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## Market Square Quilters

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### Next Meeting— May 24th

The letter for Show and Tell is **B** — black, blue, block, baby, Bargello.....



There will be a practical activity about smocking so bring a simple sewing kit along with you.

**NB Sewing at Greenham cannot take place on June the 8th as it is being used as a polling station. Therefore it will be held on Thurs June 15th.**

### Malvern Trip

We currently have 34 people going on our trip.

A reminder—we leave the Wharf promptly at 8.30am as we have 4 people to pick up at Hungerford on our way. I will hand you your entrance ticket on the coach, that way none of us can misplace them before the day. If you have signed 'visitors' to come please ensure that they turn up on time too. Coach leaves at 3.30pm for return journey.

**There are still places on the coach. The cost will be £10 for the coach and tickets can be bought on arrival.**

I am busy making a list of those items I 'need' in an attempt to stop me purchasing all those things I 'want'. I know it won't work though, temptation always grabs me at these shows.

See you all on the 18th and let's keep our collective fingers crossed for lovely weather.

Sue Dobbs

### SOS June 17th

This is a workshop with Anne Hellyer to make a town-scape which stands upright and then has a light put behind it to shine through the windows.



A sign up sheet has been started but there are still places available and the cost will be £20.

I am told it is not too difficult to make with any machine. You can of course design your own street.....

## MSQ Exhibition 2017



If you prefer, please send your ideas and feedback to Pauline and she will relate them at the meeting.

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This will be a social occasion with refreshments and she does have a lovely garden !



A report about the exhibition was sent out in April.

I am now able to report on profits etc.

Sales Table	£510
Refreshments	£496
Entrance	£678
Raffle	£430

It was agreed that the donation to Living Paintings Trust be made up to £500 which will enable them to run a book club for a whole year.

After expenses about £700 has been made for MSQ. This is less than we made in 2014 as visitor numbers were down, possibly due to the exceptional weather, so there cannot be as much subsidising of outings etc. as we have had in the past.

The main raffle quilt was won by Sonia Richardson who used to be member; the haberdashery basket was won by Anthea Hunt and the wholecloth quilt kit by Sandra Harris. Many of the other prizes went to members or their families which made the job of distributing prizes much easier for Pat Burke.

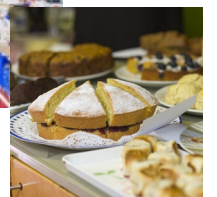
### Photographs

Every piece of work was photographed by Geraldine Priests husband John—about 200 in total. You will be able to access these asap with an email link which will be set up soon.

### Review Meeting—all welcome

There will be a special meeting on **Mon 22nd May** at 11am at Pauline's house, 18 Battery End Wash Common.

This will be to discuss the exhibition and plan for the next one in 2020. We would like to collate all the relevant information and location of items needed so as to make the job easier next time.





## Monthly Meeting - 26th April

After the announcements—Malvern trip, exhibition review etc. we were given a demonstration on the various creative ways in which folds and pin tucks could be incorporated with quilts.

Gail, Geraldine and Rita had set up their sewing machines at the front of the hall. Geraldine talked about the basic methods of creating accurate lines of stitching, both traditional and with the aid of special machine feet and in particular the use of a twin needle. We were told about a foot with a special groove to keep the lines straight and also a foot with a groove in which a gimp thread could be laid which resulted in a more pronounced line.



Gail showed us creative ways of using variegated threads, different fabrics, free motion stitching, criss-crossing lines etc. She also had samples of quilting with twin needles.



There was then an opportunity to use the machines on squares of Egyptian cotton which had been sourced from Empress Mills.

A challenge was issued at the end for members to take a square of cotton and experiment at home. The resulting work will then be brought to the next meeting and combined into a sampler quilt.

Twin needles were available to buy for those who did not have one.

Many thanks to our activities team.

## Show and Tell

The letter this month was I.

Marianne showed an quilt inspired by India and the colours of spices which happened to use some of the techniques we had been learning about.



Jacquie brought a bag which was designed by Seiko Ino



There were several new premmie quilts.



## World Textile Day

June 3rd is world Textile Day and we have been sent information about an event at Kings Sutton near Banbury. The theme is Colour and they have a speaker Chris Aslan Alexander who has been working with the Khiva carpet industry in India. Also a talk about weaving in Peru and a Show and Tell of world textiles.

To find out more go to

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

## Greenham WP17

I have been lucky to have been involved with this interesting project which is going to celebrate the history of Greenham Common in war and in peace. The main event is on 8th and 9th September but preparations have been going on all year.



Through BBOWT volunteering I was able to help with the creation of one of ten silk batik banners with the artist Ali Pretty and her company Artkenisis. A small group decided on the content and designed the layout to illustrate the natural history of the common. The banners are all 4 metres long and show different aspects of the history and usage of the common over the centuries. It is hoped that they will have a permanent home once the celebrations are over - they are well worth seeing.

## For Sale

Ann Jenner has a lamp for sale which is hardly used.

It has a daylight bulb, a magnifier, is floor standing but can also be clamped to a table.

Offers around £50

I have a similar one and use it all the time for reading as well as sewing....

Anne's number is in your diary card.



## 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.

**NB June will be on the 15th because of voting**

### **Other Sewing Sister meetings are:**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month at The Castle School 7 – 10pm.

Library available.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at Pat's house 10am – 3.00pm.

**Malvern Trip—18th May**

**SOS—17th June St Georges. Little Houses**

## Events

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)

[www.ladysewandsew.com](http://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](http://Yarnfest.co.uk)

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

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

## Forthcoming Events

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

8th June—Doughty fabric sale

2nd May—3rd June—knitting exhibition

### **Lady Sew and Sew**

Various knitting, crochet, tuffet, patchwork classes.

### **Juberry**

### **30% off fabrics to May 6th**

12th Aug—coach to the NEC. £45 + £5 voucher

### **Quilter's Dream**

12th Aug— coach to NEC. £30 will pick up in Newbury if there is any demand.

### **Purple Stitches**

6th May and 12th July—free motion quilting workshop

### **Village Fabrics**

10th June—Jolly Japes. Rep from Moda Fabrics + 10% off

## **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](http://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.

### **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)