



# Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

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## **EDITORIAL**

Well the Summer Solstice has come and gone for another year, but Poole Bobbin Lace Circle continues to fulfil its aims, which are rather like those of the British Broadcasting Corporation – to educate, inform and entertain. Although membership is not what it was; the number of taught classes have declined, and opportunities to show off our craft get fewer, we still meet regularly at bi-monthly meetings, now combined with Pillow Parties and Tuesday morning weekly working meetings. Why not have a Summer Resolution – to attend as many of these opportunities as you can? The summer is always the best time for anything.

## **TODAY'S MEETING**

The Pillow Party will be from 10.30am to 1.30pm in the large hall.

The meeting will start promptly at 2pm with the presentation of bobbins to last year's competition winners, followed by the presentation of certificates and trophies to this year's winners. There will then be a short break (in case you didn't have time to get your cup of tea!) followed by the Annual General Meeting.

I do hope you will all attend.

*Jenny L*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

It's that time of year again to renew your membership. Please find a membership form with the newsletter. Membership fees of £7 are due on the 1st August and must be received by the membership secretary by 14th August, as stated in the constitution.

We will accept payments after the AGM meeting in July; otherwise by post (please remember to enclose a stamped SAE); or BACS. If you pay by BACS please inform the membership secretary. You may hand in your application form at the September meeting or by post.

Please be aware if you haven't renewed by Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, you will not be covered by PBLC insurance. Thank you.

*Carol Kennedy*

## **CRYPTIC CROSSWORD CLUE**

*Fragile lace tied fancily. (8 letters)*

To win, write your name and answer on a piece of paper and post it into the box at reception. A chocolate bar will be awarded to the first person whose name is pulled out of the lucky dip.

## **ONE AFTERNOON IN MAY**

PBLC members had a new experience at the May meeting – a cream tea. What a lovely way to spend some time. Members were able to chat to others they knew by sight but perhaps never had a conversation together.



## **KALEIDOSCOPE OF BUTTERFLIES**

I am looking forward to receiving your butterflies at the July meeting. I have already received quite a few but the more the merrier! Don't forget we will use one from everyone who hands one in – you may hand in as many as you like! It will certainly be a colourful tree of butterflies! Lots of exclamation marks there – shows how excited I am about it!

*Jenny L*

## **DEMONSTRATIONS**

Thank you to the volunteers who demonstrated lace making at Hardy's Visitor Centre and Wool Charter Fair. It was good to hear reports that everyone enjoyed their visits and encouraged interest in our craft.

*Carol Kennedy*

## **DEMONSTRATING AT THE WOOL CHARTER FAIR.**

On a sunny day in May, Jenny, Liz, Carol and myself went to Wool to demonstrate at the Wool Charter Fair. This dates back to the 13th century, allowing the monks and abbots of Bindon Abbey to hold a fair or market near to Wool Manor and was held in the Millennium Square.



The theme was Victorian and we were encouraged to dress up in the appropriate costumes although Liz was the only one of us to do this and looked very good in her outfit! It was a lovely country fair, we were entertained by Morris dancers, a sea shanty group and a Dutch street organ. We were next to the Cider Museum stall and I think we all went home with bottles of local cider and I bought some cider cheese which my son enjoyed! The Dorset Weavers and Spinners were there as well as wood-crafts and a display of fascinating objects discovered by metal detecting. We also enjoyed home-made cakes in the afternoon – A really lovely day out.

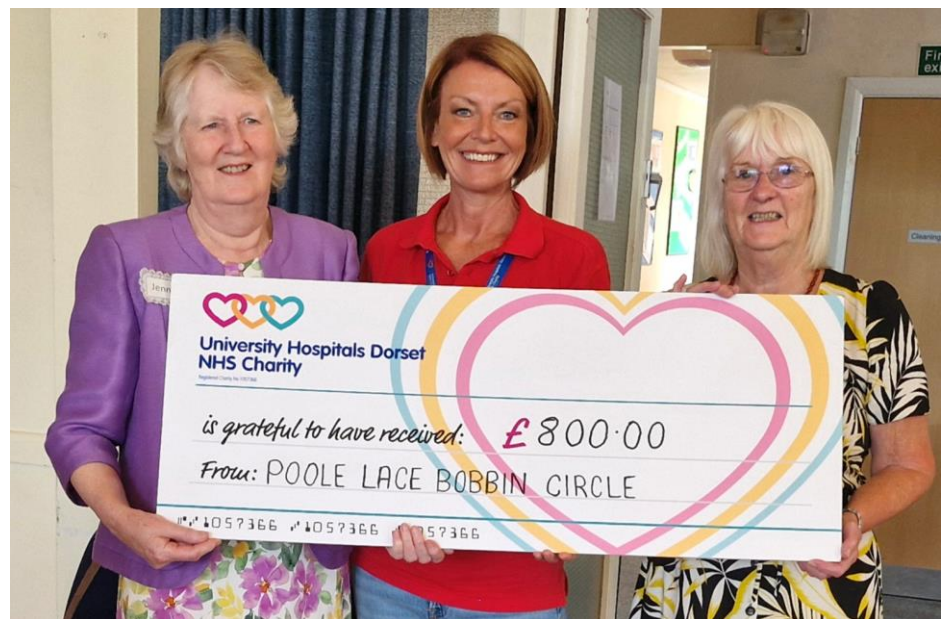
Sharon Moore

P.S. Who's the old granny? She looks like she's straight out of a Thomas Hardy novel.  
(Ed.)

### **LACE DAY 2024**

Once again PBLC committee excelled themselves by organising an excellent Lace Day. There was a choice selection of suppliers, visitors from other lace groups and a most interesting talk during the afternoon, which was illustrated with slides. Our speaker, Anna Winter, showed many examples of her work, which she passed around so that we could marvel at the techniques used. As if that wasn't enough, she had kindly agreed to conduct a workshop so that people who were interested could learn some of those techniques. (More later).

Pat Jenkins had organised a wonderful raffle, which always add to PBLC's charity fund-raising efforts. Towards the end of the afternoon, Marilyn Tinsley, who suggested Gully's Place, and Jenny Lewis, Chairman, presented a cheque for £800 to Janine, from Gully's Place.



As usual there was competition and the entries were judged by those attending the lace day.

### **LACE DAY COMPETITION**

Thank you to all who entered this year's Lace Day Competition titled a Lace Embellished Hanky. There were 9 entries of various laced lovely hankies of different sizes. These were examined and discussed at length by the voters. Congratulations to the winners.

Jenny Harris  
Best technical entry.



Eve Morton  
Entry you would most like to take home.



*Carol Kennedy*

### **DANISH WHITEWORK WORKSHOP**

On Sunday 2nd June a few brave souls joined together in The Scout Hut adjoining St George's Church, Oakdale, to learn how to create a piece of Danish Whitework. The workshop was led by Anna Winter, who had brought many amazing examples for us to peruse (and dream of achieving!). Anna provided us with all the materials we would need to make a Whitework Coaster.

We began by sewing in guide threads, starting at the centre of the linen fabric and carefully making a running stitch over and under two threads at a time, marking groups of ten threads with a side stitch. This was when we got our stronger specs out! Once we had marked a quarter of the fabric, it was time to start in earnest. 71 threads down from the centre (see now the need for the guide threads?) we began making a row of satin stitch over 3 threads – all the way to the 58th thread where we began making and turning the corner before continuing the satin stitch to make quarter of a square. Of course, we should have done the whole square but in the time available we wouldn't then have time to learn the other stitches. After beginning the first part of Double Sling Stitch we cut two vertical threads (bit scary!) then carefully pulled out those threads to the corner. Then we finished the double sling stitch which created a pretty hole effect round the pulled threads. We also learnt to make a picot edge and in our packs were detailed instructions to complete the coaster in our own time – with more of the same stitches plus a few more new ones.



Everyone had an enjoyable day, and although different amounts were achieved, I believe all found it an interesting and creative day. Anna was an excellent teacher. We were very ably taught throughout the day, with lots of one-to-one assistance. Coffee and even biscuits and cakes were on hand to enable and refresh our counting abilities. A big thank you to Poole Bobbin Lace Circle for organising the workshop, and especially to Anna Winter for leading it.



*Philippa Smith*

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sat. 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	<b>Pillow Party</b> 10.30 am – 1.30pm <b>AGM</b> 2pm – 4pm
Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	<b>Beating the Sea Bounds</b> On Poole Quay. 10am – 5pm.
Weds. - 10 <sup>th</sup> July; 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024	<b>Hardy's Visitor Centre</b> Demonstrations. 10am – 3pm. Free parking.
Fri. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tues. 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2024	<b>Dorset Arts and Crafts Showcase</b> Purbeck School Wareham 10am – 4pm
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2024,	<b>Pillow Party</b> 10.30am – 1.30pm. <b>PBLC</b> meeting 2pm – 4pm.
Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Havant <a href="http://www.havant-suppliers-fair.com">http://www.havant-suppliers-fair.com</a>

### **INFORMATION FROM DACA**

The demand for paid-for spaces for stalls has increased at DACA. Due to this they are unable to offer PBLC a free space to demonstrate lacemaking as from this year. They apologise to causing any disappointment.

*Carol Kennedy*

## **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)**

PBLC has taken the following steps to ensure that it is GDPR compliant. The Committee has agreed that this GDPR information below will be published annually in the July Newsletter at the time that members renew their subscription. Each year when membership is renewed, PBLC collects the following data for each member – name, address, email address and telephone number. The membership renewal forms containing this data are held by the Membership Secretary and the data is transferred to a spreadsheet to which only current members of the Committee have access. They hold this data on their computers which are password protected. The data is renewed annually and kept only for the duration of membership. The data will only be used for the purposes of PBLC and its Committee and will not be used for any other purpose or disclosed to any third party for any reason. For example it is used only to inform members of events, last minute changes to the programme, sending out the Newsletter to those who have requested it by email and for emergency uses. When members are emailed PBLC uses the BCC facility so that no one has access to anyone else's email address. Each year, on the membership renewal form, members are asked to sign to consent to PBLC holding their data on a data base. If at any time a member wishes to withdraw his/her consent for PBLC to hold data then the current Membership Secretary should be contacted. In Addition – Please remember that if the Committee members agree to their personal details being on the new Programme Card then these must not, under any circumstances, be given to a third party. Anyone may contact PBLC via the website 'Contacts' page using the generic email address provided.

*PBLC Committee*

Thank you to everyone who took photos of the various meetings and events. It's a shame that they can't all be put into the newsletter, so I've been thinking of a way to get over this. More in due course. My thanks also go to everyone who contributes to the newsletter. Without you I would be pushed to fill one page, let alone several.

*Liz Pass, Editor*

## **NEXT MEETING**

Our next full meeting is on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024**, see above, and will be a Pillow Party in the morning with the usual meeting at 2pm.

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

*The Committee*

## **COPY DATE**

Items for the September edition of the Newsletter should be with Liz Pass by **15<sup>th</sup> August 2024**