

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS & COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**  
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## **YEAR 2017**

**Carol Hocknell – DesignaKnit 8 for Beginners/Refreshers**  
**Thurs Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> & Fri Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**10.00am to 4.00pm**  
**Fee £140.00 inc. VAT**  
**Ref:CH607**

Are you ready to enjoy DesignaKnit 8 – wonderful programme. Come and spend a couple of days getting to grips without thinking of interactive knitting. The programme is so clever, so useful and easy to use. You will soon know how to shuffle, rotate and so much more in no time at all.

Should you be unable to join us a Correspondence Course is available – please ask for details.

**( Computers optional but preferable )**

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**Date for your Diary**

**Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Machine Knitting Live Show at Bournemouth**

**Bournemouth School for Girls, Castle Gate Close,  
Castle Lane West. BH8 9UJ**

**Tickets and Details from Anne Smith  
Machine Knitting Monthly – 01628 783080**

**We look forward to meeting you all again**

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**Carol Hocknell - Hands On**  
**Tue March 28<sup>th</sup> to Thurs March 30<sup>th</sup> 10.00am to**  
**4.00pm**  
**Fee £210.00 inc. VAT**  
**Ref:CH608**

Suitable for most makes of Japanese machines. This 3 day Course has been designed for complete beginners or fairly new Knitters. You may be knitting your first garment or wanting to explore pattern knitting or sizing. We try to meet your needs. Sometimes it is just a matter of having some uninterrupted time to knit! This may be your first garment but you will have the confidence to complete it when you get home.

**Contact us if you want to know more.  
( Machines optional but preferable )**

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**Date for your Diary  
Sunday April 9th 2017  
Nottingham Just Knitting Show  
West Park Leisure Centre,  
Wilsthorpe Road  
Long Eaton, Derbyshire. NG10 4AA  
Tickets & Details from Anne Smith  
Machine Knitting Monthly 01628 783080  
Another one day Show. We will be there –  
We hope you will be there too.**

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**Daphne Ashby – Flexi Day – A Sampler of Stitches  
Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> 10.00am to 4.00pm  
Ref:DA609**

Today Daphne is going to teach us a series of new stitches making a sampler. We call these the 'Special Daphne Sewing Days' as she continues to inspire us to greater heights than we thought possible.

For further details of these wonderful days you need to contact us between 10 & 4 on 01270 628414. Tues to Sat.

**Carol Hocknell - Passap Hands On  
Tues April 25<sup>th</sup> to Thurs April 27<sup>th</sup> 10.00am to 4.00pm  
Fee: £210.00 inc. VAT  
Ref:CH610**

Take this opportunity to explore your Passap machine and begin a garment ( perhaps for the first time ). This Course is planned to help Machine Knitters gain confidence and continue to produce garments and fabrics they are delighted with. We do have some machines to work on but anyone able to bring their own machine would be most welcome. Bringing your own machine has the advantage of learning it's own little quirks!

**( Machines optional but preferable )**

**Carol Hocknell – Weaving the Audrey Palmer Way**

**Thurs May 11<sup>th</sup> & Fri May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**4.00pm**  
**Fee: £140.00 inc. VAT**  
**Ref:CH611**

**10.00am to**

The late Audrey Palmer specialised in lightweight Knitweave and a wonderful series of edgings. I try to continue to share her techniques as they are so valuable to Machine Knitters. We will explore the fabric for garments and concentrate on her perfect edgings.  
**( Machines optional but preferable )**

**Erica Thomson – Overlocking**

**Tue May 23<sup>rd</sup> & Wed May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**4.00pm**  
**Fee: £140.00 inc. VAT**  
**Ref:ET612**

**10.00am to**

Are you afraid of your Overlocker? You do not need to be. After just two days with Erica you will be adept. You will be amazed how your confidence will grow with each passing hour with Erica's expert supervision. Make your purchase ( or planned purchase ) of your Overlocker one of your best decisions.  
**(Overlocker required unless you have not purchased one yet)**

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**Closed for Annual Holidays**

**We close on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm**

**We re-open on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am**

**Refreshed and excited at the prospect of the Courses which are taking place during the second half of the year.**

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**Carol Hocknell - Hands On**

**Tue June 27<sup>th</sup> to Thurs June 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**4.00pm**  
**Fee £210.00 inc. VAT**  
**Ref:CH613**

**10.00am to**

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**John Blakeman – Ribber Work for Beginners**

**Thurs July 6<sup>th</sup> & Fri July 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**10.00 am to 4.00pm**  
**Fee: £140.00 inc. VAT**  
**Ref:JB614**

Many of you have only used your Ribber for welts and not been brave enough to explore the possibilities. John will teach you 'pain free' Ribber techniques so that you utilize this wonderful piece of equipment. This Course is for the nervous beginner who wants to move on to the more advanced stage.

**( Machine & Ribber optional but preferable )**

**Erica Thomson – Waistcoat**  
**Tue July 25<sup>th</sup> & Wed July 26<sup>th</sup>** **10.00am to**  
**4.00pm**  
**Fee: £140.00 inc. VAT**  
**Ref:ET615**

Erica's timeless Cut and Sew waistcoats always attract attention. On this Course, making a small scale version of the garment, you will learn how to use fusible nylon to back single bed Fairisle, knit a rolled edge band to trim and try out several rib stitches to make the back of the waistcoat. All made using a basic sewing machine, though can be partly made using an Overlocker.

**( Sewing Machine required )**

**John Blakeman – Double Jacquard**  
**Thurs Aug 10<sup>th</sup> & Fri Aug 11<sup>th</sup>** **10.00am to**  
**4.00pm**  
**Fee: £140.00 inc. VAT**  
**Ref:JB616**

John is going help you to explore the intricacies of Double Jacquard using various thicknesses of yarn to show the versatility of this fabric. The Course is suitable for users of Brother and Knitmaster/Silver Reed standard gauge machines with Ribber. When machine knitting was at its most popular, John was one of the Brother Team who travelled the Country sharing their skills at Training Courses, Knitting Clubs and in Stores.

**( Machines – Ribbers & Colour Changers Required )**

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**METROPOLITAN**  
**MACHINE KNITTERS DREAM WEEK**  
**2017**

# **A MACHINE KNITTERS DREAM**

**A whole week to talk Machine Knitting**

**What more could you wish for?**

**Bring a non-knitting friend if you wish.**

**Cheshire has so much to offer for sightseeing.**

**Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Fee £514.50**

**Ref:DW343**

Begins on Monday at 2.00pm and ends on Friday at 12.00 noon

Lectures & Workshops during every day at Metropolitan

Evenings & Accommodation at

**Hunters Lodge Hotel**, Crewe, Cheshire. CW1 5LU

Fee covers **all** Tuition by the experts in the Machine Knitting World and Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at one of the most reputable Hotels in the Country. Daily transport provided too.

Hunters Lodge also has the facility to accommodate you for the Sunday prior and/or the Friday after the Dream Week for Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at an extra cost of £84.00 per night should this suit your travel arrangements better. Please tick the enrolment form if you require any extra nights when you book.

Machine Knitting Dream Weeks have been thoroughly enjoyed by all. Long term friendships have been made. Look on our web page in the Gallery to see photographs of some of the stunning garments knitted and worn by the Ladies who attended in 2016.

**[www.metropolitanmachineknitting.co.uk](http://www.metropolitanmachineknitting.co.uk)**

**ALL Lectures chosen by YOU and arranged in advance.**

Many Specialist Lectures and Workshops to choose from which Tutors who have prepared for you to enjoy.

Tutors confirmed at the time of going to print for 2017:

**Tony Bennett - John Blakeman**

**Erica Thomson - Ann Baker**

There are Twin Bedrooms or Double Bedrooms available. For single occupancy of a double room there is a £20.00 supplement. All en suite with colour TV, free sky channels, radio, hairdryer, direct dial phone, trouser press, free wi-fi & coffee/tea making facilities.

**Book Now**

**YOU may win a FREE Holiday.  
Book before Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 to be in the draw for  
a FREE place.**

**The 2017 Competition for The Dream Week.  
All will be revealed in January so you will  
have ample time to plan your entry.  
Watch out for the Postman once you have enrolled!**

**TONY BENNETT**

We are more than delighted Tony has agreed to remain in England for an extra week to give us extra opportunity to gain from his expertise.

**Early booking is definitely advised for this Course.**

**Tony Bennett - Pattern Play  
A Creative Journey**

**Mon Sept 11<sup>th</sup> to Fri Sept 15<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00am to 4.00pm**

**Fee: £375.00 inc. VAT**

**Ref: TB617**

My concept for this hands on week is really rather simple. We will take one single punchcard pattern ( to be supplied ) and see how many different variations we can create from this simple starting point. Ideally I would like to aim for double figure fabric variations from the single card.

In addition I will design a number of more current style garments specifically for this Course and anticipate that by the end of the week each attendee will have at least commenced one of these pieces using your favourite fabric created from your own 'pattern play' collection.

Apart from stitch variations the use of different yarns can also offer you huge potentially endless knit fabric options.

**( Machines optional but preferable )**

**Daphne Ashby – Flexi Day – A Surprise Xmas Item**

**Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00am to 4.00pm**

**Ref:DA618**

Daphne is going to show and teach us to make a Christmas related decoration. We call these the 'Special Daphne Sewing Days' as she continues to inspire us to greater heights than we thought possible.

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**Carol Hocknell - Passap Hands On**

**Tues Oct 10<sup>th</sup> to Thurs Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00am to**

**4.00pm**

**Fee: £210.00 inc. VAT**

**Ref:CH619**

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**Carol Hocknell - Hands On**

**Tue Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to Thurs Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**10.00am to**

**4.00pm**

**Fee £210.00 inc. VAT**

**Ref:CH620**

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## **Knitting Machine Engineering Course**

Do you need a Knitting Machine Engineer in your area?

There appears to be a shortage of people able to repair Knitting Machines around the Country now which is making it increasingly difficult for Machine Knitters to have their machines repaired without the costly and risky job of packaging them to send with carriers.

Mark is prepared to organise Classes to train would be engineers. This is NOT a Class to keep your machine in working order with general housekeeping. Many years ago Mark attended Courses to gain his knowledge of the intricacies of Knitting Machines and their quirks..... He wishes to pass this knowledge on to would be engineers.

The Classes would be small to ensure in depth attention. There would be punchcard mechanics for Silver Reed/Knitmaster and Brother separately as they differ internally so much .

The Electronic machines would be a more advanced Course.

There may be people around the Country who would like a small side-line business which they could either run from home or make home visits to repair machines. It is most rewarding to return a machine clean and working when all previously seems lost to the Knitter.

We need to keep Machine Knitting alive and healthy.

Should you be interested please contact us to discuss the details with Mark.

**01270 628414**



## Knitters Dream Week Booking Form Sept 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

**FREE FREE FREE FREE**

All who pay their deposit for The Dream Week by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 will be entered in the draw for one **FREE** Week of Knitting – Worth £514.50.

Name.....

Address.....

Email Address.....

Telephone No..... Mobile No.....

Arrival Date Sun Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> or Mon Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Departure Date Fri Sept 8<sup>th</sup> or Sat Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

Fee for extra nights £84.00 per night. Ground Floor OR First Floor – No Lift at Hotel

Room Type:- Single.....Double.....Twin.....£514.50 per person

Double as a single has a £20.00 supplement fee for the week (will be added when all the single rooms have been taken).

Name of Room Occupants:-

Title First Name Surname

1.....

2.....

Special Requests for Room or Diet – Please specify.....

**A non-refundable deposit of £25.00 per. person prior to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017 or £50.00 after 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017 is required to secure your place on the Dream Week and your Accomodation.**

Total Enclosed £.....

### Credit Card

Cardholder Name.....

Card Type Visa/Mastercard. Card No \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_

Card security – The last three numbers on the back of your card \_ / \_ / \_

Expiry Date \_ \_ / \_ \_

Signature of Cardholder.....

### Debit Card

Cardholder Name.....

Card Type Debit Card No \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_

Card security – The last three numbers on the back of your card \_ / \_ / \_

Expiry Date \_ \_ / \_ \_

Issue No \_\_\_\_\_ Valid From \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

## METROPOLITAN COURSE BOOKING FORM

Please send this form with a cheque made payable to 'Metropolitan' **OR** your Credit Card Details

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE REF/S \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE / MODEL OF MACHINE \_\_\_\_\_

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Card Type Visa / Mastercard Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Card Holders Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Card Security No. – the last 3 numbers on the back of your card where you sign your name. \_\_\_\_

**To secure your place a non-refundable deposit is requested as follows:-**

Each Course requires a £10.00 deposit.