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Market Square Quilters

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Next Meeting— November 22nd

St Francis de Sales at 7.15pm

The Show and Tell letter will be S— everybody will have some sewing!!

The theme for the demonstration will be circles and I have no doubt that we will be shown lots of inspiring ideas.

The list will be circulated for food at the Christmas party.

NB CHANGE OF DATE on the diary card the party is scheduled for 20th December but as this is very close to Christmas we have managed to book the hall for Wednesday 13th December.

We will be playing the Fat Quarter Game so look out for an eye-catching fabric to wrap up and bring with you on the night.

Raffle quilt—quite a few ideas have been submitted for a Group Project but if you see any more please bring a picture to the next meeting or email a picture to me before then.

Most people have paid their £20 subs for the year but if you haven't please send them to Sue asap. Please let her know if you will not be renewing so that the membership list is up to date.

The good news is that we have two new members one of whom, Amanda, was a member 20 years ago!



October Meeting

Sandra asked for any ideas about a Club outing to be submitted otherwise we will organise the usual trip to Malvern in the Spring.

Details were given of the Christmas party on 13th December. Please bring:-

a food contribution

a wrapped fat quarter

your Christmas Challenge if you have one

any Christmas makes you would like to show

your brain ready to do a quiz!



November 18th SOS

Gail showed a small quilt which she has prepared for those who would like to do the workshop.

If you need the requirements list please get in touch with her (contact details on your diary card) .

Exhibition 2020

A report has been compiled on suggestions for our 20th anniversary exhibition which was distributed to all those at the meeting.

In essence the suggestions are that we find a larger venue and that the time of year is changed to October.

This would allow us to show more work, include a workshop and have more time to sell raffle tickets.

Park House School is a possible venue on the last weekend of the half term.

If you would like to see the initial report and the reasoning behind the suggestions please contact Sue Dobbs (details on diary card).

Those present at the meeting seemed happy for a more detailed report to be drawn up with a timeline for decisions etc. within the next 4 months.

Friendship Quilt

Beverley is keen to begin a group project to make a Friendship Quilt within MSQ. This would require either 9 or 12 members joining in to make blocks for each other over a year. They would be using fabrics and a theme put forward by each participant who will eventually make up the quilt for themselves.

Please speak to Bev if you are interested or you do not understand!

Christmas Challenge

In January we were asked to save some of our Christmas cards and finally we found out why....

Gail had used some of her old cards to provide inspiration for designs in fabric and stitch.



The original card has been interpreted in various ways, bonding chiffons, flip and fold, foundation piecing etc.



Ideas were developed from looking at lots of lovely cards e.g.. using lace to create snowy trees.....



This Eastern village was drawn on to stabiliser, bonded to the fabric and then stitched from the back.

We hope that most people who attend the Christmas Party will take up the challenge. You can make a wallhanging, mug mat, cushion, block or whatever your creative brain comes up with. It would be good if we could see the card which inspired your design too.

Show and Tell—

Marianne brought this Christmas quilt which was full of machine embroidered details (see inset)



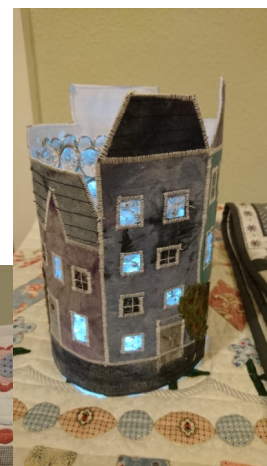
The letter this month was N—



Marianne's

Night-time quilt was an intricately worked starry sky.

Also a **night scene** lamp made at a workshop with Anne Hellyer by Sonia. She has extended the original pattern so that it would fit snugly over a lamp which she already had.



Sonia also showed this row by row quilt from a kit purchased at Birmingham.



There were

several things on a **nursery** theme
A little jacket for a grandchild from Geraldine..

Pat brought in some preemie quilts and also the suitcase full of fabrics which can be used by anybody who is able to make more for the hospital.



An activity playmat from me and matching bunting and balls from Beverley.



Larger quilts could also be made for the Linus project which distributes quilts to older children.



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

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.

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

www.lornehillquilts.com

Forthcoming Events

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

Walsall Silver Thread Tapestries to 2nd December

Lady Sew and Sew

12th Nov—Christmas Inspirations

6th December—late night shopping till 9pm

8th Jan—Winter sale begins

Juberry

8th Nov—Christmas wallhanging with Abbie Anne. There are still some places left.

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

11th Nov—end of bolt sale

Simplicity patterns half price till end November

West Berkshire Museum

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:

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.

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

Visitors are welcome £5

Quilt stands

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.

2020 Group Raffle Quilt

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 meeting. We already have a few suggestions but there is still time to find more. We feel that it should use bright and contemporary fabrics to appeal to a wide range of people.

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!

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.

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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