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Market Square Quilters

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Next Meeting—February 22nd

The letter for Show and Tell is **X**

There will be a practical activity making small hanging Easter eggs to sell on the sales table at the exhibition as it is the weekend before Easter. Please bring a basic hand sewing kit.

If you did not collect your new diaries or raffle tickets for the Quilt Show, they will be available once more. If you are not able to get to the meeting and would like me to post them to you please get in touch.

Malvern Trip

We will be running a subsidised trip to Malvern again this year on Thursday 1st May. The Baileys coach will be paid for and we will order the tickets in advance so as to get a discount.

A sign up sheet will be circulated soon and there will probably be space to bring family and friends....

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.

Club Meeting January 25th

There was a good turn out on a cold and dark night for the first meeting of 2017.

We were visited by Quantum Quilting who are based in Fareham and run a long arm quilting service.

Shelley Faulkner and her husband run the business from home and it was interesting to hear the history of their venture. Pauline reports:-

It was an entertaining and informative talk. She began with her backstory. She was left money by a aunt and as she had always sewn decided to set up her business. She spoke at length about the importance of preparing the quilt in terms of choice of wadding ,threads etc. She emphasised how important it was to get the quilt 'square'. If not done properly this meant several hours of extra work for her. She then demonstrated how to do this using lots of pins along the top edge. She talked about basting and then how the choice of thread could enhance the overall designers. After this there was a useful question and answer session.

They will do binding and basting, quilting design and advice etc. and you can also hire the machine to do your own free motion quilting.

A big bonus is that they will collect and return your quilt from your home.

www.quantumquilting.co.uk



The inspirational word for Show and Tell this year is **Exhibition** but missing out the repeated 'I'.

Therefore this month was E but there were not many items to show this month as I guess everybody is busy trying to finish things for the exhibition. Maureen had brought in some more Premmie Quilts to go to North Hants hospital



which Julia collected.

Angela had done her first attempt at hand quilting on one (very successfully) and Sue had also hand quilted another



using a very jolly monkey fabric.

Pauline chaired the meeting in the absence of Sandra and she was very pleased to report on an email she had received as secretary. This was a thank you from a father whose twin babies had been born recently and he had sent photographs of them lying under quilts from Market Square Quilters. She has asked for permission for them to be used in our display about the preemie quilts at the exhibition.

FYI—I have been asked to let you know that our resident author, Beverley has just published a new novel. To find out more about 'A Solemn Curfew and Other Dark Tales' and her other novels look for Bev Allen at Amazon or on Kindle store



Sonia brought in this modern looking cushion and **explained** that it was actually made from a piece of printed fabric from a textile designer which she had outline quilted.

Rita brought in dinosaur cushion which was a simple but **effective** way of using some interesting scraps.

I brought in a padded coathanger covered in Liberty scraps which was made with very little **effort or expense!**



PAT Testing at SOS on March 11th at St Georges

For insurance reasons it is now necessary for **any electrical equipment used at meeting and workshops at any public venue to be PAT tested.**

Gail has therefore arranged that on the first SOS day in March an engineer will come in the morning to test machines, irons, extension cables etc. If you are not able to come on this day, maybe you could arrange for someone to bring your equipment for you or drop it off and collect it later.

The cost for this will be £5 and this will cover up to 5 pieces of equipment. We are hoping that this will become an annual event. Any new equipment you buy should come already tested so can be used through the year.

While this is being done our activities organisers will do a demonstration of ideas for using your machine. You can of course bring your own hand sewing or be first in the queue to get your machine tested so that you can then use it for the rest of the day.



Here I am going to try and clarify the things which you need to know/do/collect in order that we run another successful exhibition this year....

Flyers—Geraldine has organised the printing of these eye-catching flyers and posters which show the Civil War raffle quilt in the background. They have already been distributed to most of the local quilt shops but if you are going further afield or you know of a community hall where these could be displayed please get in touch and we will send you some.

Raffle— some raffle tickets have already been distributed to members but a lot will be sold on the day so if you are not able to sell all ten then please return them to a committee member. Equally if you can sell more before the day please ask for more.

If you have anything you feel suitable for the 'many more exciting prizes' please speak to a committee member

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— this provides valuable funds for the group as all takings are profit. Suggestions have been given and include needle cases, tote bags, pincushions, covered note books, scissor cases etc. We are trying to limit sales to the most popular items as we had a lot left over last time.

Cakes - a list will be circulated so that the refreshment organisers have an idea of what cakes to expect and when they will be delivered.

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 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.

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

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 this year is that there is no parking in the playground at the back. 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 10am on Friday morning. There will be separate piles for large bed quilts, single bed quilts, wall hangings and other bits.

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.

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 will be emailing the template to everybody.

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 beverley20@msn.com

I hope I have given correct information but I will let you all know if there are any changes. It's not long to go now!!

Forthcoming MSQ Events

Greenham Sewing Sisters – December meeting

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.

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

MSQ EXHIBITION WILL BE 8/9TH APRIL 2017

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

West Berkshire Museum— Val Pollit and I are volunteers at the museum on a Tuesday. Lately we have been helping with the re-display of the downstairs galleries and are pleased to tell you that they are open. There is now a timeline of West Berkshire starting with the geology of the area, through the various human settlements and ending with the modern era. This is now a permanent exhibition, financed by the Heritage Lottery Fund (not local rates!) but the galleries upstairs will have changing exhibitions and include our display of wedding dresses worn by local brides.

Please come and visit—open Wed to Sun 10 till 4.

Abingdon Museum—have a quilting exhibition about Abingdon and its History until 26th March with work by local quilters.

Closed on Monday—NB there is no lift to the exhibition which is on the first floor.

Forthcoming Events

The Old Chapel Textile Centre, Greenham

nationalneedleworkarchive.org.uk

1st Feb—they will re-open with a show of work by their talented volunteers.

Next years workshops and exhibitions are on their website

Test Valley Quilters

11th Feb—A Quilters Day will be held at The Fairground in Andover. This is well worth going to as they have a full day of activities. To find out more go

www.quiltersdayatthefairground.co.uk

Doughty Roadshow

13th Feb— Charvil Village Hall

Embroiderers Guild—

25th Feb—a one day workshop at St Francis making book covers. It will be run by Jean battle and only costs £5

Quilters Guild-

11th March—Regional Day with a talk and workshop with Annelize Littlefair. Charvil Village Hall

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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

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.