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Market Square Quilters

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Next Meeting— 25th July

St Francis de Sales at 7.15pm

BRING AND BUY SALE at this meeting. Please price your goods and bring a named pot to put your takings in.

There will also be a bag making demonstration about squeeze fasteners.

A challenge has been set for the **August Pudding Party** to bring or make something on the theme of **Garden Parties**—tea cosy, place mat, tablecloth, bunting ,hat, fabric food etc.

Also a pudding which can be shared by about 6 people. A sign-up sheet will be available at the July meeting.

Stitch and Chat—Wednesday 4th July

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.

June Meeting

Sandra welcomed everybody to the meeting and also greeted Angie who was paying us another visit .

We were reminded about the Pudding Party and the **challenge** which has been set for this meeting—to bring something to show related to a **garden party**.

We were told of two retreats which are not being held till next year but the bookings are open now and the places soon run out. Purple Stitches have organised a Sewical Retreat with three speakers in March 2019.

<https://mailchi.mp/purple-stitches/sewical-retreat-ticket-on-sale-1st-july-3228885>

Lynn Goldsworthy is holding a retreat in Somerset in January. <http://thethreadhouse.co.uk/retreats/>

A leaflet was also available about a longarm quilting service by Cosy Goose at Quilters Dream in Andover.

It was confirmed that the speakers have been booked for the **November 3rd Club Day**. This is a bi-annual meeting with lunch which welcomes visitors to hear two lecturers speaking about their specialist areas of quilting. If you would like to take a peek at their work go to :-

Kate Findlay –artsfindlay.co.uk

Catherine Lawes –catherinelawestextiles.com

Jacquie told us about a wool shop, **Miss Lemons** in Pewsey which is closing down and is having a sale. She is retiring in August.

Linda thanked everybody who had supported her coffee morning. **£185 was raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care.**

Show and Tell

A letter was read out from the Matron of the Premature Baby Unit at Basingstoke thanking the group for all of their donations of quilts. They are very much appreciated and please keep them coming!



Pat Bu brought in three quilts including one which was a hand stitched wholecloth for some lucky baby.



Cheryl also brought in three quilts on which she had practiced her machine quilting.

Lesley had brought two preemie quilts and also two which her sister had made along with a collection of knitted garments for tiny babies.



Liz had made a very attractive pieced and quilted duffel bag.



Having practiced on the preemie quilts Cheryl had used her Sweet Sixteen machine for a quilt. She was proud of the fact that she had not done any 'stitch in the ditch' this time but a bespoke design.



Sandra K from Lorne Hill Quilters brought two examples of medallion quilts which had been made at their workshop in East Garston under the guidance of the tutor Lynne Johnson. This is a popular and ongoing workshop if you would like to make your own.



Bag Demonstration

Geraldine and Gail had organised two different bags which could be made at the SOS this Saturday.



The first is a soft slouch shoulder bag which requires 1 metre of each fabric and can have a zip and pocket inserted if desired.



The second is a more firm bag with handles. The whole body has iron on stiffener and it is fastened with a loop and toggle.

A display had been set out at the back of the room of all the bags which have been used during the series of demonstrations. Also various books and magazines with ideas for more bags. Although these have now been returned to the Club library they are still available—please ask me.

Our thanks go to our activities team for all of the hard work they have put in to the preparation of these demonstrations.

If you are not able to come to the SOS and would like to make one of these bags then please get in touch with Gail or Geraldine for the instructions.

Quilt Stands

YOUR HELP NEEDED

We urgently need somewhere to store the Club's quilt stands. Currently they are in a member's mum's garage but this was a temporary measure and we really do need to find somewhere permanent.

They require the space of about half a garage or a small/medium shed.

Do you or someone you know have a garage we could use or maybe part of a barn. It would need to be water tight as the stands are wooden and need to be kept dry.

Failing that, have you or anyone you know got a space with a hardstanding in a garden or rural setting where we could erect a metal shed.

The stands are generally only accessed every three years when we have an exhibition so they would cause little disruption.

This is getting urgent now, we have been asking for a couple of years. If nowhere is found we may have to sell the stands and hire some from another group when needed.

There would be costs involved with all options but unless someone comes up with another practical solution we will need to use Club funds.

Please get in touch if you have an idea asap.....



Festival of Quilts

This is rapidly approaching! 35 days to go...

August 9th—12th

Juberry have a coach going on Saturday 11th for £35 and

Village Fabrics have organised a coach on Friday 10th for £34

Fabric Fayre 2018

Village Fabrics are advertising a sale of fabrics from various suppliers at The Old Barn, Church Road, Great Bookham KT23 3PQ. I'm not sure where this is but I guess it must be the vicinity....

Wessex Quiltmakers

This group based in Winchester was one of the first in the country having been established in 1979. They have an exhibition

' Nearly 40'

17th and 18th August

Middle Brook Centre (Hope Church) SO23 8DQ

Windsor School of Textiles

Angela has sent details of an exhibition in **Didcot** which she will be displaying some work:-

July 9th—28th (not Mondays)

Advanced Textiles Work Exhibition

Cornerstones Arts Centre, **Didcot**. OX11 7NE

Willis Museum Basingstoke

A community project creating memories through textile art to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society. All work will be for sale by Silent Auction.

Gathering Memories

30th June—4th August

Jane Austen House Chawton

As well as displaying the quilt made by Jane Austen and her sisters the museum is showing a community quilt made to celebrate the bicentenary of her birth throughout 2018 (except when it is at the Festival of Quilts). Over 300 people from around the world were involved in making it.

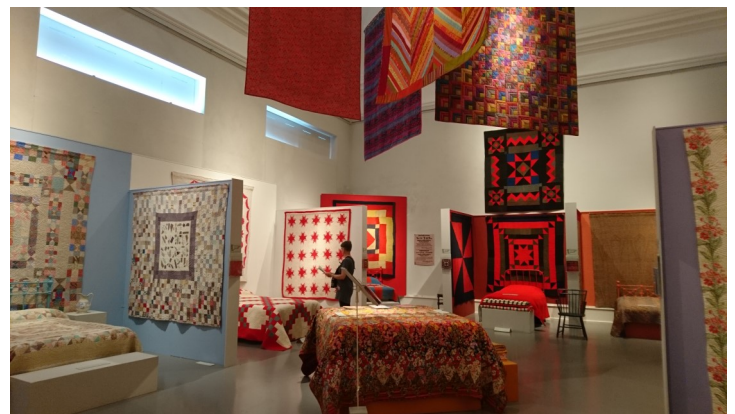
American Museum in Britain, Bath BA2 7BD

Until 29th July the museum is displaying the 1718 silk coverlet, the oldest quilt in the collection of The Quilters Guild.

As it is 300 years old this is the last opportunity to see it before it goes back in to store for many years to ensure its preservation. (It will also be at the Festival of Quilts.)

Welsh Quilt Centre

The exhibition is a re-cap of the last ten years of exhibitions so there is a good variety of hand stitched Welsh quilts from the collection of Jen Jones. The centre is closing in November so this is the last chance to see them . www.welshquilts.com



Forthcoming Events

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

nationalneedleworkarchive.org.uk

Lady Sew and Sew

July 22nd—SALE

Aug 17th—Anna Maria Horner from USA Quilts in Bloom workshop

Village Fabrics

July 28th—Seascape workshop

Aug 4th—Log Cabins and Stars workshop

Purple Stitches

(The shop has moved to a larger unit nearby)

Booking open for 2019 retreat—see page 1

Quilters Dream

July 7th—Advent Calendar Saturday!

July 14th—window quilt workshop

July 28th—Flip and Fuse applique workshop

Juberry

Aug 13th—NEC Festival of Quilts coach £35

New Threads

July 12th—Asymmetric Log Cabin workshop

July 26th—Perfect Quilt Bindings

National Needlework Archive

July 7th— Cross Stitch morning—help with projects etc.

July 3rd—Stitches in Time—a community project from Tower Hamlets with 50 large panels.

July/Aug—The Development of Commercial Dressmaking Patterns exhibition

July 19th—the regular coffee morning in St. Nicolas Church Hall will be held in aid of the NNA.

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

lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk

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.

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

Quilters Guild

MSQ is a member of The Quilters Guild which has no specific benefit to members apart from the insurance cover. We do receive a quarterly magazine which is full of interesting articles and also a regional newsletter (we are region 6) so if you would like to see these please ask at a meeting. Back copies are kept in the library.

