

*SCOTTISH
MACHINE
KNITTERS*

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*NEWSLETTER
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Strathearn Wool Tryst, Muthill, 13 September 2014. SMK participation with demonstrations, samples and a working machine.

Next Committee Meeting at Parklands Centre, Alva, FK12 5BG - Monday, 15 Sept 2014

Autumn Workshop at Parklands Centre, Alva, FK12 5BG - Saturday, 11 October, 2014

Next Committee Meeting at Parklands Centre, Alva, FK12 5BG - Monday, 27 October 2014

SECC Glasgow, Thursday 23 October - Sunday 26 October 2014.

Helensburgh Residential Weekend Workshop - 8 - 9 November 2014

Oban Residential Weekend - Friday 20 March - Sunday 22 March 2015

Glasgow Workshop - Sunday, 12 April 2015 at Pollokshields Burgh Hall, 70 Glencairn Drive, Glasgow, G41 4LL

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Hello to you all,

It seems no time since I was writing to you for the last Newsletter. I hope you are all enjoying the summer and looking forward to returning to your clubs.

As some of you may know we reluctantly decided not to hold the Beginners Workshop last month. Unfortunately there were not enough beginners wanting to come this year. Those who had applied are being helped in other ways – Jill Lothian has already been to see one of them and given her a few hours tuition and others will be helped to find clubs and other knitters. We will also have a demonstration especially for beginners at the autumn workshop. The Autumn Workshop is on 11 October in Alva. The details are elsewhere. Remember your packed lunch. Dave Hampson will be coming with yarn. I know some of you would have liked Uppingham Yarns to be there this year but the date clashes with a London event so Nick could not come. If you want to contact Dave his email address is singlemalt48@hotmail.com

Some of the committee will be at The Strathearn Wool Tryst on September 13: 10am to 4.30pm. It is run by Linda of Strathearn Fleece and Fibre at Culdees Farm, Muthill, Perthshire PH5 2BA. You will remember her from the last two of our shows selling fleeces, hand knitting yarns etc and doing talks. I have not been to this tryst and think it is aimed more at hand knitters than us but SMK were invited so Jill and I will go and see if we can interest anyone in machine knitting and our organisation. Details can be found on www.strathearnwooltryst.weebly.com Pat Fountain and the Oban Club have attended a similar event near Oban recently.

Our village has a summer show which includes knitting and the organisers usually persuade me to enter. I have failed to do so for two years with the excuse of moving house but there is no excuse this year so I have been knitting - hand, machine and a combination. I decided to repeat the baby cardigan I knitted for the last Newsletter but with a V neck. I started the neck slope at the same level as the armhole and knitted a rib band of 11 stitches and about 300 rows with four buttonholes. I attached the band starting at the buttonhole end and adjusted the

rows at the other end before putting the band back on the machine and knitting the contrast colour and grafting to cast off.

I knitted the ribs and neck of a jumper on the machine and the rest by hand and joined some of it on the machine. I often use the machine for joining hand knitting - such as joining shoulders, fitting sleeves into armholes or attaching neckbands. I find that it is so much easier to get the seams neat and even with the fixed needles. I transfer the stitches directly on and off the hand knitting needles onto the machine needles. Happy Knitting.

Frances Murray

DEMONSTRATORS FOR THE AUTUMN WORKSHOP SATURDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2014

Carolyn Lambert	Embellishments
Jill Lothian	Waistcoat to Jacket
Ann McCulloch	Over Locker
Frances Murray	Buttonholes in vertical rib
Irene Murrie	Special Beginners Section
Bertha Rudden	Baby Blanket
Morag Walker	My Bag
Dave Hampson	Will bring yarn

WHAT BERTHA RUDDEN IS DOING FROM NOW UNTIL APRIL 2015

I am demonstrating at the October Workshop at Parklands Centre, Alva, FK12 5BG - Saturday 11 October 2014. One or two people want to see the Baby Blanket again, so I will demonstrate that.

SMK do not have a stall at the SECC in October. The dates of the Crafts for Christmas Show are 23 - 26 October 2014.

In November I am going to the Helensburgh Residential Workshop instead of going to Oban Residential Weekend in March.

Then we have Christmas and the New Year - I disappear then.

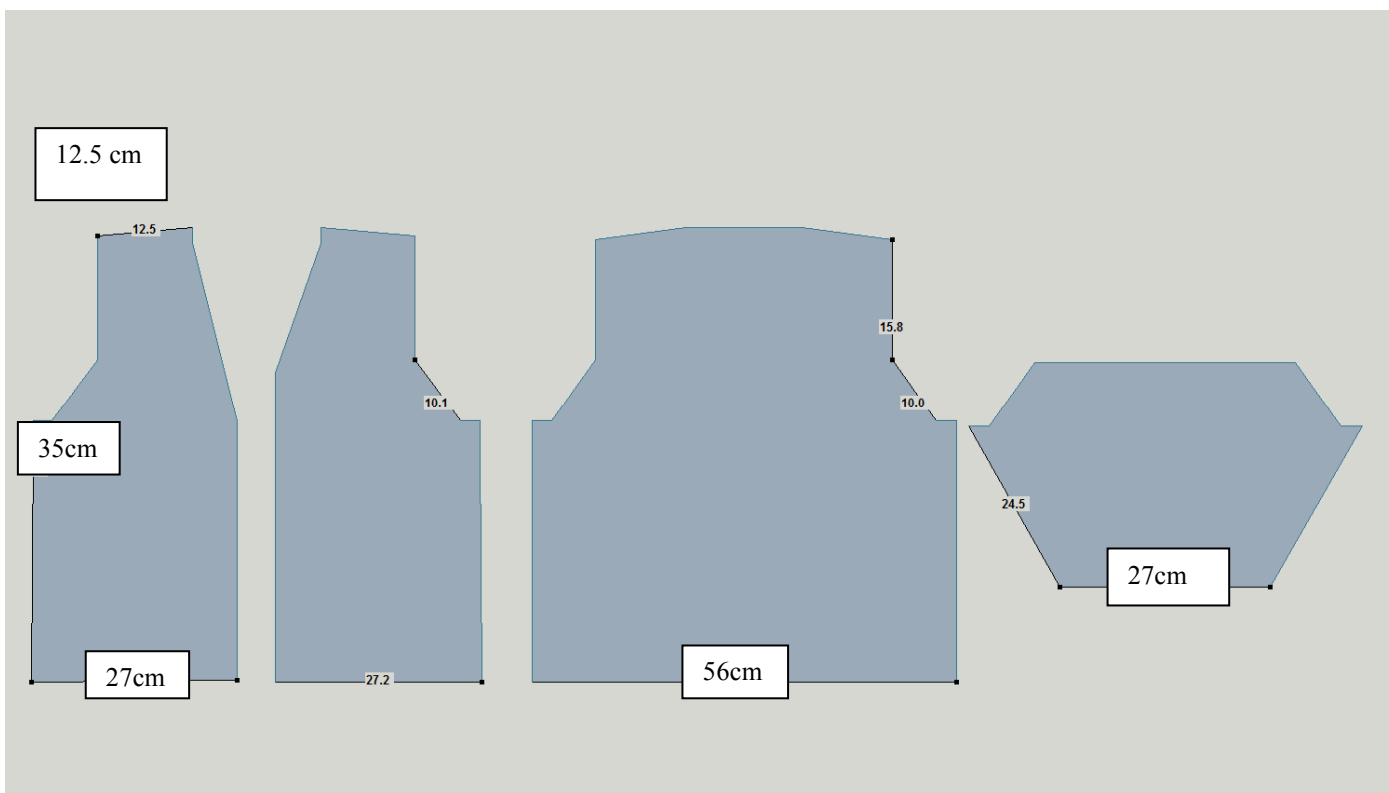
In March 2015 SMK have a stall at the SECC early March (dates and details to be confirmed).

April 12 2015 We have the Glasgow Workshop being held in the same place as last time, that is the Pollokshields Burgh Hall. Again more details later, please watch your newsletter.

Hope to see you all at some of the workshops.

Bertha Rudden

Stitches and Rows in Centimetres



Here are some of the measurements that I used. I should have made the front wider but remember that the shoulder and armhole shaping cannot be changed only the front edge and vee shaping.

A picture of this jacket will be put on the website shortly.

HOME KNITTERS

We have had a request from a small company in Glasgow who produce bobble hats. They are looking for volunteers who would like to work for them from home. If anyone is interested please get in touch with the Newsletter Editor who will forward your details to the company and they will get back to you.

FOR SALE

All items sold separately,

Brother KH900	Electronic Knitting machine	£50
" KR850	Ribber for above	£50
" KA900	Lace Carriage	£20
" KHC820A	Single Bed Col. Changer	£25
" KRC900	Double " " "	£25
Stitch Pattern Extra (Approx 850 patterns)		£20

All relevant manuals, & all in good condition. Several books, & cones of Yarn.
Yarn winder along with wooly weights etc go with machine

Also Stitch Master, a thread guide for knitting a protective cover over fair isle floats for Brother ribbers KR830 & KR850 £10.

Offers to Carolyn McKinnon (deleted)

WANTED

Forsell Shamal 4ply yarn and Forsell Superwash 4ply wool. Any colour. If anyone has any could they please telephone Christine Angus on (deleted).

WANTED

If anyone has a spare arm plate (the silver bit at the front of the carriage) for a Knitmaster 324 Iris Cameron would like one. She can be contacted by phone on (deleted) after 6pm

Scottish Machine Knitters Association cannot accept responsibility for second hand items bought through the Newsletter, the Website or at a Workshop. This is a matter between the seller and the buyer.

AN APPEAL FROM MORAG WALKER TO KNIT SQUARES

Can anybody please try to knit square 6" or 8" for the Fistula Patients and Maternity Units in Africa. What is fistula? An estimated 2 million women in Africa suffer silently with an obstetric fistula. It usually occurs during an obstructed labour when emergency care is unavailable or there are women giving birth at an early age.

If you would like to knit squares for these women in the maternity units please knit the following: for new born babies up to 6 months - Blanket squares of 6", also hats and booties. Remember not to use white knitting yarn, please. Children and adult size blankets as part of the "Arts & Crafts"; the women are each given a bundle of knitted squares and are taught how to join them together to make a blanket. In the Day Room the women sit and sew, making up their blankets. They are encouraged to rebuild their lives by doing handicrafts and the gift of a warm blanket to take home from hospital.

You can also knit them on the machine Fairisle 4ply, card 1 T7, 50sts x 52 rows, tuck 40sts x 96 rows, card 1, DK 4mm needles 32sts x 42 rows or 4ply 46sts x 57 rows. Send your square to Freedom from Fistula Foundation, Robertson House, 1 Whitefriars Crescent, Perth PH2 0PA. A donation towards costs would be appreciated or if you want more information www.freedomfromfistula.org.uk

For the generous knitters all over the country from the women of Malawi who have had their lives changed by the Freedom from Fistula foundation. Thank you very much.

DUMFRIES/GALLOWAY/AYR/SOUTH WEST AREA REPORT

Dear knitting friends,

As many of us, lucky to have local clubs, are just returning from summer recess my thoughts are with those members in my area who do not.

Please get in touch with me if this applies to you in my area, and your are out there knitting on your own, and would like to find your nearest club, or at least another member for a knitting natter. Ayr Club resumes on Tuesday, 9 September at 7p.m. at Kyle Academy Secondary School.

Happy knitting,

Carolyn Lambert

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EDITOR'S NOTES

You will find details of clubs in Scotland at the end of this newsletter. (These details have now been put on to the website.) If you know that any of these details are not correct would you please get in touch with our Clubs Secretary, Bertha Rudden. You will see that several of the clubs have now disappeared from the list. Anyone interested in starting a club in their area please get in touch with one of the Committee and Scottish Machine Knitters will assist in making all the necessary arrangements to start a new club.

Please note that the last date for accepting items for the next newsletter is Friday, 21 November 2014

Margaret Robbie
Newsletter Editor

