

Metropolitan Machine Knitting Centre

If you have booked for one of our Courses or plan to we would like to tell you a little about travelling to Metropolitan and available accommodation so that you will feel welcome and relaxed for your visit.

Metropolitan Machine Knitting Centre is set in the tranquil surroundings of rural Cheshire and yet it is only two miles from the Historic Town of Nantwich, six miles from Crewe Station and eighteen miles from Chester. An excellent Taxi service runs from Crewe Station. Transport is not so readily available from Nantwich so if arriving by Train we would advise that you use Crewe Station.

Should you be travelling by Coach you would come to Nantwich and we would assist in arranging transport from there as we are not on a regular Bus route.

Travelling by Car from the North on the Motorway leave at Junction 18 through Middlewich following the signs for A530 for Nantwich. Stay on this road for 7 approx. miles and as you approach Nantwich you will come to Alvaston Roundabout with signs for Nantwich and Chester. Follow the Chester (A51) sign which is the Nantwich By-pass. Reaseheath Roundabout - again follow Chester sign - now the A51. You will pass Reaseheath Agricultural College on your right. Approx. 100 yards further on is a cross-roads. At the cross-roads turn right, signpost Poole and Wettenhall. Proceed along this road for one mile (it seems further as it is rural) and we are the 4th property on the left.

Travelling from Chester and North Wales follow the A51 towards Nantwich and turn left at the traffic lights signed Stone

KNITTERS DREAM WEEK BOOKING FORM - 2010

Name & Address for Correspondence

TITLE _____ INITIAL _____ SURNAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ POST CODE _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER INCLUDING DIALLING CODE

Daytime _____ Evening _____

Date of Arrival Mon. Sept 6th Date of Departure Fri. Sept 10th

Names of room occupants

Title Initial Surname Double Bed/Double as Single

1 _____

2 _____

Special Requests Please let us know if there are any special needs for your party.

A non - refundable deposit of £50.00 per person is requested to secure your place on the Knitting Week & your accommodation

Total Enclosed _____

Please send this form with a cheque made payable to 'Metropolitan' OR Your Credit Card Number

Start Date _____ Expiry Date _____

Card Security Number - The last three digits on the back of the card ____ ____ ____
Switch Cards Issue Number _____

Please PRINT name as on Credit Card

Signature

Farmhouse Bed & Breakfast Accommodation

Henhull Hall is to be recommended and is approximately 1 mile from us.

Contact - Joyce Percival on 01270 624158

New Farm is a High Quality purpose built Bed & Breakfast property (single storey) opened in 2007. This is approx. 4 miles from us

Contact the Rowland family on 01270 528213

Hopley House has been recommended by Ladies on the Course and is approx. 6 miles from us.

Contact the Reade family on 01270 526292

Hotel Accommodation

The Boot & Slipper is an Olde Worlde Inn approximately 4 miles from us. All the rooms are en suite with every facility available. This has proved very popular and has the advantage of a Dining Room for full meals and snacks.

01270 528238

Alvaston Hall Hotel, Middlewich Road, Nantwich.

No children allowed. 01270 624341

The Peacock Hotel, Crewe Road, Nantwich.

01270 624069

Hunters Lodge, Sydney Road, Sydney, Crewe.

01270 539100

ALL Lectures chosen by YOU and arranged in advance.

Many Lectures and Workshops to choose from with Tutors confirmed so far :-

Susan Guagliumi from America,

Iris Bishop, Bill King, Anne Smith, Carl Boyd & Norman Whitfield.

The only Rooms now available have a double bed. For

Single occupancy add £20.00 supplement for the week.

All en suite with colour TV, free sky channels, radio, hairdryer, direct dial phone, trouser press, free wi-fi & coffee/tea making facilities.

2010 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!

Book Now.

YOU may win a FREE Holiday. Book before Jan 31st 2010 to be in the draw for the FREE place.

**METROPOLITAN
KNITTERS DREAM WEEK 2010**

Monday September 6th to Friday September 10th

Fee £333.00

Ref:DW343

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

Lectures & Workshops during every day

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.

A MACHINE KNITTERS DREAM

A whole week to Machine Knit

Bring a non knitting Friend if you wish.

Cheshire has so much to offer for sightseeing.

Machine Knitters Dream Weeks have been thoroughly enjoyed by all. There were so many stories to tell. The shared laughter, the concentration and so many happy memories. So much was learnt, so much was said and so much was done during a week which went all too quickly. We have new Tutors this year who haven't taught in England before so this will be an added experience.

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 _____

Card Type Visa / Mastercard

Cardholder Name _____

Card Number _ _ _ _ _

Expiry Date _ _ / _ _

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

Card Type Switch

Cardholder Name _____

Card No. _ _ _ _ _ Issue No. _ _ _

Valid From _ _ / _ _ Expiry Date _ _ / _ _

Card Holders Signature: _____ Telephone No. _____

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

Each Course requires a £10.00 deposit.

EXCEPT The Knitters Dream Week. **See separate Booking Form.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

THE PINFOLD, POOLE, NANTWICH, CHESHIRE. CW5 6AL

Tel: 01270 628414 * Fax: 01270 610038

email: metromachineknit@btconnect.com

www.metropolitanmachineknitting.co.uk

YEAR 2010

Carol Hocknell – Passap Techniques

10.00am to 4.00pm

Ref:CH506

Mon Jan 18th & Tue Jan 19th

Fee £72.00 inc. VAT

Enjoy two days exploring the Passap Machine. Hints and tips which you may not yet have thought of. This Machine is capable of so much and creates beautiful fabrics. Hands on.

(Machines not required)

Carol Hocknell - From Start to Finish

Mon Feb 1st to Fri Feb 5th
Ref:CH507

10.00am to 4.00pm

Fee £180.00 inc. VAT

Suitable for all makes of machine. This Course has been designed for complete beginners or fairly new knitters, to help to knit one of their first garments successfully. Perhaps you have trouble with sizing, pattern knitting or just lack confidence. Some times it is just a matter of having some uninterrupted time to knit! **Joan Richards, a superb Designer** writes patterns especially for this Course so not only may this be your first garment you may also be wearing a haute couture garment by the end of the week.

Contact us if you want to know more.

(Machines optional)

An Overlocking Course for Students who have previously attended one of Erica's Overlocking Courses or feel fairly confident with their Overlocking Machines already is planned later in the year. Please contact us should you be interested.

Iris Bishop – Hands on Workshop

Mon July 19th to Fri July 23rd

10.00am to 4.00pm

Fee £180.00 inc. VAT

Ref:IB518

An opportunity to work with Iris on an individual basis. This Course is hands on experimenting with single and double bed fabrics in preparation for textiles and garments. You may wish to work on a garment Iris has designed or you may prefer to experiment more with the fabrics designed by Iris. With Iris's guidance this will as usual be a most successful and enjoyable Course. Japanese Machines only. Single or Double Bed.

(Machines required)

Carol Hocknell – Knit with DesignaKnit

Mon Aug 2nd to Fri Aug 6th

10.00am to 4.00pm

Fee £180.00 inc. VAT

Ref:CH519

Many Machine Knitters own both a knitting machine and DesignaKnit but have not taken the plunge to knit interactively. This Course is intended to design and then knit interactively for perhaps the first time. Once you have knitted this way you will go on to use the DesignaKnit programme over and over again.

(Machines/Computers possibly required)

Susan Guagliumi - Hands On

Mon Sept 20th to Fri Sept 24th

10.00am to 4.00pm

Fee £180.00 inc. VAT

Ref:SG520

Another first for Metropolitan. Susan Guagliumi is visiting from America. Susan – Author of Hand Manipulated Stitches. Her ideal machines are mid gauge, chunky or even the plastic bed machine. What a rare opportunity to exploit these heavier machines but all the techniques are also possible on the standard gauge machine. Susan's favourite edgings, Chinese Knots, Stegosaurus Cables, Twisted Stitches, Mosaic etc. are just some of the unusual techniques you will be able to experiment with. Do not miss this unique experience.

(Machines required)

Scottish Machine Knitters Association Show

To be held on Saturday May 15th 10.00am to 4.00pm

At The Nelson Stand, Perth Racecourse, Scone, Perth.

Email:frances@conifera.eclipse.co.uk for details

We look forward to seeing you there.

Closed for Annual Holidays

We close on Saturday May 22nd.

We re-open on Monday June 7th refreshed and excited at the prospect of the Courses which are taking place during the second half of the year.

Norman Whitfield - Passap Week

Mon June 21st to Fri June 25th

10.00am to 4.00pm

Fee £180.00 inc. VAT

Ref:NW516

We are delighted that Norman has agreed to come again to share his wealth of knowledge about the Passap with us all. You will not only be knitting a garment Norman has designed especially for the week but I am sure you will be learning many other techniques too.

(Machines optional but preferable)

Erica Thomson – Overlocking

Tue July 6th & Wed July 7th

10.00am to 4.00pm

Fee: £72.00 inc. VAT

Ref:ET517

Are you afraid of your Overlocker? I was too, until I attended one of Erica's Overlocking Courses. Now I am as confident as you could be after just two days with Erica. 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. Strictly limited numbers so early booking is advised.

(Overlocker required unless you have not yet purchased)

Carol Hocknell - Passap Week

Mon Feb 22nd to Fri Feb 26th

10.00am to 4.00pm

Fee: £180.00 inc. VAT

Ref:CH508

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

(Machines optional but preferable)

Date for your Diary

Saturday March 6th 2010

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 many of you at Bournemouth again.

Carol Hocknell – DesignaKnit for Beginners or Refreshers

Thurs March 11th & Fri March 12th

10.00am to 4.00pm

Fee £72.00 inc. VAT

Ref:CH509

Do you feel a bit lost with DesignaKnit working on your own. Come and spend a couple of days getting to grips with it without thinking of interactive knitting. The programme is so clever, so useful and so easy to use once you get started.

(Computers optional but preferable)

Erica Thomson – Overlocking

Tue March 23rd & Wed March 24th

10.00am to 4.00pm

Fee: £72.00 inc. VAT

Ref:ET510

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Date for your Diary

Sunday April 11^h

Nottingham Just Knitting Show

At the Harvey Haddon Sports Centre, Wigman Road.

Tickets/Details from Alan Hunt 0115 922 3654

Another one day Show. We will be there -----

We hope you will be there too.

Carol Hocknell - From Start to Finish

Mon April 19th to Fri April 23rd

10.00am to 4.00pm

Fee £180.00 inc. VAT

Ref:CH511

Suitable for all makes of machine. This Course has been designed for complete beginners or fairly new knitters, to help to knit one of their first garments successfully. Perhaps you have trouble with sizing, pattern knitting or just lack confidence. Some times it is just a matter of having some uninterrupted time to knit! **Joan Richards, a superb Designer** has kindly agreed to write patterns especially for this Course so not only may this be your first garment you may also be wearing a haute couture garment by the end of the week. Contact us if you want to know more.

(Machines optional)

Carol Hocknell – Audrey Palmer Weaving Techniques

Thurs May 6th & Fri 7th

10.00am to 4.00pm

Fee £72.00 inc. VAT

Ref:CH512

This Course is an introduction to Knitweave the Audrey Palmer Way. Audrey developed many trimmings using her weaving techniques which are particularly useful for finishing garments in a professional way. Come and be inspired and find how easy they are to achieve. Suitable for all Japanese Machines.

(Machines Optional)

Erica Thomson – Knitted Wire Jewellery

Choose from Day 1 OR Day 2 OR both days

Mon May 10th

10.00am to 4.00pm

Fee £36.00 inc. VAT

Ref:ET514

Day 1 Knitting with wire on a knitting machine is surprisingly easy and Erica will show you her latest clever but simple technique to make your own knitted wire earrings, bracelets and necklaces.

(Machines not required)

Erica Thomson – Knitted Wire Jewellery

Choose from Day 1 OR Day 2 OR both days

Tue May 11th

Fee £36.00 inc. VAT

10.00am to 4.00pm

Ref:ET515

Day 2 A follow on day, for those who have knitted with wire before and want to try more of Erica's latest ideas.

(Machines not required)

Wire jewellery makes original and unusual hand made presents and is proving popular amongst all ages. All the patterns, wire and jewellery fittings will be available to buy on the day. See pictures on Erica's website: www.ericaco.uk and follow the link to the video of Erica knitting with wire on You Tube.

Date for your Diary

Sunday October 3rd

Rochdale Show for Machine Knitters

Matthew Moss Sports Centre

Matthew Moss Lane, Marland, Rochdale. OL11 3LU

Tickets/Details Anne Smith Machine Knitting Monthly

01628 783080

This has now become a regular date in our diary – make it one in your diary too.

Carol Hocknell - Passap Week

Mon Oct 25th to Fri Oct 29th

Fee: £180.00 inc. VAT

10.00am to 4.00pm

Ref:CH521

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

(Machines optional but preferable)

Carl Boyd – Hands on Week

Mon Nov 22nd to Fri Nov 26th

Fee: £180.00 inc. VAT

10.00am to 4.00pm

Ref:CB522

Carl has come back to Machine Knitting with great energy producing pattern after pattern so that you can easily knit the garments written in a clear and easy to follow way. This proves to be a most popular Course as Carl obviously keeps his patterns up to the minute with Fashion.

(Machines required)

At the next cross-roads - approx. 200 yards - turn left, signpost Poole and Wettenhall. Proceed along this road for one mile and we are the 4th property on the left.

Travelling from the Whitchurch direction, after passing Nantwich Station turn RIGHT at the island and follow the road round past the Morrison Store and then follow the A51 Chester signs until you leave the built up area. You will then see Reaseheath Agricultural College on your right. Approx. 100 yards further on is a cross-

roads preceded by a sign for The Pinfold. At the cross-roads turn right, signpost Poole and Wettenhall. Proceed along this road for one mile and we are the 4th property on the left.

Accommodation

There is an excellent choice in the area. We are an Accredited Camping and Caravan Club Site enabling you to combine your visit with a family holiday. £7.50 per. night with electric hook-up. Shower and toilet facility.

Farmhouse Bed & Breakfast

Cheshire Farm Accommodation offers you the chance to stay on a working Farm for one night or many more. On each of the Farms you will be offered a warm Cheshire welcome. Some of the Farmhouse Accommodation do not cater for evening meals which can prove inconvenient if you do not have transport or prefer not to go out at night. Meals are supplied at Lunch time as part of the Course fee. We are able to arrange light evening meals at an extra charge in The Pinfold Tea Room. These meal times give an opportunity for a social end to the day.

