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Market Square Quilters

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Next Meeting— 23rd May

N.B. it says 28th on the diary card

St Francis de Sales at 7.15pm

This meeting will be the fourth of the bag making demonstrations. Ideas will be given for using metal handles when making up bags.

The Show and Tell inspiration will be 'holidays' but please bring any work that you would like to show.

We also have our coach trip to Malvern on 17th May for those able to go (details on page 3)

Stitch and Chat—Wednesday 2nd May

The Castle School 7pm—10pm

New members may not be aware that we have an extensive library of books, magazines and DVD's which are stored at The Castle School Community Room, Love Lane, Donnington.

Members usually bring some hand stitching but there is plenty of room to spread work out for basting or deciding upon lay-outs etc.

At present it is a very small group but it would be lovely to have a few more members attending regularly.

April Meeting

Unfortunately I was unable to be at this meeting but Sue has sent me some photos and details of what went on.

Bag Handle Demonstration



Geraldine gave a talk about using zips and a zip foot in with our "bag theme". Two feet were shown, the right one being the most common and the left one for a concealed zip which has a groove underneath for the teeth to sit in. These are for a Bernina machine.



The workshop in June will be to make a bag and will include how to put in a pocket and how to insert a zip. It will take about 1 metre of fabric. Hopefully there will be a sample ready to show you at the May meeting

Geraldine has accumulated a number of books and magazines which have ideas for making bags in them and these will be available for inspiration throughout the year.

Show and Tell - the theme this month was Yellow and Green.

Yellow and Green "sunflower" convergence quilt (Ricky Timms pattern), heavily embroidered with French knots, made by Sue D.



A quilt made by Barbara L-S for her son many years ago, lots of yellow and green. Members loved the barn in the centre, the doors opened to reveal a parked tractor.



Sweet pale yellow and green baby quilt made by Cheryl N.



Also on show;-



A full sized quilt made by Liz H, this is her first quilt and it is stunning. The colour combination was gorgeous. It is a Di Ford design made at Lorne Hill Quilting in workshops led by Lynn Johnson.

A fun foundation pieced postcard sized quilt made by Hazel J.



A stunning slash cut bag made by Ann S, the attention to detail inside was especially appreciated by members at the meeting.



SOS June 30th—this will be a bag making workshop for which a kit will be made up for those attending. This will including inserting a zip.

Sue will give details of the pot-holders needed for the tombo-la at the FOQ to anybody who is interested.

OUTINGS— Sandra is keen to hear from anybody who has an idea for another outing, maybe to a quilt shop which is also running a workshop or to an exhibition elsewhere. Please get in touch with her if you know of anything.

Maybe a few people would like to go on a weekend retreat?

Request for Information

Do any members know of someone who services sewing machines who would be willing to collect from a home address or come to a home to do the servicing. If you do please get in touch with Hazel (number in your diary)

Malvern Quilt Show

Our subsidised coach outing to the Spring Quilt show at Malvern is on Thursday 17th May. The coach will be leaving Newbury at 8.30am from outside the library (not in the coach park as that is cordoned off for re-development).

There will be a pick-up from the M4 roundabout junction at Hungerford at 8.50am but this has to be done very quickly as it is not an official pick-up point.

We will be leaving Malvern at 3.30pm so should be back in Newbury soon after 5pm if there are no hold-ups.

I seem to remember the food is not very exciting at the show so you may like to bring your own lunch. If the weather is good there are plenty of benches outside with a fine view of the Malvern hills whilst you eat. If it is raining it can be harder to find somewhere to sit but there is usually a room in an adjacent building set aside for having a break.

Save your pennies and be prepared to give in to temptation...!!

West Berkshire Museum

I have just been helping to put up an exhibition about local archaeology and the recent discovery of a Roman mosaic pavement at Boxford if anybody is interested.

Also a group of local artists have just mounted a display of work as part of the Open Studios event in which there is some very colourful and appealing work. 2nd May—3rd June.

There will also be the display of artists sketchbooks Cover to Cover which this year has used the museum collections as inspiration. 9th May—3rd June

Next weekend on Sunday and Monday there are Open Days at Shaw House to look behind the scenes and reminisce the life of the building when it was a school—maybe you went there? There will also be an ongoing exhibition about Shaw House School from 1943 when the House became temporary accommodation after the bombing of Newbury to 1985 when structural cracks were found.

www.westberksheritage.org

Quilt Show dates for 2018

I had not realised that there were so many until I saw this leaflet!
www.grosvenorshows.co.uk

May	17th–20th	Malvern
June	1st-2nd	Spalding
June	22nd-24th	Esher
Aug	31st-2nd	Harrogate
Oct	19th-21st	Malvern
Oct	26th-28th	Duxford
Nov	9th-10th	Maidstone
Dec	7th-8th	Spalding

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.

Forthcoming Events

nationalneedleworkarchive.org.uk

1st May—2nd June

Pax, War and Famine—sculptural weaving and embroidery by Isobel Hall

Open Studios—mixed media wildlife studies by local artist Christine Pettet

Lady Sew and Sew

5th May—7th May Annual Quilt Exhibition

Workshops on knitting, dressmaking and stretchy fabrics as well as quilting workshops

Village Fabrics

Purple Stitches

19th May—machine quilting workshop

Quilters Dream

26th May—Lone Star workshop using a printed interfacing

Juberry

Now have a long arm quilter which can be hired to do your own work.

New Threads

Workshops on hand applique and beginners patchwork

Lorne Hill

Our own Joanne and Sandra have now published a list of their summer workshops—have a look ...

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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

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
lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk

Knitting

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.

Cutting Edge Fabrics

The new shop is now open seven days a week on Hambridge Road near Ben Heath furniture store...
They have a nice selection of 100% cotton fabrics at less than £6 per metre 54" wide.

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.

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

Embroiderers Guild

www.newbury-embroiderers.co.uk for more details of their events this year.

This is an exhibition you may be interested in...

The Oxfordshire Museum
Woodstock



Journeys

Oxford Textile Artists
Celebrating 25 years

5 May – 3 June
Free Admission

Opening times:
Tues – Sat 10am – 5pm, Sun 2-5pm, Bank Holidays 12 – 5pm
W: Oxfordshire.gov.uk/museums E: oxonmuseum.gov.uk T: 01993 834306



Open Studios

West Berkshire and North Hampshire

12th May—3rd June

An exciting time for anybody who enjoys looking at other artists work and their studios—often in beautiful settings I have found.

The main 'Insight' exhibition is at Arlington Arts at Mary Hare School this year.

There is so much going on that I cannot begin to detail it but the red booklets with all the info can be picked up at the museum, Corn Exchange etc. or details can be found at

www.open-studios.org.uk

Linda's husband John has done much of the organising again this year.

