

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SHORT COURSES - 2026 AND 2027

Our short courses start on 9th May 2026 and continue until the end of June 2027. They will be released gradually over the next few months. We are bringing together lots of well-known and very experienced tutors in many different laces. We have Torchon, Beds, Bucks, knitted, tatted and needle lace along with themed sessions and technical sessions. Some are just for one day and others are longer, catering for varied skill levels from beginner to the experienced lacemaker.

We also have sessions for children and young people, who will be able to order a beginner's kit when booking their ticket. We recognise that the children's sessions will require an adult to stay too.

There are 3 one day courses specifically for children (8-10 and 10-15 yrs) and there are places on *some* of the other courses for up to 2 young persons (16-21 who must be in full time education) with an accompanying adult.

Please note: all of these courses will take place as face-to-face sessions, at The Village Hotel Dudley, on a Saturday/Sunday, between 10am and 4pm, unless otherwise stated. There is one course, with Nicole Gammie, which will be online to Australia. This one is timed for the evening GMT.

The Village Hotel, Dudley, is just 5 miles from The Hollies in Stourbridge. You may wish to visit The Hollies and our Museum on the day before a course, but please keep in mind that The Hollies is not open on a Sunday or Monday, and can be limited on other days.

To summarise:

- 12 Adult places on each course maximum (unless otherwise stated)
- Child 8 – 15 (accompanied by an adult) – the Tutors running these courses are DBS checked. These sessions are intended for a child and an adult to attend together and enjoy bobbin lace together.
- “Young Person” (16-21 yrs) definition - under 21 and in F/T education
- Young Person 16-21 tickets available when booking an adult on the same course.

- Maximum of 2 Young Persons, per course, with full paying adult
- Courses run from 10am until 4pm, unless otherwise stated
- An allowance of 1 hour is made for lunch
- Courses held at the *Village Hotel Dudley* will have lunch and refreshments included.
- A Bobbin Lacemaking kit can be ordered for absolute beginners attending the children's classes, free of charge when booking. This will be available when attending a course.
- Commemorative bobbins (Midland, Honiton, Continental, Rosaline and Tatting Shuttle) are available when booking. These need to be ordered in plenty of time before the course so that they can be pre-ordered. Students will receive their chosen bobbin when attending the course.
- Students will be contacted by email about 1 month prior to the date and will be required to complete a form for dietary information and to give course material requirements.
- Places need to be booked at least 3 months before the event.
- The details given in this article are correct at 9th November 2025. Therefore, please check the website for updates.

To Register follow the link given below each course, which will take you to The Lace Guild Box Office on Ticket Tailor.

There are several ways to pay on Ticket Tailor:

- i. Bank Transfer online within 7 days of booking
- ii. Pay Pal
- iii. Credit card via Pay Pal
- iv. Debit card via Pay Pal

Should you wish to pay by Bank Transfer, after Registering you will receive an email with an Invoice attached giving the payment details – this payment should be carried out within 7 days. Please quote your Ticket Tailor Order number in the Reference.

If you do not have a computer or access to online banking, please try asking a friend or relative to help you or use the hard copy Booking Form provided in the January 2026 edition of LACE.

If you wish to contact one of the tutors to talk through your project, please contact *The Hollies*.

Accommodation:

There is no accommodation included in the cost of these short courses. Each student is responsible for making their own arrangements.

However, The Lace Guild has teamed up with the *Village Hotel Dudley* to provide a special rate B&B, which includes parking and the use of the hotel swimming pool and other facilities, provided it is booked via the hotel website:

<https://www.village-hotels.co.uk/birmingham-dudley>

the Code to use when booking is **LACEG**.

For a single occupancy room, it is £104/night, or twin occupancy is £114/night.

There are several other hotels in the area including:

The Suites Inn Hotel

Brierley Hill

(small self-catering apartments)

<https://the-suites.hotelswestmidlands.com/en>

Copthorne Hotel

Merry-Hill, Dudley

<https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/dudley/copthorne-hotel-merry-hill-dudley>

Premier Inn, Stourbridge

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/home.html>

Premier Inn, Dudley Kingswinford

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/home.html>

Travelodge, Dudley

<https://www.travelodge.co.uk>