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## *Market Square Quilters*

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### **Next Meeting— October 25th**

#### **St Francis de Sales at 7.15pm**

**The Show and Tell letter will be N—new,**

Sue would like to collect the subs at this meeting :-

£20 pa payable to Market Square Quilters (it is easier for Sue if people pay by cheque but cash will do !) or post to 15 Longmead, Woolton Hill, Hamps RG20 9XY

The Christmas Challenge will be introduced and a selection of Christmas blocks shown. I don't think there is an organised practical activity so bring along a bit of hand sewing—it is always interesting to see what people are making.

Ideas are requested for the raffle quilt for the next exhibition.

If you see an idea that you think would be a good group project then show it to a committee member at the next couple of meetings. We feel that it should be bright and contemporary.

We will then draw up a shortlist and get members to vote for their favourite.

This will probably be started at an SOS day sometime in the future—the show is not until 2020 so there is no great hurry at present!

Please bear in mind that we could do with a new storage space for our quilt stands at some point so let us know if you hear of anywhere.

### **AGM**

Apologies were received from 14 members but there were enough present for the meeting to take place.

**Chairpersons Report**— Sandra began by saying that she had enjoyed her first year as chairperson and went on to thank the committee members who had provided support throughout.

The minutes of the last AGM, which had been emailed beforehand, were agreed and seconded and there were no matters arising.

Praise went to all members for helping to put on a successful exhibition at Easter. The next one will be in 2020 and will celebrate 20 years of MSQ.

The bi-annual Club Day with talks on Russian Textiles by Pamela Smith and Collecting Quilts by Margaret Johnson, had been well attended and made a small profit.

Special thanks went to Gail, Geraldine and Rita for their continued hard work in putting together inspiring samples, demonstrations and practical activities.

Members have continued to support the supply of premie quilts for Basingstoke hospital which have been collected and delivered by Julia.

Cheryl has regularly updated the web page for us.

Joanne and Sandra have kept up with finding interesting raffle prizes for us each month.

**Treasurers Report**—Sue has kept an accurate account of income and expenditure over the year and the group still has a healthy balance ( the report will be emailed separately). The accounts have been audited by Barbara as correct.

Membership has remained between 42 and 46.

There has been a slight increase in the hourly rental fee paid at Greenham.

Therefore, the annual sub will stay the same at £20pa and the cost at each meeting will remain at £3.

The profits from the raffle quilt at the exhibition allowed us to send a donation to a local charity for blind and partially sighted people—The Living Paintings Trust.

**Activities Report**— Gail reminded us of all the different things which had been organised during the year—we managed to go on trips to the West of England Quilt Show twice as the date was changed from November to September!

The committee also organised the outing to the Malvern Quilt Show in the Spring.

During the SOS days we have been shown how to make the most of our machines; a free motion workshop to make a street scene with Anne Hellyer; a Somerset folded patchwork workshop led by member Sue Cuff and also the establishment of annual PAT testing for all of our electrical equipment.

Gail, Geraldine and Rita have also put in a lot of hard work creating samples of inspirational ways in which we could use basic techniques within our quilted creations.

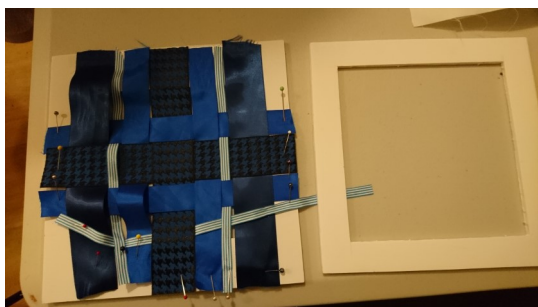
I am very pleased to report that they are willing to carry on organising our activities for another year.

**Election of Officers**—the official business of re-electing the members of the committee was conducted with all members willing to stand again.

### Weaving with Ribbons

This demonstration gave us some brilliant ideas for using ribbons within our quilting and creative work. It could be done with a variety of ribbons, braids, threads, torn strips of fabric etc.

It was suggested that a frame made of foamboard made an ideal base to make the woven piece on as pins could be used to hold the ribbon in place and the weave could be viewed from both sides to see which was preferred. However, any solid soft base such as a small ironing board could be used and the ribbons could also be held in place with tape..



It was advised that the piece be started in the middle as this would become the focal point.



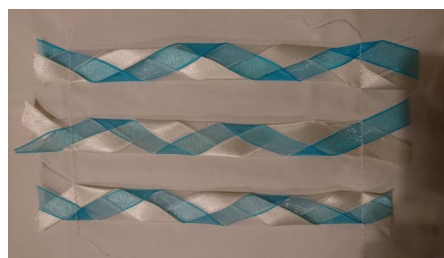
Once the design was complete it could be held with an iron-on bonding or double sided bonding to fix it to a backing fabric.

### Ideas

Negative spaces could be left between the ribbons..



The ribbons could be inserted into a block....



The ribbons could be plaited before use....



The ribbons could create a basket weave....



Ribbons or, as here, strips of fabric, could be used for reverse applique in a block to make up in to a cushion or quilt.

### Show and Tell

Linda was unable to come to the meeting but she has sent a picture of a bold applique cushion which she made with Juberry .



## Show and Tell—

There was no letter this month for show and tell because it was the AGM.

Sandra brought in two mug mats made after the Somerset patchwork workshop



and Cheryl and Sue showed us the cushions which they had made.



Jenny brought her appliqued William Morris inspired quilt of which this just one small section. It has been longarm quilted with a custom design.



Veronica showed us a simple but effective baby quilt which had also been longarm quilted.



Helene had made a baby quilt which would be suitable for a boy or a girl.



Jean showed us the Zoologists quilt in which there were numerous insects to be found. She told us that this was her first attempt at free motion quilting.



There were two new premmie quilts from Jean and June.



Thank you everybody.

Veronica has asked me to pass on the details of a new quilt shop which she discovered while on holiday in north Wales.

It is near Llandudno on the coast road to the Great Orme.

The Quilting Bee, 28 Queens Road, Craig-y-Don. LL30 1AZ  
quiltingbeecyd@gmail.com

## **Mottisfont Abbey**

There is an exhibition of the work of Kaffe Fassett on at the moment at this National Trust property in Hampshire. It runs until 14th January.

### **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 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](http://www.lornehillquilts.com)

### **Forthcoming Events**

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

4th Nov—Divine Inspiration— Capability Brown

Work by Newbury Embroiderers Guild

7th Nov—Time Travels—Kennet Miniaturists

A railway station scene from 1890—1980

#### **Lady Sew and Sew**

12th Nov—Christmas Inspirations

#### **Juberry**

8th Nov—Christmas wallhanging with Abbie Anne

Julie is also appearing on **HOCHANDA TV**

#### **Quilter's Dream**

21st Nov— Little Houses with Anne Hellyer

#### **Purple Stitches**

8th & 22nd Nov— Festive Freehand machine embroidered decorations.

#### **Village Fabrics**

10th Nov—Japanese Spring wallhanging

#### **New Threads**

11th Nov— crafting with coathangers

#### **West Berkshire Museum**

20th Oct—Pumpkin Flower Arrangement

10th Nov— paint your own ceramic decorations

5th Dec—make a Christmas Wreath

Details of the events on West Berkshire Heritage site.

## **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:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**NB after Christmas this will be on an ad-hoc basis so we will let you know when it is on**

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

### **Embroiderers Guild**

The next meeting is on November 13th 7.30pm at St Francis and will be a presentation by Kat Findlay on birds, and animals of the British Isles in applique.

12th Nov—Out of India workshop with Polly Woolstone

Details sent with this newsletter

Visitors are welcome £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](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)

