

- **Casting off:** with or without a decorative edge
- **Finishing techniques:** washing, steaming etc. embellishing
- **Joining:** linking, stitching, decorative joining

## COMING UP:

13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>KNITTING TO FIT</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>DESIGNING WITH SHAPES:</b> turning rectangles, circles and patchwork pieces into larger projects
8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>CUT AND SEW</b> with Hazel Green
12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>KNITTING WITH WIRE</b> with Erica Thomson

- **At meetings where we do not have an outside speaker, club members are encouraged to participate: please see Lynda if you would like to demonstrate or show a special technique or item**
- **Please let us know if you have a special requirement in case of emergency, e.g. a mobility problem which would mean a special arrangement in case of evacuation of the building**

**Reminder for all members** who wish to renew their Guild membership - please hand in a cheque for £16.20 payable to LBMK or cash in an envelope with their name on it, today, or at the March meeting at the latest. Please list any change in address, phone number or email address on the yellow form which will come with the Feb newsletter or on the envelope.

**Website** [www.longbuckmk.com](http://www.longbuckmk.com)

Visitors to our website may have noticed a little disruption lately. The site was hacked, and taken down, but, thanks to Lynda's son, the software has now been updated, the site has been given a facelift, and it is now fully functioning.

We do have a 'gallery' feature, but only one member has given us a picture to put in it! Please let me have more, so that our club is reflected in its full glory.

## WORKSHOPS

2017: currently planned. We are also considering a 'beginners' afternoon.

May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Designing knitwear
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Buttons



## OTHER EVENTS



**2 - 5 MARCH 2017**  
**OLYMPIA LONDON**

have organised an Express Coach from Northampton to take you to The Spring Knitting & Stitching Show in comfort.

Stock up on essential craft supplies (view the exhibitor [list here](#)), see inspiring textile [galleries](#), enjoy fabulous [features](#) plus [drop-in-demos](#) and hundreds of [workshops](#).

The coach departs from Victoria Street, Northampton at 7.45am, and should arrive by 10.30am (depending on traffic) on Sunday 5th March. Tickets cost £28.00\* and includes your entrance ticket.

**To book tickets click below or call 0844 581 1319.**

[Book Tickets](#)

16th-19th March 2017: Sewing for Pleasure, NEC Birmingham [www.sewingshow.co.uk](http://www.sewingshow.co.uk)

THE LIVING THREADS GROUP

EIGHTEENTH EXHIBITION

**'SENSATIONAL STITCHES'**

APRIL 2017

"Sensational Stitches" held at the Obolensky Building, Trent College, Long Eaton, NG10 4AD

Thursday 6th April - to Friday 14th April 2017

Open Daily from 10am to 5pm

Closing 4.30pm Friday 14th April 2017 <http://livingthreadstextileartists.com/exhibition.html>

9th April 2017: Nottingham Machine Knitting Show, West Park Leisure Centre, Wilsthorpe Road, Long Eaton, Notts, NG10 4AA. Tickets £5 in advance/£6 on the door. Available now by post from Acorn Publishing, PO Box 1479, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 8XY, or phone 01628 783080. They will be available on the website soon. [www.machineknittingmonthly.net](http://www.machineknittingmonthly.net)

## FOR SALE



**Brother KH881 Knitting Machine.** Comprehensive package including Instruction Manual, Ribber, Transfer Carriage, Lace Carriage, Intarsia Carriage, Linker, Colour Changer, Hole Punch with Punch Cards and Wool Winder. Also includes Weights, Clamps, Cast On Bars, Carriage extensions, Assorted Wool and Patterns, Table and Swivel Chair. Longstanding back problems force sale. Barely used for some time, so may require a little TLC! £200.



Also available separately (never used) are a **Calkuknit Knitting Calculator** £30, **Garter Bar** £30, and **Tricot Yarn Brake** £10.

Please Contact Lil Greenwood on 01327 439309.

**Brother Knitting Machine Model KH-891 and KR-850** Ribber in Horn Cabinet including Bench Seat/Storage Box

Accessories and instruction manual, Transfer Carriage and Knit-Leader

All in excellent condition but machine requires new sponge bar

Many extras including:-

Substantial stock of industrial and 4-ply yarn

Machine knitting maintenance book with video tape

Cone winder

Hole punch and punch cards

Work box for accessories

Assorted hardback and paperback "how to" and pattern books

Folder with many "useful hints" and patterns

Price : £275 o.n.o. Please contact Eileen Andrew 01788 822159 or [jpandrew@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jpandrew@tiscali.co.uk)

**Variety of knitting machines and accessories for sale [contact Wendy Piper [01327-842335 or email [knitsnbits@live.co.uk](mailto:knitsnbits@live.co.uk) ]**

Knitmaster 700 K Ribber SRP 60 N

Lace Carriage LC 2 - never out of box, all original packaging etc.

All manuals and instructions etc.+ Quantity of yarn, see below.

£200 the lot.

Yarn, can be split between any buyers of machines, free of charge.

Knitmaster Mod SK 313, very attractive and versatile machine

Instructions, KM and Patons Instructions

Quantity punch cards, patterns etc.

£30.

Knitmaster Mod 323

Intarsia carriage AG 20 - boxed, unused

Automatic Linker SC 1 - boxed, unused Instructions for all these.

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£40  
Hague Mod D10 Manual Linker  
Spare needles , Instructions  
£75  
Tilt table and instructions for assembly  
£25  
Brother transfer carriage KA 8300, boxed, unused  
£10  
Knitmaster Knit Radar KR 6 , two of these, both boxed and unused  
Cards, gauge strips, instructions, tracing rolls etc  
£50 lot  
Sylvania "daylight" knitting machine table full length fluorescent light  
£15  
Vintage/spares  
Knitmaster Mod 6500 super double, instructions etc  
Singer double with case and instructions  
Knitmaster Mod 302 with instructions  
Trumod Trumatic  
Any offers, please, for any or all as job lot - hundreds of books and magazines also available.  
Several boxes of consumables, patterns, punch cards, cone winders, yarn winders, two boxed Brother card punches KA 451, never used, Knitmaster deluxe skein holder, never used, etc etc. These are all free as a job lot if the machines as above sell, for squabbling over by purchasers. There will be something for everyone.

## 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). N.B. Response will be a little slower at the moment than usual, but she is still in business.

### ❖ Elsie's Wool Shop: Ma's Buttons

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.

## FOR HIRE

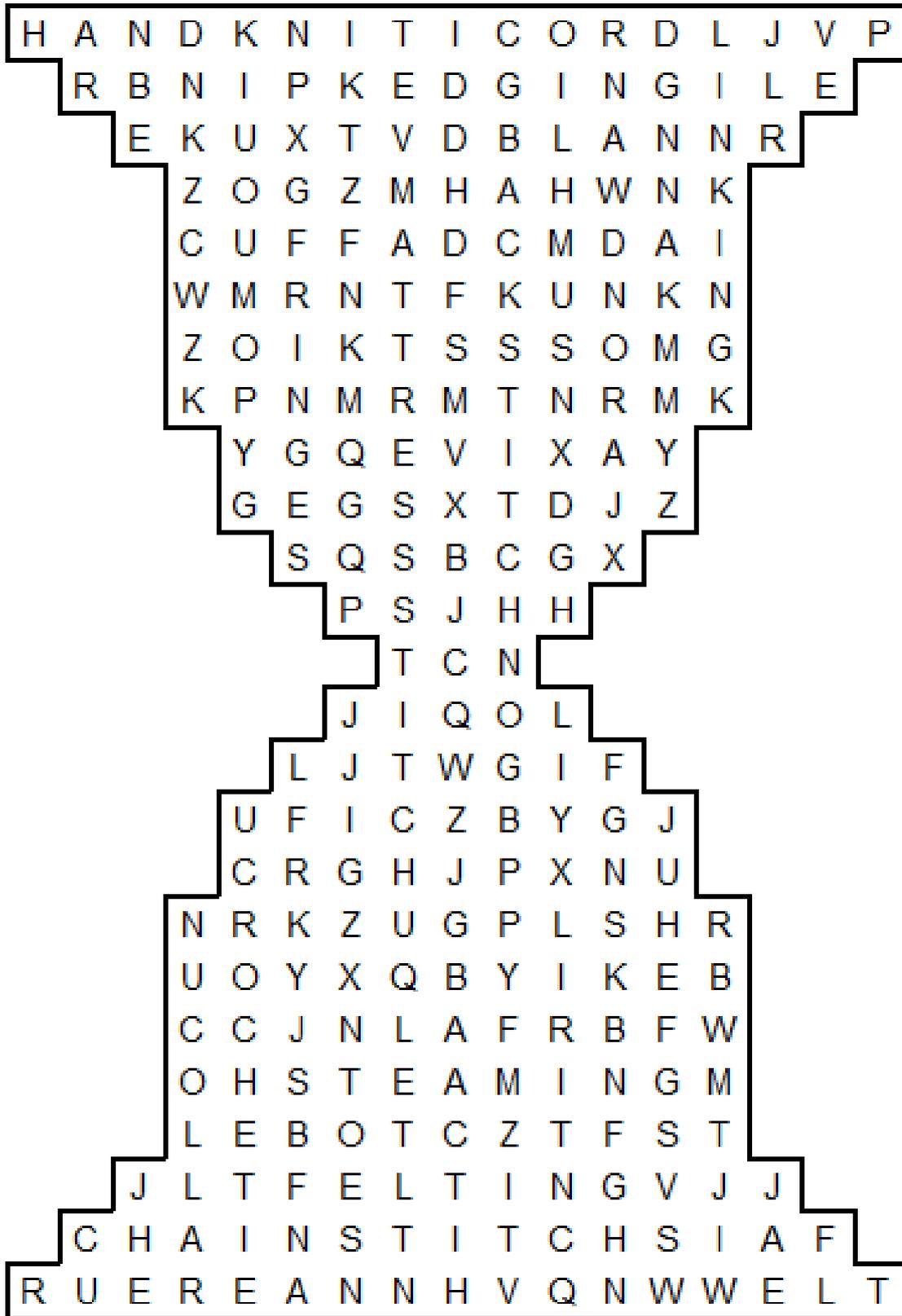
The club has a number of items for hire, on a monthly basis, for a modest fee. These include knitting machines, gadgets and yarn winding equipment. Have a look at the monthly meeting, and speak to Margaret if you are interested.

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

PUZZLE

Find the words on the right in the wordsearch [solution on back page]



- backstitch
- chainstitch
- collar
- crochet
- cuff
- edging
- felting
- fringe
- handknit
- icord
- linking
- mattress stitch
- steaming
- welt

**FRINGED WAISTCOAT**



This project was inspired by weaving ideas, and, as such, starts with simple rectangles. Without very much in the way of finishing or joining, a simple shape becomes a sleeveless garment with some interesting lines.

I made mine with a knitweave technique: I used the basic card 1, but it could have been any other suitable stitch pattern.

Yarn used was a fine lambswool as the knitting yarn, and a textured 4 ply acrylic as the weaving yarn. I used tension 3 on my Brother KH891, but it could have been higher, for more drape.

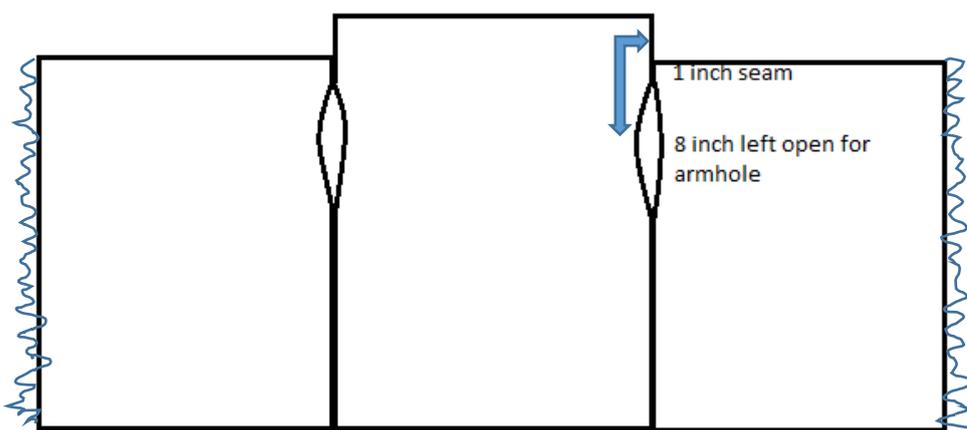


I cast on over 90 needles [45/45] with the lambswool, knitted two rows before beginning the weaving, then read the card and set it rolling. I knitted 800 rows, adding in two working needles at R74/75, which gave me my fringes. It is a good idea to mark the ends of the row at 400 and 800. Then I knitted another 450 rows without the extra two working needles, before casting off.

I then washed my knitting [machine hand wash programme with fast spin] and cut it at 400 rows and 800 rows. I used an overlocker to secure the ends, but you could use a sewing machine. Or you



could knit three separate pieces! Then I used mattress stitch to join the pieces thus:



The width of the pieces is about 16 inches [even if you don't use the same tension as me, with knitweave the width will be similar]. The length is up to you.

I stitched hems on all raw edges, apart from the armholes, and knotted the fringes. I folded the collar edge down and stitched to the back edge, as marked.

To finish, I steamed it well.

## FRILLED EDGES



This sample shows a frill used in cast on, followed by another used in cast off. Both are knitted on the bias, with needles in holding position.

### CAST ON EDGE

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Cast on 6 stitches on the RH side of the bed. For a 20/20 cast on, I cast on over needles R15-20.

Knit 3 rows, carriage on Left. Set carriage to hold.

\*Inc 1 st at left, put 1 needle into hold at right side. Knit 4 rows. \*

Repeat until you have 26/20 needles with stitches on them. Cast off 6 stitches furthest to the left [L21 to 26 in my sample]. You now have your 20/20 stitches cast on with a frill.

#### ALTERNATIVES

You can make a deeper frill by increasing the number of stitches cast on at first, and using the same instructions to achieve your cast on. You would then need to continue until you had an excess of stitches equal to your initial cast on, then cast those off. You can also increase the 4 rows knitted in between needle manipulation, to increase the degree of frill.

### CAST OFF EDGE

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Put all needles into holding position. Set carriage to hold. On right side of needles in holding position, cast on 6 stitches. Knit 4 rows. Carriage on right.

\* Bring one needle on left side nearest carriage back into work, decrease one stitch on right side, and knit 4 rows\*

Repeat until 6 stitches remain in work, none in holding position. Cast off.

## ENDING, FINISHING AND JOINING

### GENERAL INFORMATION AND LINKS ON EDGES AND FINISHES

<http://www.needlesofsteel.org.uk/techniques.html#edge> has many links on this subject

#### USING HAGUE LINKER:

<http://www.xenaknits.com/using-my-hague-linker/> a good article about how to use the linker, as well as a download link for the manual.

[http://s3.amazonaws.com/xenaknits/machine-pdfs/hague\\_linker\\_d\\_bennett.pdf](http://s3.amazonaws.com/xenaknits/machine-pdfs/hague_linker_d_bennett.pdf) is a link to an article about the linker with project advice

<http://www.guagliumi.com/pdfs/Linker.pdf> is a booklet on using a linker, with decorative effects as well

or there are videos available on You Tube...!

## MATRESS STITCH

<http://www.redheart.co.uk/learn/articles/learn-knit-mattress-stitch-seam> is a pictorial tutorial on how to mattress stitch

## BICKFORD SEAM

<http://knittings.com/bickford-seam/> describes this type of seam, used for a seam which is reversible, i.e. is almost invisible on both sides

## GRAFTING [KITCHENER STITCH]

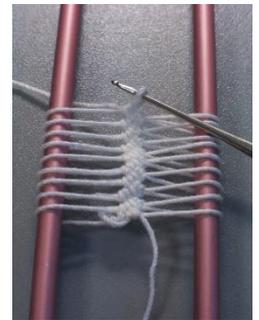
<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUESummer04/FEATtheresasum04.html> is an article showing how to graft hand knitting on two needles

<http://www.learn2knit.co.uk/knitting/joining.php> shows the same technique with flat knitting. Further down the page it also shows backstitch seaming and mattress stitch seaming.

## HAIRPIN LACE

This crochet technique is described here

<http://www.redheart.com/learn/articles/ultimate-guide-hairpin-lace-crochet> and the join used can also be used to join machine knitting, provided the edges are planned with appropriate loops.



## BOOK OF EDGINGS

A book to buy, with 30 different edgings on offer. Just under £8 including postage

<http://undyarns.co.uk/a-collection-of-manual-transfer-edgings-1019-p.asp>

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

