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## Market Square Quilters

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### Next Meeting— 22nd August

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

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. If you were not at the July meeting and would like to contribute some food then please contact Sue.



### July Meeting

I was not able to attend this meeting but Sue has sent some details and some photos for the Show and Tell.

She says that the meeting was well attended despite it being one of the hottest nights of the year.

The Bring and Buy table was heaving and quite a lot of goods were sold.

### Pudding Party

We were reminded about the Pudding Party on August 22nd and the **challenge** which has been set for this meeting—to bring something to show related to a **garden party**.

### Club Day

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](http://artsfindlay.co.uk)**

**Catherine Lawes –[catherinelawestextiles.com](http://catherinelawestextiles.com)**

There will also be two traders tempting us with their wares.

### Show and Tell

Club members continue to produce lots of lovely things....



A modern quilt (I am sorry I do not know who by....)



A cushion from Pauline..



also one from Linda.

A jolly elephant baby quilt made by Barbara



A blue polar quilt made by Marianne



There were also nine premmie quilts including two knitted ones which had a soft fleecy backing.



### Bag Workshop

Geraldine and Gail had organised two different bags for the SOS and members had brought in their finished bags to show the group. Hazel has made use of some Japanese folded circle in a square blocks for hers.



he second bag style can be seen in this photograph.



Although I missed the workshop I was able to get the pattern from Geraldine and it was very satisfying to make two bags in a day to take as gifts on my travels. One of them I made with a pair of brightly coloured pillowcase which I got in a charity shop so it cost almost nothing!

## Quilt Stands

### **YOUR HELP NEEDED—update**

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.

**There have been no offers to date so the committee are investigating the cost of commercial storage. If this costs too much then they will have to be sold....**



## Festival of Quilts

This is rapidly approaching!

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

## 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

## 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.

## 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](http://www.welshquilts.com)

## Victoria and Albert Museum

### **Fashioned by Nature**

This exhibition is on until 27th January and explores the influences of nature on fashion and what we wear from 1600 to the present day. The fashions are displayed alongside natural history specimens and examples of new developments in fabrics and dyes .

## Royal School of Needlework

### **Animals in Embroidery**

On until the end of December

## Knitting and Stitching Show

Alexandra Palace 11th—14th October

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **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)

[lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk)

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

### **Lady Sew and Sew**

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

Sale on until 26th August

Retreat 6-7th April 2019 in Henley

### **Village Fabrics**

Aug 15th—sashiko workshop

Aug 24th—stack and whack workshop

### **Purple Stitches**

(The shop has moved to a larger unit nearby at unit 14 Hassocks Wood )

Free motion workshops in October

### **Quilters Dream**

Summer School 20-24th August

### **Juberry**

Aug 11th—NEC Festival of Quilts coach £35

### **New Threads**

No updates on website

### **National Needlework Archive**

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

July/Aug—The Development of Commercial Dressmaking Patterns exhibition

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

They have a drop-in stitch and chat session on a Tuesday morning.

[lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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:**

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.

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

### **Embroiderers Guild**

[www.newbury-embroiderers.co.uk](http://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](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.

**Does anybody have an adjustable dressmakers dummy they would like to sell? Contact Caroline if you do.**

### **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)

### **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.