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Market Square Quilters

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Next Meeting— April 26th

The letter for Show and Tell is **I** — hmmm, this could be a hard one. See what your **imagination** can come up with!

We can have a de-brief on the quilt show and take opinions from members to record for next time.

There will be a demonstration on pintucks.

Malvern Trip

The Baileys coach will leave the Wharf at 8.30, do a pick up at Hungerford at 8.50 and leave Malvern again at 3.30.

Please pay Sue, with a cheque if possible, by 26th April.

The cost is £8 for members and £18 for visitors.

There are still some places on the coach at present.

Quilters Guild

MSQ is a member of The Quilters Guild which has no specific benefit to members apart from the insurance cover. We do receive a quarterly magazine which is full of interesting articles and also a regional newsletter (we are region 6) so if you would like to see these please ask at a meeting. Back copies are kept in the library.

SOS March 11th

The PAT testing was successfully completed and all equipment was passed.

As soon as people had their machines they were able to begin to practice some of the ideas which they had been shown by Gail, Geraldine and Rita on ways to use the embroidery stitches on their machines.

Lots of samples had been prepared to give ideas and inspiration and members were given help and guidance on how to get the best out of their machines.

I was struggling because my fabric was puckering underneath the embroidery stitch I was trying out. Gail was able to improve the stitch by letting me borrow some of her thread which was much thinner. I have learnt a valuable lesson on having the right thread for the job!



Club Meeting March 22nd

There was good turn out for the meeting as members came to bring their contributions for the exhibition , to sign up for helping rotas and to hand in their raffle ticket money. Many people also paid for the Malvern trip which will be well deserved after all the preparations for April 8th and 9th—two weeks time!

There were quite a few Easter eggs brought in to make a festive display on the sales table.



The Show and Tell letter was H



Sandra Kidwell brought a dressed **hare**. Also with the book she found it in which had lots of other clothing and accessory patterns for dressing the figures.



Barbara brought a Christmas decoration made from tiny **hexagons**.



Jacqui Taylor brought a basket of **hares**, or **hoppy bunnies** maybe?

There was a wallhanging with **horses** on it made at a Janet Clare workshop (which I failed to photograph, sorry) also from Jacqui I think.



Marianne showed **Harriet's Quilt** which she had made for her sister's baby.



Hazel showed a very calm quilt with **hearts** on it.

Other items brought in to show were a very bright batik quilt from Maureen which will no doubt be in the exhibition.

Also an appliqued top panel for the Block of the Month quilt made by Elisabeth - which will have to be displayed at the next show in 2020!!

Exhibition

Parking—availability of parking has changed since we held the last exhibition three years ago. However, Sandra and Hazel have been to visit the school and I have walked the streets to try and assess the situation and the news is not too bad...

The traders will be allowed to park in the playground to unload and can leave their cars there. There are also some places at the front of the school premises.

If you can be dropped off and picked up that would still be the best solution so as to leave some easy parking for visitors.

Station Road which runs alongside the railway has parking meters - £1 for two hours or £2 for four hours. On Sunday it is £1 all day.

NB— parking in the station car park is £4.10 all day after 10am.

Catherine Road allows 2hrs free parking, Chesterfield Road offers 4 hours but both are unrestricted on Sunday.

Link Road outside the school is peculiar as it has meters on one side but 2 hours free on the other.

I hope this helps to clarify the situation.....



I hope this is all you need to know—

Raffle— a lot will be sold on the day so if you are not able to sell those you have then please return them to a committee member. Equally if you can sell more before the day please ask for more.

The first prize is the quilt and the second is a hamper of haberdashery goodies but we also have at least ten other lovely prizes.

The charity this year is **The Living Paintings Trust** which is a charity based at Kingsclere. They produce 3D pictures of well known paintings and Touch and See books. These come with an audio description so the raised pictures are brought to life when the fingers of blind and partially sighted people feel them. The library of books are distributed by post.

Sales Table— we have had lots of good things already sent in for the sales table but there is always room for more. This can include books, magazines, patterns, surplus equipment etc. as well as things which have been made.

This provides valuable funds for the group as all takings are profit.

Cakes -Hazel has requested that the **cakes are labelled with the donors name and the main ingredients of the cake**. She has already organised some to be delivered on each day.

Lucky dip— small items for a 50p lucky dip are needed. These will be wrapped by the co-ordinator and could include reels of thread, fabric, needles, templates etc.

Books— there will be a stall selling old books, magazines and patterns if you have any you are finished with.

Accessories—we will need things to put at the end of each row to stop people falling over the base of the quilt stands and to add interest to displays. Towel rails, small tables, chairs, pot stands etc. Please put your name on if possible.

Displays—we would like to make a feature of items made in workshops or as challenges—crazy, re-cycled, cats, roundabout cushions etc.

Things to remember.....

Who - we hope that every member will submit something for the exhibition. If you need help getting things there please ask.

What— anything which has been made in the three years since the last exhibition. Cushions, bags wall-hangings etc. as well as quilts

Why—to put on a good show, show off our skills and to give visitors a satisfying experience!!

Where—we have used St Nicolas School for many years and it changes a little each time so we have to adapt. The most important thing to know about this year is parking (see page 2) We hope that most members who are helping on each day can be dropped off and collected so as to leave nearby parking available for visitors.

When—items for display will need to be dropped off at the school from **9am on Friday morning**. There will be separate piles for large bed quilts, single bed quilts, wall hangings and other bits. We will be hanging for most of the day but hope to finish by about 4pm. If you cannot drop off your exhibits during this time then Beverley will collect them at her house during the week. Please contact her to arrange a suitable time.

Hanging Sleeves—all items which are to be hung need to have a hanging sleeve securely sewn on the back—there is a You Tube video to show you how if you are not sure or any general quilt book will say. Please secure smaller items to hangers with fishing wire where possible (we have some available). Cable ties will be provided for bags etc.

Labels—details of the quilt you are showing will have been sent to Linda to put on a printed label which will be pinned on to the front of each quilt. This can include your inspiration, who you have made it for, whose pattern or fabric you have used— anything of interest.

Linda has emailed the template to everybody.

NB can you also pin a slip of paper with your name on it to the front of the quilt just to make it easier for Linda to identify whose is whose.

Beverley who is masterminding the exhibition would be reassured if you could give her an estimate of how many quilts and what their sizes are asap. She has a new email address- FaranHills@gmail.com

Abingdon Museum

Val Pollitt has sent a report :-

Following Caroline's tip in last month's newsletter, I visited Abingdon Museum on Saturday to find out more about the history of Abingdon and to see the quilt exhibition on display there. The exhibition was called 'Reflections' and its theme was reflections on the history of Abingdon. Its centre piece was an impressive quilt of the workhouse which included little sections of text about what life would have been like in the 19th century. I particularly liked a dramatic design of silhouettes of key Abingdon buildings on a black background. (sorry, not a good picture) Other aspects of Abingdon's history were also featured like the production of MG sports cars and the tradition of Morris dancing.



Maybe we could do something about Newbury as a group project?

Forthcoming MSQ Events

Greenham Sewing Sisters –

We meet on the second Thursday of every month in the Paddock Room at St Marys Church Hall, Greenham 10.00am – 3.00pm. Fee is £3 and that goes towards tea, coffee, biscuits and hall hire. We hope that more of you will come along and join us in future and enjoy the company of fellow quilters and have a sew and natter.

Other Sewing Sister meetings are:

1st Wednesday of month at The Castle School 7 – 10pm.

Library available.

3rd Wednesday at Pat's house 10am – 3.00pm.

Events

There are various workshops at our more local quilt shops

www.juberry.co.uk

www.quiltersdream.co.uk

www.villagefabrics.co.uk

www.newthreads.com

www.purple-stitches.com

www.ladysewandsew.com

Lady Sew & Sew now have a yarn department if you are in to knitting.

Our nearest wool specialist is **Yarnfest** at Hermitage where they do classes and social knitting Yarnfest.co.uk

Also Joanne and Sandra at Lorne Hill have published a new list of classes.

www.lornehillquilts.com

Forthcoming Events

nationalneedleworkarchive.org.uk

Jen Goodwin RSN embroidery exhibition and visits in person on Wed 29th M, 5th & 26th A.

29th April—fabric sale

Lady Sew and Sew

29th April—1st May—100 quilts exhibition.

7th May—Kaffe Fassett workshop

Juberry

12th Aug—coach to the NEC

Quilter's Dream

29th April—landscape quilt workshop with Dawn Cameron -Dick

New Threads

26th April—foundation pieced cushion cover workshop

Purple Stitches

6th May—free motion quilting workshop

FACEBOOK PAGE

I know that many of you have visited the page and hope you find it useful. Please spread the word with your quilting and sewing friends and ask them to like our page – the more members we have the more we can get our message around.

WEB PAGE www.marketsquarequilters.co.uk

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. I will bring a selection of books to each monthly meeting. A list was attached to the November newsletter.

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

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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