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Next Meeting— 23rd January

Can you please bring your own work to do during this meeting .

There will also be a **Bring and Buy** sale for which you can put out a named pot to collect the money for your wares. It is easier if things have a price on them but you may just like members to make a donation which is fine.

I will prepare the diaries to hand out at this meeting



Please also bring your snowflake blocks if they are finished.

St Mary's Greenham Thurs 10th Jan 10 –3 pm



December Meeting

This was mainly a social meeting and a Christmas party so the business was quickly dealt with by Sandra.

The booking fee for the hall has now gone up £2 per hour taking it to £12. Members had no problem with this except to pass on that at least two of the radiators do not work and it gets very cold in the hall by the end of the session.

A request was made that the Quilters Guild magazine be circulated more widely. I will bring it to every meeting until the new one comes out and then it will be stored in the library cupboard. Please ask if you would like to see any back copies but I only access the library the first Wednesday of the month.

The activity team had organised a Snowflake Challenge in which we each designed a snowflake on paper and then transferred it to a fusible sheet, cut out from a lighter fabric and bonded it onto a darker background. In this way each snowflake was unique, as they should be. We took them away to be embellished and the blocks will be made up in to a hanging for the next exhibition.



Show and Tell



Many people had brought in something for the Container Challenge. In the pictures can be seen a black and white bag by Sue D in which she had inserted a zipped pocket as taught in one of our demonstrations; a duffel bag by Jan S; mug mats and a needlecase by Mo; Christmas present bags by me; placemats and a book pillow by Teresa and a small bag and glasses case by Vera.

A painted and embroidered bowl by Rita; a glasses case by Gail; a brown bag by Sonia; an orange bag by Bev and also the honeycomb basket from a pattern purchased at Purple Stitches.



Small purses by Geraldine; a cracker to fill with sweets by Jan; a square box by Theresa.....so many different ways to interpret 'Container'.

Well done everybody.



Cat had also made two small quilts using fat halves.

A lovely selection of food was on offer and when we had had our fill there was just enough time to play a shortened version of the Fat Quarters Game in which the fabric was only allowed to change hands three times.



After passing on Christmas greetings it was time to go home and get on with all the usual shopping, cooking, cleaning jobs to get ready for Christmas.

I don't know about anybody else but I certainly did not have any spare time for sewing so I am very glad to get back to a normal routine in 2019.

Happy New Year



Within the Show and Tell were quite a few examples of bags in which different types of handles had been used.

Thank you so much to Gail, Geraldine and Rita, our activities team.

Forthcoming 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

Lady Sew and Sew

Jan 6th—27th SALE

Feb 27th—Rotary Cutting for the Terrified

Mar 20th—Easy Foundation Piecing

Village Fabrics

Mar 9th—Machine Trapunto class

Purple Stitches

Jan—Block of the Month starts. North Stars (Arctic animals)

New Threads

Jan 14th—Jelly Roll quilt workshop

JuBerry

Quilters Dream

Jan 12th—Yoko Saito Pouch workshop

lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk

Our own Joanne and Sandra have published a list of their workshops at East Garston—have a look. These are not all quilting—they have knitting, crochet, etc. They also have a drop-in stitch and chat session on a Tuesday morning.

Farnham Maltings

One of the first big quilting events of the year in this area is the exhibition and **sale** at Farnham Maltings in Surrey. It is a one day event on Sunday 13th January and it takes about an hour to drive from Newbury. There are 45 stalls so if you are needing to buy a quantity of fabric it is well worth going as most of the quilting suppliers are selling off fabric at half price. It is cheaper to get in if you go later in the day.

Forthcoming MSQ Events

Activities 2019

The theme this year will be reinforcing basic techniques and sharing members experiences of using kits, gadgets, pre-cut packs etc This will include mistakes made and lessons learnt.

SOS days are February 9th, April 6th, June 15th and October 26th.

February will be advice on quilting in the ditch through working on the Snakes and Ladder quilt, an opportunity to make premmie quilts with materials provided or a chance to spread out and do your own work. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and biscuits will be provided.

SOS days are held in St. George's hall 10—4 and cost £3.

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. There is a packed programme for 2019 and they meet in the same hall at St. Francis on a Monday evening.

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.

Christian Dior from 2nd Feb

Royal School of Needlework

The Embroidered Home

An historical exhibition beginning on 25th January.

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.

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.

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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

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Quilters Guild

Being more involved in the regional QG is still being investigated....

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

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.

