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Market Square Quilters

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Next Meeting— July 26th

The Show and Tell letter for the next meeting is **O**

Bring and Buy

If you have anything you want to sell, fabrics, patterns, anything to do with sewing, do bring it along to the meeting. Please price it up and add your name to the price label and supply a pot with your name on it for people to put your money in.

There will also be a practical session on Sashiko stitching so bring a basic sewing kit.

Several of the committee are away so it will not be the usual faces running the meeting. Thankyou to those who have volunteered to take over.

CLUB NIGHT MEETINGS – NEW start time

It has been agreed that we will commence our monthly club night meeting at 7.15pm with immediate effect. Hall is still booked until 10.00pm so members wanting to remain and “Sew and Chat” are most welcome. The June meeting was well attended and it was lovely to see so many members mixing and chatting, this is especially important for new members who often know no-one. We ask that members please try to remember to wear **NAME** badges at meetings if possible.

SOS June 17th

Workshop with Anne Hellyer

An illuminated townscape.

We were given a template to make a row of houses on a base of very thick Visilene. Anne had painted some calico rectangles in variegated shades which we could choose as the main part of our building so each persons result would be different. Some people chose to make a snowy scene, others a night-time one.

We then drew in some windows and decided which ones we would cut out to let the light shine through. The others were blanked in using a printing block cut from a potato.

Our machines were then set up for free-motion stitching and the window frames, gutters, downpipes, roof tiles etc. put in. We were given scraps of painted scrim to create shrubbery and could put in as many details using coloured and shiny threads as we thought necessary.

Most people only got this far so we were shown how to put a backing and a layer of voile over the cut out windows so that a light placed behind could then shine through on to our street scene. It could be formed in to a tube or bowed to stand as a terrace.

Anne was a very patient tutor as some of the students had not used their sewing machines in such a free way before. Some found it easier to revert to a normal mode of stitching as they preferred the straighter lines rather than the wobbly free motion ones.



I picked up a very basic piece of advice from Anne which most people probably already know but just in case! When you are threading up your machine the presser foot should be down as this is part of the setting up of the tension for the upper thread.

Also—when I went to buy some more white thread from Cutting Edge I realised how much cheaper per 100m it is to buy the large bobbin—it is almost half the price when you just need the basic colours

Meeting June 28th

Apologies were received and our latest member, Gillian was welcomed.

The Show and Tell letter was T

Sandra asked for ideas for an extended trip in 2018 similar to the trip to Yorkshire which Hilary organised for us.

Numbers were needed to see if a trip to the West of England Quilt Show on 1st September was viable. You will have received a separate email about this but get in touch with Sue asap as at the moment there are not enough takers for it to go ahead but it may not be too late.

August Challenge

The committee has suggested a small challenge—we would like you to make a **MUG RUG**, a small micro mini quilt! The size would be between 4–6" and be suitable for resting your mug of tea or coffee on. Some people make them bigger, as rectangles with a small pocket to hold a biscuit or two, your choice but be adventurous with your design.

August Pudding Party

A list was started for contributions of food but if you don't feel like baking you could donate paper plates, serviettes etc. There will be no £3 charge for this meeting.

A donation of fabric, mainly furnishing, had been received and this was displayed for anybody who was interested.



WING NEEDLE DEMONSTRATION

Geraldine once more brought in her sewing machine to give us a demonstration on the effects which can be achieved by using a wing needle.

This was new to most of us so very interesting. The needle, which can be used in any machine, has flanges, or wings, on each side. These create a large hole so when combined with an embroidery stitch it can create a look similar to broderie - anglais.

Several samples had been prepared to give ideas. These were mostly worked on an open-weave fabric.

Geraldine also showed a 'twin wing' needle which was an ordinary needle alongside a flanged one.

There were some needles for sale for anybody who wanted to try the technique.

Thankyou Geraldine and our activities team.



The **Show and Tell** letter was T and this had prompted quite a lot of examples.

Triangles—a small quilt by Helene



Also this very colourful quilt I can't remember whether it fitted into the T's—tricky maybe?



Toys—some of the donkeys which Sandra knits for the Donkey Sanctuary

and a dog by Jacquie.



Tiny— a foundation pieced quilt ...



And a miniature.

Time—a clock by me.



Tranquility— a soft coloured quilt.



A Town quilt



Trellis— a beautiful morning glory fabric made into a glorious quilt by Jean.



We also saw two contrasting examples of bags—a tapestry incorporated into a bag by Jacquie and what Sue successfully used her sloth fabric for.



Apologies for not acknowledging all of the makers—I was busy taking the photos and must have forgotten to write down the names. Sorry.

There were two new lovely premmie quilts ready to go to Basingstoke.

News



There is a new shop next to Juberry Fabrics at World's End. It specialises in hand-dyed wool so if you or anybody you know is into knitting then it sounds worth investigating.

Check it out at: skeinqueneyarns.co.uk

Swings and Smiles

Some years ago we made a quilt to display in the new premises of this local charity which provides a playspace and support for children with learning difficulties and their families. There was picture in the NWN recently which showed the group in their new home in Thatcham with our quilt looking very fine in the background. Thank you Pat for spotting this.



Romsey quilters

Quilt exhibition in the abbey is well worth seeing. It is on until 16th July.



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 meetings are:

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

The Club library is held here so if you want to borrow any books or DVD's etc. come along to look.

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

If you would like to come please ring Pat to check it will be running and get the full address.

4th Wednesday at St Francis de Sale Hall 7.15—10pm

Embroiderers Guild

July 10th—a talk by Maria Boyle on Lichen—exploring colour, texture and mark.

Visitors are welcome at St Francis de Sales Church Hall at 7.30. £5



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.

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

West Berkshire Museum

This has become a regular feature now!!

The two latest exhibitions are

Crime and Punishment in West Berkshire—Coombe Gibbet , poaching, policing etc.

The next one which Val and I will be involved with is the **History of Newbury Show** in July.

Some of these exhibitions are only on for a month so if you think you might be interested don't leave it too long

Entry is free and the museum is open Wed to Sun.

There is a new coffee machine in the café so I can now recommend the coffee etc.

Mottisfont NT property near Winchester

Linda has sent details of a Kaffe Fassett exhibition later this year.

From 16th Sept to 14th Jan there will be a display all about his life and work.

Romsey Abbey

Romsey Quilters have an exhibition in the abbey which runs from 29th June until 16th July. It open from 10—4pm and entrance is free although there is a catalogue for £2.50.

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 specialist yarns at Skein Queen World's End.

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

www.lornehillquilts.com

Forthcoming Events

nationalneedleworkarchive.org.uk

13th June—Red Cross Quilts

Lady Sew and Sew

15th July—Summer sale starts

Juberry

Mariners compass workshop

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

12th July—free motion quilting workshop

Village Fabrics

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

New Threads

10th June—maxi bag workshop