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# Market Square Quilters

Chairperson	vacancy
Treasurer	Sue Dobbs
Secretary	Pauline Byrne
Workshops	Marianne Mohandes Sonia Clifton
Newsletter	Caroline Ward
Refreshments	Barbara Lacy-Smith
Raffle	Joanne Rabbitts Sandra Kidwell
Library	Caroline Ward

## Next Meeting—September 28th—AGM

The next meeting will also be the AGM but **rest easy.....!**

Sandra Harris has volunteered to be our Chairperson - Hur- ray! As you can imagine she is feeling rather nervous but the committee will support her and Sue is very good at sorting out an agenda beforehand.

Amazingly, another member expressed an interest, Cheryl Nichol, so maybe we can create a new post, such as they have at Roundabout Quilting, for an assistant chairperson who will gradually learn about the group dynamics before taking over.

Also three of our members have expressed an interest in taking on the role of activities co-ordinators.

Rita Maton, Geraldine Priest and Gail Winter propose to take over from Marianne and Sonia.

So all these changes will be put to the vote at the AGM.

The activity at the meeting will be Dorset Buttons. Please bring at least two colours of stranded embroidery thread, needles, scissors etc. if you would like to have a go.



## FACEBOOK

MSQ now has its own Facebook page. This has been set up by Sue Dobbs and Bev Allen is a moderator on it. PLEASE, if you are on FB then pop along and like our page so that our membership grows on FB. You can also “share” any of our posts on your own FB page and that way our presence gets known further afield. Sue intends to keep page up to date on a regular basis and will put posts from other sewing related FB pages (such as Juber-ry) for your information. Join us and make this a success.

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From Sue Dobbs.

## £20 ANNUAL FEES NOW DUE

Your annual subscription is due at the AGM at end of this month. Fee remains at £20 per person. Please bring along to the meeting (cheques should be payable to Market Square Quilters please). If you have changed any of your details please attach a slip of paper to your cheque so we can amend our records (address, telephone number, mobile number or email address). If you are also attending the West of England Quilt Show on 11<sup>th</sup> November (details also on this newsletter) you can combine that payment with membership as one cheque if that suits. If you are not attending the AGM would you please send me your cheque (15 Longmead, Woolton Hill, Hants RG20 9XY).

## MSQ bi-annual Club Day Sat 19th Nov 2016.

This day is entitled **A World of Quilts** as it will include talks by two ladies who have collections of international quilts .

Pamela Smith specialises in talks about Russian textiles so she will show her collection of samples of ancient and modern needlework and put them in to an historical context.

Margaret Johnson has been collecting quilts since 1980 so in the afternoon she will talk about Around the World on a Magic Quilt.

During the day there will be an opportunity to buy threads etc. from June Withers and we also hope to have a fabric and notions stall (possibly Running Chicken)

There will be a mini workshop to make a Redwork sample which could be turned into a Christmas decoration.

A shared lunch will include foods from around the world.

Save the date and spread the word. Cost £10 members £13 visitors with lunch included.

The Festival of Quilts had a display of Russian textiles and Lady Sew&Sew are having an exhibition in the near future.

MSQ is quite on trend!



Russian embroidered costume.

There will be a sign up sheet and a list of food items at the September and October meetings.

## **West of England Quilt Show - 11<sup>th</sup> November**

We now have 23 people going on this trip on November 11<sup>th</sup>. I have now purchased the tickets and we got two free so that is factored in to the amount you need to pay. I would like full payment of **£23.50** either at the September meeting or October meeting should you prefer. If you cannot attend either meeting please send your cheque to me at 15, Longmead, Woolton Hill, Hants RG20 9XY

Sue Dobbs

## **From Jenny Saady re Quantum Quilting**

Shelley has made a super job of quilting the two quilts and did it in three days. Her husband came and fetched the quilt tops and then delivered them back to me all free of charge. I got 10% off and so it worked out at £82 for a 75 by 85 quilt. I will bring them to the September meeting and the couple are coming to show their wares at one of Market Square Quilters evening sessions, I understand. The workmanship is very good and I recommend them. (I did supply the batting and backing)

## Quilt Stands

Many thanks to all those who moved the quilt stands back to Beverley's Mother's garage on Thursday. To Julia Avery for coming with her husband's van so that we managed to move them all in two trips; to Sue Dobbs for lifting and carrying and putting up with the splinters: to Elisabeth Angle and her husband who had arranged for us to temporarily use the loft at Woolton Hill Village Hall and who also came along with their young grandson in tow to help on the day; to Beverley's husband Dan who co-ordinated the Wash Common end and to her Mother for putting up with the stands once more; and to my husband Gordon for giving his time and strength and health and safety advice!

## Monthly Meeting 24th August—Pudding Party

A few days before the August meeting there was a panic because St Francis announced that their hall was being re-decorated so we could not use it.

Pauline managed to sort it out in time but the venue was to be the actual church at St Georges.

I must say it was rather strange to be setting up a party in a church but we soon came to realise that it had been a blessing in disguise as it turned out to be a perfect venue. The meeting was held in a space on one side of the altar, the puddings set up in a n enclosed side chapel and the sample quilts laid out on chairs and benches at the other side of the altar. There was plenty of space to move around and see everything clearly.



The Quilters Guild Suitcase Collection was from the traditional branch so it included 70 examples of classic blocks and techniques , all beautifully worked by Guild members. Each one came with an A4 sheet of information .



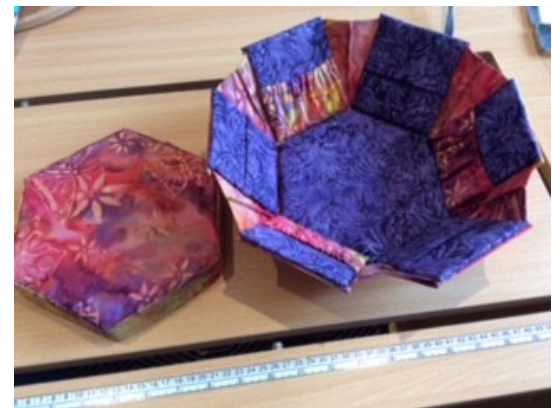




### Hexagonal Box Workshop from Sue

13 people attended the workshop on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (and 5 attended for SOS sewing). We were joined by Dani Trask who skilfully tutored us through the day. It was an enjoyable but full day, many of us were surprised with the amount of work that went into producing the box, thankfully the templates had been pre-cut or I am sure we wouldn't have got as much done as we did! Some of us almost finished (just needed to complete the lid), which I did on Sunday morning. I don't know about others who attended but I slept very well that night, exhausted with using my brain far more than I do most days.

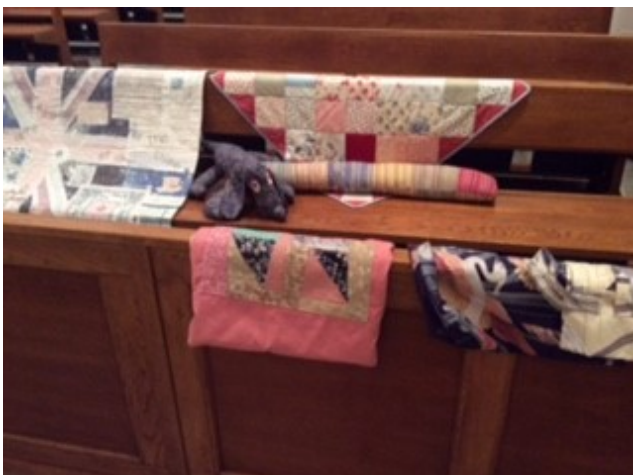
There was the usual wonderful spread of puddings including cheese scones and fresh fruit for those who did not want to over indulge. Personally I loved the ginger cheesecake so thank you to whoever made that! There wasn't much left over at the end so all contributions were appreciated.



There were quite a few members of the Embroiders Guild at the meeting. They joined in the Show and Tell with their example of items made from re-cycled materials which included everything from socks to carrier bags. There were two examples of work using old silk ties, my favourite being a tie glasses case which would make a very good mini workshop for a Club night. Also a handbag made from a beautiful piece of knitting which had been boiled and shrunken so that it became a more solid fabric.



There were also some tote bags for the exhibition sales table. Julia will be collecting items and she will bring a box to each meeting for contributions.



### Copy

I will be happy to include in the newsletter any reports of exhibitions, workshops, shops etc. which members have found interesting. Please send them to me at [caroline2226@gmail.com](mailto:caroline2226@gmail.com)

### **Forthcoming MSQ Events**

Sept 7th —Sew and Chat at Castle School

7—10pm

Sept 15th —Sew and Chat 10-3pm St. Mary's

Greenham

Sept 21st — Sew and Chat at Pat's. N48663

Sept 28th —Club Meeting 7.30—10pm

St Francis de Sales. AGM and Dorset Button workshop.

Oct 5th —Sew and Chat at Castle School

7—10pm

Oct 13th —Sew and Chat 10—3 St Mary's

Greenham

Oct 19th —Sew and Chat 10-3 at

Pat's N48663 ???????

**MSQ Club Day** will be Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**MSQ EXHIBITION WILL BE 8/9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

### **Events**

**West Berkshire Museum**— have an exhibition by the Embroiderers Guild called Stitched Reflections 29th June—25th September. The work is inspired by the Kennet and Avon canal.

It's your local museum and it's free! There is also a series of workshops for adults at Shaw House and at the museum from now and in to next year. Handmade books with Anne Griffiths; Collections Care with Sue Hourigan from the Berkshire Records Office; Floral Arrangements with Kim Harrison including Christmas wreath making. For more information go to [www.westberkshireheritage.org](http://www.westberkshireheritage.org)

**Saturday 15th October 1—4pm**

St. George's Centre RG14 6NU

The Embroiderers Guild AGM and 40th anniversary includes a talk from Jan Beaney who is the joint president of the EG and trade stands from Creative Crafts, Doughty's, Silk Route and 20th Century Yarns. Cost is £5.

Tickets [jenpurslow2013@gmail.com](mailto:jenpurslow2013@gmail.com)

For more details go to [www.newbury-embroiderers.co.uk](http://www.newbury-embroiderers.co.uk)

There are various workshops at our more local quilt shops

[www.juberry.co.uk](http://www.juberry.co.uk)

[www.quiltersdream.co.uk](http://www.quiltersdream.co.uk)

[www.villagefabrics.co.uk](http://www.villagefabrics.co.uk)

[www.newthreads.com](http://www.newthreads.com)

[www.purple-stitches.com](http://www.purple-stitches.com)

Also Joanne and Sandra at Lorne Hill have crochet and macramé as well as their quilting classes.

**[www.lornehillquilts.com](http://www.lornehillquilts.com)**

**The Old Chapel Textile Centre** at Greenham has lots of one day workshops planned including some for children.

**[nationalneedleworkarchive.org.uk](http://nationalneedleworkarchive.org.uk)**

**Lady Sew and Sew** [www.ladysewandsew.co.uk](http://www.ladysewandsew.co.uk)

18th—30th Sept Fat Quarter Festival

**Region 6 Regional Day**—Sat 24th Sept at Benson

They have a workshop on Hand Quilting with a Difference and a talk by Hazel Ryder. Separate email on its way

**Region 7 Regional Day**— Sat 1st Oct in Marlow

They have a talk by Jan Hassard on Colour and Illusion and welcome visitors.

[ann.mci.edwards@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.mci.edwards@btinternet.com) for more info

**Old Chapel Textile Centre**—Sat 1st Oct

Christmas Craft and Gift Fair

**Ridgeway Quilters**—8-9th October

An exhibition at Chieveley Village Hall to celebrate their 30th Birthday!

10—4.30pm Entrance £3

Raffle, refreshments and demos, traders etc.

**Knitting and Stitching Show**—

8th Oct with Barnes Coaches

9th Oct with JuBerry

**Cwiltiau Minerva Quilts** exhibition of Heritage Quilts from the collection of Barbara Chainey and new work by Anglia Textile.

July 25th—Sept 23rd Llandiloes, Wales

**FOR SALE/WANTED/FREecycle/HELP!** If you have items to pass on or are having a problem with a technique or need help to get started on a project, please email me and I will include it in the newsletter..

**NB LIBRARY** – If you are not able to make it to The Castle School on the first Wednesday of each month 7 -10pm to borrow books you could email me with any requests and I could bring them to the monthly meeting. A list was attached to the November newsletter.