

NEWSLETTER

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From the Chair

Hello everyone,

The sun has got his hat on and is showing up the dust. I did attempt to move it but it just came back so I have gracefully admitted defeat and decided to do other things instead!!

My scarf has begun and some pins were inserted at Country Fest. Rachel, Yvonne and I sweated it out on the Saturday, the afternoon being considerably quieter than the morning due to football. Karen joined us on Sunday which was equally as busy. We had a great deal of interest shown and hopefully have recruited a couple of new starters.

It was brought to my attention there were lots of gin stalls in the food tent. I showed great restraint by not going to investigate and also by not sending Yvonne to make a purchase on my behalf!! Don't call the doctor yet - I have amended my ways in Asda instead 🐱🐱🐱.

Take care and keep those bobbins twiddling- don't forget the bookmarks required for the August meeting.

Donna xx

National Events

Date	Event & Venue
24 th - 25 th June	Cumbria Wool Gathering J36 Rural Auction Centre, Crooklands, Cumbria LA7 7FP
13 th - 14 th September	Westmorland County Show Westmorland County Showground , Lane Farm, Crooklands
23 rd - 24 th September	Yarndale Skipton Auction Mart, N. Yorks. BD23 1UD
30 th Sep - 1 st October	Masham Sheep Fair Market Sq, Masham, N. Yorks
17 th September	Beads Up North Haydock Park Racecourse, Newton-le-Willows WA12 0HQ
5 th - 8 th October	Knitting & Stitching Show Alexandra Palace, London
11 th November	Pudsey Lace & Craft Fair Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawsons Corner, Stanningley, Leeds LS28 5TA
16 th - 19 th November	Knitting & Stitching Show HCC, Harrogate
2 nd December	The Makit LQ&N (Lacemaking, Quilting & Needlecraft) Christmas Fair National Conference Centre, Coventry Rd. Solihull B92 0EJ

From the Editor

Dear Lace-making friends,

Well, and I'm in danger of repeating myself here, wasn't **that** a shock: wall to wall sunshine, for most of May! Even April! Now - and I appreciate this is a very personal view - we're **sweltering** under a June sun. The upside is the number of visitors we get to the various venues and shows, every weekend and throughout the Summer. As our intrepid demonstrating team show, time after time, this is where interest in our wonderful craft can be regenerated, and where our new members are recruited.

The SLL Recipe Collection is progressing nicely, but we definitely need more in the way of "savoury". A nice soup or two, or even casserole... this is for year-round sales, after all. I have a submission for savoury scones/muffins, but there must be plenty of dinner-time "family favourites", out there somewhere. And don't forget: taking a nice photo to go with, can make all the difference.

And finally, in answer to Donna's introduction, I've decided that not only is Summer **not** the time to do dusting, neither is it the time to wash the car: in the UK, either (five minutes after flicking the finishing touches to the waxing) it rains, you check, when it's all dry again, and tiny flecks of mud have appeared! Or, if the sun was actually shining, hot and dry, on the marathon car-wash and wax... dust will **immediately** be attracted... particularly to a black car!

Just turn away as I have a quiet cry... now, where's that lace hanky?

Happy lace-making until next time, Ali O

Programme 2023

Date	Meeting
17 th June	Make Lace & Sales
15 th July	UFO (Un-Finished Objects) day - bring projects to finish
19 th August	Make Lace & Sales
23 rd - 24 th September	Autumn Lace Weekend with Frances Bell
30 th September	Make Lace & Sales
21 st October	Crochet with Heather Onions
18 th November	am - AGM pm - Christmas Lace with Janice Wilkinson
16 th December	Continue/finish Christmas Lace with Janice



Messages & Notices

From C K-C:

Internationally known lace-making instructor and author Pamela Nottingham, passed away on the 12th May, this year. Quoting from the inside back cover of her book "The Technique of Bobbin Lace"...

"Pamela Nottingham has taught lace-making for lace groups, colleges, and education authorities all over the world. She is the author of several books, including "Bobbin Lace Making, The Technique of Torchon Lace, Bucks Point Lacemaking and Bedfordshire Lace Making. She is one of the most respected lace-making teachers and authors and is well known in lace circles, wherever she goes."

A great loss to the lace-making community.

Marjorie has a list of books that members may be interested in:

GENERAL

Lace Villages	Bartlett
Lace Lexicon	
Illustrated Dictionary of Lacemaking	Stillwell
Dictionary of Lace	Earnshaw
Identification of Lace	Earnshaw
Carrickmacross Lace	C. Nellie O. Cleirigh
Le Pompe	
Lace to Use	Withers
Mounting and Using Lace	Withers
Practical Skills in Bobbin Lace	Cook
The Book of Bobbin Lace stitches	Cook & Stott
N.W.Lacemakers Pattern Book	
N.W.L. Table cloth	
Lace Flowers	Sutton
Cattern Cakes and Lace	
Success to The Lace Pillow	Springett
Designing and Making Fans	Springett
Spangles and Superstitions	Springett
Silver Treads and Going for Gold	Dye
Swiss Straw Work	Veronica MMain
Knotted Lace	Elena Dickson
Armenian Needlelace and Embroidery	Alice Odian
Armenian Lace	Tashjian
D.M.C. Teneriffe Lace	
La Dentelle de Bayeaux	Bonneton
The Penguin Pattern Book	Lace Guild
From Start to Finish	Dorset
30 Years of Lace Design	Lace Guild
Purse Pendants	Thompson
Russiche Kant	Penelen Hegenaars
Threads for Lace 5	Paternoster

12 years of Christmas	
Making Lace with Lace Guild	Lace Guild
Introducing Bone Lace	Dye
Jane's Bouquet	Jane Rushworth
Mounting Lace	Tomlinson
Introduction to Honiton Lace	Thompson
Knotted Lace	Elena Dickson
Armenian Needlelace and Embroidery	Alice Odian
Armenian Lace	Tashjian
The Penguin Pattern Book	Lace Guild
From Start to Finish	Dorset
Purse Pendants	Thompson
Threads for Lace 5	Paternoster
Folder of Numbers (various laces)	Lace Guild

Bedfordshire

Beds Book 1	Lace Guild
Traditional Bedfordshire	Underwood
Ringbinder	

Springett's Books

Lace for All Occasions	
Christmas Book	
Lace for Children of All Ages	
Snakes Galore	
Variations on an Edging	
Magic Threads	
Christmas Collection	
Designing and Mounting Fans	
Fun With Leaves	
Success to the Lace Pillow	
Spangles and Superstitions	
Romanian Point Lace	Thompson & Waller

KNITTING

First Book of Modern Lace Knitting	Kinzel
Second Book of Modern Lace Knitting	Kinzel
Nieuwe Mode	
Kunstbriewerk	Editha Fischer
Kuntsbreien	Burder
Odhams Knitting	
The Harmony Guide to Knitting Stitches	
Knitted Lace Collars	Tessa Lorant
BLUE RING BINDER:	
Angels a knitters dozen	Geraldine Strong
Knitted Lace Edgings	Coates no 429
Knitting & Crochet	Patons Woolcraft

Fan and Lace	Melville, Beryl
Finishing and Mounting Lace	Dye, Gillian
Flanders Lace	Niven, Mary
Floral Bedfordshire	Verlag, Barbara Fay
Floral Bucks Point Lace	Stillwell, Alexandra
Flowers in Bobbin Lace	Verlag, Barbara Fay
Folder of Crochet Patterns	
Gentle Needle Arts	Cavendish House
Gold & Silver Edgings	Dye, Gillian
History of the Honiton Lace Industry	Yallop, H J
Honiton Lace, A Practical Guide	Voysey, Cynthia
Honiton Lace, The Visual Approach	Luxton, Elsie & Fukuyama, Yusai
Identification of Lace	Earnshaw, Pat
Idrija Lace	Cook, Bridget & Tratnik, Metka
Illustrated Dictionary of Lace	Gwynne, Judyth
In the cause of English Lace	Channer, Catherine & Buck Anne
Insertions & Borders Book4	Dye, Gillian
Introduction to Bedfordshire Lace	Leader, Jean
Introduction to Bucks Lace	Hardy, Jean
Introduction to Bucks Point Lace	Leader, Jean
Introduction to Mounting Lace	Riley, Kate & McLeod Pauline
Introduction to Needlelace	Lace Guild
Isham Samples and Other Linen Edgings	Dye, Gillian
Kant uit Brugse - Kerken en Kloosters	Kantcentrum Brugge
Kloppelbilder	Schneider, Irmgard
Knitted Lace Collars	Lorant, Tessa
Knitted Lace Edgings	Lorant, Tessa
Lace	Booking International
Lace	Booking International
Lace - A History	Levey, S M
Lace - July 2017	Lace Guild
Lace and Lacemaking	Bullock, Alice-May
Lace Fans	Collier, Ann
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Lace for Christmas	Lace Guild
Lace in Fashion	Earnshaw, Pat
Lace in the City of Lace	Nottinghamshire Bobbin Lace Society
Lace Samples from Ipswich, Mass, USA	Thompson, Karen H
Lace to Use	Withers, Jean
Lace Villages	Bartlett, Liz
Lacemaking Point Ground	Channer, CC
Lavendon Collection of Bobbin Lace Patterns	Harris, Valerie
Logarithmic Lace	Lace Guild
Malmesbury Lace	Blanchard, Joan
Manual of Bedfordshire Lace	Robinson, Pam
Members Pattern Book	Northumbria Lacemakers
Milanese Lace Designs	Moore, Ann
Milanese Lace	Codner, Barbara
Milanese Lace - An Introduction	Read, Patricia & Kincaid, Lucy
Miniature Bobbin Lace	Snowden, Roz

CONTINENTAL

Parijse Kant	
Bruges Flower Lace	Sutton
Bruges Flower Lace Patterns	Sutton
Designing for Bruges Flower Lace	Sutton
La Dentelle	
Lacemaking by Diagram (Tonder)	
Bayeux Lace	Nobecourt & Potin
Bayeux Lace History	Bonneton
La Dentelle de Bayeux	Fouriscout&Salvador
La Dentelle de Bayeux	Bonneton
Flanders Lace	Staes
Vlenderse Kant	Kievid
The Technique of Tonder Lace	Skovgaard Nartulik Kantklossen
Let's Make Bobbin Lace	Eva-Lisa Kortalahti
Brugse Kantpatronen	HubeVan Hoorebeke
Russian Tape Lace	Peggy Millar
Lapsia	E L Kortelati
Russiche Kant	Penelon Hegenaars
Parijse Kant (Blue folder)	

If anyone wants to look at anything will they ring or email me.

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Two poems from Shirley R

THE GARTER

Sam, this hand-crafted Garter was made for you with love,
Each stitch supported by the one before and above.
It was worked with bobbins, now removed and not seen,
Jewels (beads) inserted in exactly the right place,
To enhance its beauty and complete the lace.
Each mistake was unpicked and redone, each broken thread
Repaired and not seen.
Lastly the beginning is joined to the end,
Completing a circle that goes on without end.

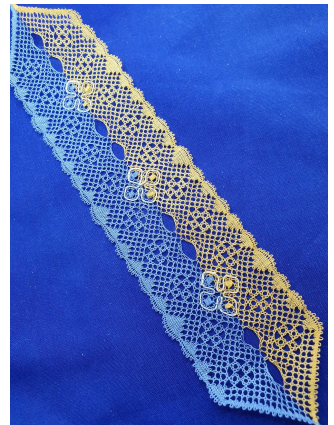
This then a picture of Marriage, for you and for Peter,
Each step supported by the other and God.
For God works the bobbins and makes the design,
Puts in the Jewels (Gifts), at exactly the right time.
Each quarrels forgiven and fellowship renewed,
God will fuse your shaky start and work a design
That's a work of art.

This when complete, makes the circle of life,
God Has promised is ours, for He paid the price.

Concentration. Lips Bitten. The odd tongue protruding.
Bobbins clicking. Pins sticking. Criss-crossed threads. Brilliant
Silver coloured threads.
Some beginning simple patterns, others complicated
Plaits and Spiders
On some pillows, small lengths only, others have a fine big roll.
Hankie trimmings, Garters, Mats, Bookmarks, patterns.
Hands, shared moments, friendship.
THREADS OF LIFE.

Some of you may have been wondering how C K-C is faring, so I asked her to write a quick piece on what has been keeping her locked away with her lace...

"My short story: Felt a bit jaded in September 2022, at the WCA. Didn't think much about it - but did come away with a scratch from a metal tent peg. On the 30th, after tea, sat and did my usual Sudoku... but soon the numbers were not making sense: 3 and 5, and 4 and 9 kept getting mixed up! Bedtime methinks! Unfortunately, got up next morning to exactly the same. Having decided on A&E, spent 12 hours in Kendal, having all sorts of tests... a bleed on the brain plus possible tumour beneath! That sorted, then to Lancaster for a week. All the tests also indicated bowel cancer. That has now been removed - keyhole surgery (very impressed... only 5 days in hospital) - all clear, including lymphatic system! Now resting, until I see the stroke consultant, next week (6th June) - my speech is still very stilted. BUT I CAN STILL MAKE LACE! I haven't been idle! Been making Lace on and off since October. I finished a wedding garter and redesigned a garter out of the "Lace and Sparkle Wedding Book" into a Ukraine bookmark (see photo). There were a lot of enquiries about the Ukraine bookmark, so Sally Smiddy has redrawn it and it's now on her website as a pack with my name on - and that's how it came about... fame at last. Roseground is stocking the pattern."



From Heather O...

Lambing and Lace.

Well, it is that time of year again, and the weather is making life unpredictable in ways you can only imagine. The lambing is well underway, the first batch is nearly done, but the shed is still full! The sheep have all decided that they are far too comfortable inside and that the rain and snow mean they do not want to go back outside. While lambs can cope with cold, and even rain. They cannot cope with the combination of cold and rain! This weekend as you are all sat at Lane Farm spangling bobbins with Marjorie, we will be ear tagging and turning sheep and lambs out, as the second batch are due from Wednesday. The lambs will all go out with little raincoats and be checked every day; we can only hope that the weather improves.

Well, what has any of this got to do with lace? When all the sheep have been fed and watered, there can be periods of quiet (usually short in duration), and it is good to have some crocheting handy. I was given some very pretty lace weight yarn and had seen an interesting pattern I thought I would try. So, I embarked on my experimental lace piece of crochet.

The sheep obviously had not read the instruction book... And once they started to lamb, they would not stop... it has been organised chaos. Lace would have to wait.

Since I always have more than one project on at any one time, my woven tapestry picture has been slowly progressing, with a few weft threads added at a time, while grabbing a cuppa and something to eat. Things have not gone to plan, as they never do. The lace pattern is proving trickier than hoped, and lambing is not the time for anything you need to concentrate on, you are usually too tired. The tapestry has gone better and is nearly finished. The weather has improved a little and there is always hope!

Now you can add into the mix - children. The schools keep striking and so we keep having James' girlfriends' children at the farm. They love all the animals and been outside (if it is not too cold). It is that word "why" that becomes the chorus of the day. Why is that sheep dead? Why is that lamb not breathing? Why? why? why? Sheep do not do anything for a reason. they do not particularly ail, they are just drop-down dead - lambs sometimes just will not breathe... where there is livestock there is always "dead stock", it is a fact of life. Children on the whole accept death far more easily than adults, and the kids move on and do not dwell. They live very much in the moment. and for the next sugar rush. Philip's marshmallow filled hot chocolate's been a favourite.

I have also discovered "crotatting" - a combination of crochet and tatting, a new skill to be mastered. This is not one for the faint hearted, or the 4-year-old, who after doing ten chains of crochet for her felted mouse, declared "got it, I can crochet".

Anyway, back to the lambing shed. Triplets and twins abound. Sheep cannot count, and under normal circumstances triplets are reduced to twins and the "spare" fostered onto another sheep. Thing is, so far, we have not needed any spares, there is plenty of time yet, and sheep. So, the threes have stayed as threes and the mothers are managing surprisingly well.

Strikes have given way to the Easter holidays. So, the organised chaos continues, throw in a house move and you forget which way is up and down let alone which day it is.

Well, we have survived, lambing has gone well and all the lambs are now outside, and the weather on the whole is improving. The sheep may have finished, but the cows have just started, we had four calves in one day last week!

It is never ending and the "crotatting" has not really gone to plan either - it is proving slightly more difficult than I had thought. I will, however, continue and I will master it eventually. I have also now just been made redundant, not what we needed at the end of lambing, but like everything in farming "we will survive" and just keep going. Heather

ps - Many of you will remember Katie making lace... well welcome Lisa born 30th May weighing 7lb 4oz. Mum and Baby are doing well.



Quick update from two lace-makers: This Dragon was completed and framed in time for us to see at the Lace Weekend (more next newsletter).



This finished lace-edged hanky is the project introduced last newsletter ("Torchon Fan and Corner"), by Ann S.



And finally, the perfect wry smile from Pam Ayres...

Who's Had My Scissors?

Who's had my scissors? It just isn't fair
I left them right here on the arm of my chair,
I know you all live in chaos, that's fine,
But this little corner, this cupboard, it's MINE!

I know you think 'Oh Mum's just having a moan,'
But the *times* that I've bought you a pair of your own,
I bought little red ones with safe rounded ends,
To try and prevent you from stabbing your friends.

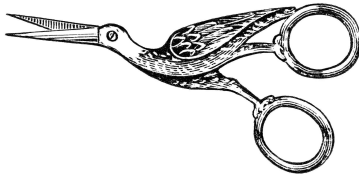
I've bought pencil cases with scissors in too
But where are they now? Oh, we haven't a clue!
I know you're too busy to listen to me,
Slumped on the sofa all watching TV.

I know. I shall find them in some muddy crater
Out in the garden a week or two later
There they will be at the end of the hunt,
Rusty and buckled and horribly blunt.

It's just that I'd hoped for a moment or two,
To pick up my stitching and finish the blue,
To whip up the side in a flurry of tacks,
And cut off the thread with a ruddy great axe.

My scissors are missing. You may not have heard.
They're silver and wrought in the shape of a bird,
In a pouch of red leather with fol de rolls on
And while I don't wish to sound boring.... They've GONE!

Wait! Someone is answering, this is a treat!
Of course I have looked down the side of my seat
What! *So they are!* Down the side of the chair!
All right. Tell the truth. Which of you put them **there**?



The last day for items for the 'September 2023' Newsletter is:
(Saturday) 2nd September 2023
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"Lacemaker 2" - N. Maes

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