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Next Meeting— March 22nd

The letter for Show and Tell is **H**—hexagons, hedgehogs, happy, hip,

There will be a practical session on making trimmings so bring along a basic sewing kit.

Please bring any contributions for the sales table, raffle, lucky dip, haberdashery hamper etc.

Raffle money can be given to Pat and more tickets collected if needed

There will be a sign up sheet for rotas at the show and for cake contributions.

Malvern Trip

We will be running a subsidised trip to Malvern again this year on Thursday 18th May. The Baileys coach will be paid for and we will order the tickets in advance so as to get a discount.

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

The coach will leave the Wharf at 8.30, do a pick up at Hungerford if requested and leave Malvern at 3.30.

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

The sooner the better please so that she knows how many spare places there are.

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.**

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 mini workshop of decorative stitches using your machine. If you have a premie quilt top prepared you could enhance it with machine stitches.

It is suggested that you bring some threads, variegated if you have them, 2 fat quarters, some backing and scraps of fabric.

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.



A space filler—an interesting use of quilting spotted at Blenheim. This is a leather saddle used by Winston Churchill when he was a little boy. It looks very safe and comfortable....

Club Meeting February 22nd

Helene brought in two quilts which she had recently completed, a lap quilt and a larger one.



Pat and Jean brought in some more Premmie incubator covers to send to North Hants hospital



Marianne showed the latest Block of the Month which has an appliqued basket of flowers and butterflies on it.

There is now only one more block for the top border and the border itself to be completed.

Our activities ladies organised a mini workshop for us to make some Easter egg hanging decorations to sell at the quilt show.



Mini kits had been assembled with fabric scraps and threads and a sheet with lots of ideas to inspire creativity.

They should make a fun display at the Exhibition.



Apologies—the next page is almost the same as last month's newsletter as most of the information about the exhibition is still relevant.



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. Please secure smaller items to hangers with fishing wire where possible. 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.

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

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.

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

NB date changed this month to Fri 17th March

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 includes 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

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

18th March—Village Fabrics—sign up for a taster day of various techniques.

14th—28th March—Lady Sew and Sew Wearable Art exhibition by Sandy Snowden

29th April—1st May—Lady Sew and Sew—100 quilts exhibition.

12th Aug—Juberry are running a coach to the NEC

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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.