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Market Square Quilters

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Next Meeting— 27th March 7.15pm

The theme for the meeting is **Using Kits** so if you have any tips or experiences, good or bad, to pass on please bring them along.

Also bring a simple sewing kit, which includes some green thread, if you would like to have a go at making a tulip from a kit. I will bring everything else necessary—pattern, fabric etc. and you should be able to complete one in the evening.



St Mary's Greenham Thurs 14th March 10 –3 pm

February Meeting

Sandra welcomed everybody to the meeting and introduced a new member, Angie, to the group. MSQ now has 50 members!

Harrogate Quilt Show

Sandra began with an update on the arrangements for a trip to Harrogate—Barnes the coach operators need to have an idea of how many people would like to go, for how long and how many hotel rooms they would need to book, as soon as possible. As it is too late to advertise the trip in their summer brochure they would be asking us to spread the word amongst other groups to fill up the coach.

Thurs 29th Aug—travel north

Fri 30th Aug - visit Beamish Open Air Museum and view quilt collection

Sat 1st Sept - Harrogate Quilt show and travel home

or stay another night and have a stop somewhere on the way home.

Therefore can you please get in touch with Sandra (contact details in your club diary) and let her know before the next meeting

- A) Would you like to go
- B) Would you like 2 days or 3
- C) Would you share a room

This would not be a commitment as the trip is not confirmed yet.

Malvern Quilt Show

This is definite! On Thursday 16th May. Please bring a cheque to the April meeting or send a cheque made payable to Market Square Quilters to Sue if you are not able to attend.

Members £13 Visitors £25

There are plenty of spaces available so please ask family and friends too.

Show and Tell



An example of a Quilt as you Go machine appliqued quilt by Cat.



A detail from the quilt.



A quilt in contemporary colours made by Sandra K for her granddaughter.



A pretty blue quilt made by Anthea at a Lorne Hill workshop.



A sampler quilt made by Audrey and all hand stitched.



A wall hanging made by Sue D showing one of her favourite dogs.



A small quilt with lots of accurate points made by new member Pat Br.

Another large bed quilt made by Audrey showing her skill at hand applique.





Veronica had made these delightful tulips. They are more complex than the ones I will show you at the next meeting but show what can be done with the idea.

I wonder what other flowers would work well?

I am afraid that I have run out of space to show all of the premie quilts but many thanks to all those who made them this month—Linda, Sue C, Veronica and Sue D, Geraldine and Mother, Jenny and Sue D.

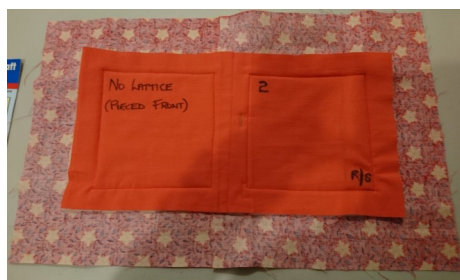
Quilt as you Go Demonstration

Sue D had carefully prepared some samples of different ways to QAYG and gave us a short talk.

She will be covering this subject in depth at the SOS on 6th April so if you intend to have a go, please prepare some quilted blocks and then you can decide upon a joining method.



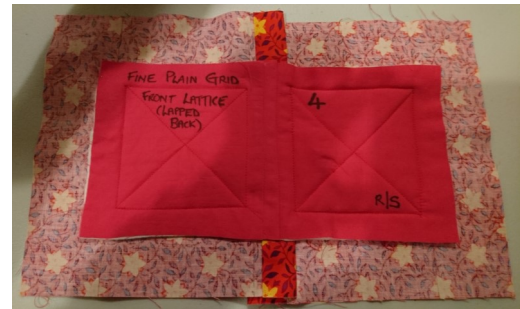
Oversewn units to be whipped stitched together.



No Lattice—the blocks are joined on the front and the backing is lapped.



Back stepped lattice—the blocks are joined with sashing in the same way as a binding.



Fine Plain Grid -



Plain lattice -



Train Tracks -



Fun and Done—this is Sue's preferred method.

I am sorry that I cannot explain these methods clearly. You could either do an online search or come to the SOS in April to find out more.....

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

JuBerry Website not updated

Quilters Dream	Mar 30— Quilt on the Go Apr 13—Quilt in a Day Apr 27—Delectable Mountain
Village Fabrics	Mar 23— Taster Day to try out Techniques Mar 28—Foundation Piecing Mar 29—Stash Buster ideas
New Threads	Mar 22—Beginners quilt
Purple Stitches	Apr 4 - Piped Cushion Apr 28—Quilting Design and Planning
Lady Sew and Sew	Mar 20—Easy Foundation Piecing Mar 27—Scrap Quilts Apr 27— Wadding Event and Yarn Shop Day
Lorne Hill	Mar 23—Easy Foundation Piecing Apr 24—Spring Penny Rug

Our own Joanne and Sandra have published a list of their workshops at East Garston—have a look . There is a beginners quilting course but they are not all quilting—they also have knitting, crochet, etc.

They have a friendly drop-in stitch and chat session on a Tuesday morning. lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk

West Berkshire Heritage based at the museum and at Shaw House have organised lots of workshops—from design your own perfume in March to making a willow bird feeder in July and there is even Patchwork for Beginners!

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

NNA Greenham

There is a full programme of events and exhibitions on the website

www.nationalneedleworkarchive.org.uk

Region 6

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 April 6th, June 15th and October 26th.

April SOS

SOS days are held in St. George's Hall Andover Road RG14 6NV 10—4 pm and cost £3. Bring own lunch.

Greenham Sewing Sisters

Meet on the second Thursday of every month in the Paddock Room at St Marys Church Hall, Greenham RG19 8RZ 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 RG14 2JG 7 – 10pm. Also an opportunity to stitch and natter and to get to know people.

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 is the main Club evening.

Embroiderers Guild

Some of our members also belong to the Newbury branch. Go to 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

Christian Dior from 2nd Feb

Royal School of Needlework

The Embroidered Home

An historical exhibition beginning on 25th January.

Exhibitions

Mar 14-17th—Sewing for Pleasure NEC

Mar 29—31—Spring Quilt Festival Exeter

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.

WEB PAGE www.marketsquarequilters.co.uk

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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

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.

The updated list will be included with this newsletter.

Flags of Thanks

I sent details of this appeal in an email but in case anybody missed it and might be interested - a request for quilted, embroidered or painted with textile paint flags which show appreciation of the Armed Forces. After being displayed (the aim is for 1,000) on Armed Forces Day, they will be made up into quilts, bags etc. for veterans and members of the forces community.

There are specific details of the sizes etc. on flagsofthanks.org and they are needed by 10th June.

By the By



Have a guess at how old this appliqued star is



It is on a standard from the English Civil War! Still in good condition and on display at The National Army Museum.

This modern museum is in London, next to the Chelsea Royal Hospital. The entry is free and while it gives just an overview of the history of the Army it is full of interesting uniforms, equipment, art and objects so makes a good outing .

nam.ac.uk

