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Market Square Quilters

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Next Meeting— 26th September

St Francis de Sales at 7.15pm

This meeting will include the AGM

All committee members are willing to stand again but if there is anybody who would like to find out more about the running of the Club please get in touch with one of the committee. You may like to shadow somebody for a while with a view to taking over a position at a later date.

The main business of the meeting will be a vote on what to do with the quilt stands. We urgently need to find a new home for them or sell them to another group.

There will be a demonstration on how to make corded handles for bags but please bring some hand sewing too and anything that you would like to Show and Tell.

Annual membership subs or £20 are due at this meeting and Sue will make sure that everybody has filled in a data protection form. They can be posted to members who cannot make it to meetings.

The October meeting will have a **Halloween** Show and Tell so it would be good to see some work on this theme.



August Meeting

Pudding Party

This social meeting was very well attended—could this be because of all the delicious food on offer?



There were also some visitors, two members of the Embroiderers Guild and two new quilters who have since joined the Club—Mo and Teresa. Please help to make all new members feel welcome so that they can get the most out of the friendship of likeminded people and achieve great things with their patchwork and quilting.



Tea and cakes by Gail and a vase of flowers by Jan

Show and Tell

There was such a variety of offerings—I will try to show them all...



A mini quilt by Barbara L-S



Tea and coffee cozies by Helene and Jan



Cup cakes from Sue D



Summer placemats by Sue C



Felt flowers by Rita



Knitted cupcakes by Sonia



A jolly cushion by Pauline



and a cushion with Pat BI's first go at hand quilting



Several people brought bunting—this was made by Anthea. She made 60m of it for her daughter's wedding!



A quilt by Sandra H

A colourful quilt by Linda





A cushion by Teresa, one of our new members,



A seaside quilt by Sonia



Marianne's completed Block of the Month and a detail of her quilting....



Quilt Stands - update

The cost of commercial storage for these stands is about £70 per month so this is not an option. Sue is contacting Region 6 and other local groups to see if anybody could buy them from us and we could hire them every three years for our exhibition.

It would be a great shame to lose these stands as they are a specialist item and were made for our group. We cannot hang an exhibition without them and the cost of having them made again will probably have doubled...

Please speak up if you have any ideas on somewhere dry and clean where they could be stored. We can pay a nominal amount of rent.

A vote will be taken at the AGM to decide what to do so that is less than a month away.

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

Catherine Lawes –catherinelawestextiles.com

There will also be two traders tempting us with their wares—Purple Stitches www.purple-stitches.com and Quilters Dream www.quiltersdream.co.uk

Please print out and distribute the poster to friends if you are able to so that as many people as possible can enjoy the day.

The cost is £12 for members and £15 for visitors and lunch is included. This can be paid to Sue at the next two meetings and there will be sign up sheet for contributions of food.

WEB PAGE www.marketsquarequilters.co.uk

Cheryl was able to give us a report, compiled by her son, on how the first year of having a website has done. It is remarkable how many people have visited the site 24,394 !!

As this only has the newsletters on it (which I find quite alarming and feel I should put more effort in to them!), she made some suggestions on how it could be improved.

This will be followed up by the committee.....

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

Retreat 6-7th April 2019 in Henley

Village Fabrics

Sept 21/22nd Exhibition of quilts

Purple Stitches

Free motion workshops in October

Meadow Quilters

December 1st—Christmas Fair 10—3

Charvil Village Hall, RG10 9TT

Abbey Quilters Abingdon

Sept 4th Tuesday 10am

Talk by Barbara Weeks

National Needlework Archive

September 19th—Sculpted textiles by Isobel Hall

November 3rd—Xmas sack workshop

lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk

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.

Quilters Guild

One of our members is going to visit a regional meeting in September and report back on whether we might become more involved.

There is a coffee morning on Friday 7th Dec 10.30—12.30 in Wokingham. Contact Mel Robinson 01889792141. Also a Regional Day At Benson Village Hall OX10 6LZ

At the moment MSQ is a member of The Quilters Guild which has no specific benefit to members apart from the very important 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.

www.quiltersguild.co.uk

Forthcoming MSQ Events

Greenham Sewing Sisters –

We meet on the second Thursday of every month in the Pad-dock 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.

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.

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

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

St Thomas's Hospital in London has put out an appeal for pairs of knitted 5" bonding squares—one for mother and one for baby to familiarise each with the others smell. Apparently most neonatal departments use them so we may be able to send them to Basingstoke along with our preemie quilts.

As long as they are washable any wool will do.

This heart design can be found at

www.emilysstar.co.uk/knitting-patterns.html



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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

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 as above if you do.

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.

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

A few more photos of Garden Party work



An embroidered picture by me—the printed linen was found in my Grandmother's sewing box.



An ingenious apron made from a man's shirt by Jean.



Summery bunting made by Helene and Cheryl.



Three more premie quilts made by Lesley and Sue D.