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## *Market Square Quilters*

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**SOS 6th April St Georges 10—4 Quilt as You Go**

**Next Meeting— 24th April 7.15pm**

The theme for this meeting will be **quilting tips**. Please write down things that you wished you had known earlier which might be useful for less experienced quilters. We hope to produce a booklet for new members to help them to avoid the pitfalls or make them aware of equipment available to make life easier.

Maybe you have mistakes and triumphs which you could Show and Tell next month.....



**Next meetings are:-**

**The Castle School Wed 3rd April 7—10pm**

**SOS St George's Sat 6th April 10—4pm**

**St Mary's Greenham Thurs 11th April 10 —3 pm**

### **March Meeting**

Sandra welcomed everybody to the meeting and introduced a new member, Elaine, to the group. Three of the new members were given kits to make up name badges and the rest of the group were asked to wear their badges at meetings while we all get to learn each others names.

### **SOS 6th April St George's Hall**

A reminder was given about the SOS day on 6th April which will be a teaching session on Quilt As You Go for which it is advisable to have some quilted blocks ready to join together by whichever method you choose. Sue gave out a printed sheet last month which gave guidance on how much extra fabric to leave for joining etc.

Members can of course do their own work or make premmie quilts.

**PAT testing will also be included on this day at a cost of £5 for up to 5 items.** Members need to be aware that in order to comply with the insurance requirements of St George's I and St Francis Halls, all electrical items used for workshops need to be tested annually. The main items which will need doing are sewing machines and extension cables which are over one year old.

### **Harrogate Quilt Show**

Not enough interest has been shown in going on this trip, Sandra has only had eight enquiries, so it is no longer going ahead.

### **Malvern Quilt Show**

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

Pick up will be in the new bus station in the Wharf (time to be confirmed) and also at junction 14 at Hungerford for those who live in the west.

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

### **Fire Practice**

In order to comply with hall hire regulations, an emergency evacuation was practiced. This was done quickly and efficiently so we were not outside in the cold for too long.

## Show and Tell



This quilt was made from a Moda 'Quilt in a Tin' kit. One of the main advantages of using a kit is that fabric colours have been selected to tone and blend perfectly.



The card templates needed to make up this sewing box came as a kit. The advantage here is that the pieces are all perfectly cut and the weight of cardboard is ideal for the job.



This bag with all of its embroidery, flaps, buttons and overlapping panels was made from a kit but is an example of a very appealing kit which is actually very fiddly to make up!



Although many kits seem expensive, they are a good way of learning new techniques without making mistakes and wasting fabrics.

If you are a person who likes to make their own fabric selections or use up fabric from your impulsively bought stash (that's me) then they do not have the same appeal.

An alternative would be to buy a pattern, which can also seem expensive, but you are paying for someone else's design, fabric quantity calculations, method of working etc. which is where many pitfalls can be made when trying to go it alone.

A cautionary tale though—I bought a pattern for a whole cloth cot quilt and found that it had been printed askew. I ended up having to re-draft the template. However, in doing so I decided to change the central design to make it more my own so I was pleased with it in the end.

I also remember somebody's tale of buying a pattern and then finding that it had been translated, not very well, from Japanese.

Kits are generally a safe way of achieving a pleasing quilt but probably not the cheapest way.

A lot of quilt shops produce their own kits and if you go to quilt shows and workshops they are available straight from the designers.



The above quilt was made by new member, Lorraine and she managed to make it secretly for her daughters 18th birthday.

The red/pink square in the centre of the log cabin blocks is very traditional.



Bev has been very busy making preemie quilts, using up some of the ribbons and braids from her Mother's stash. She had also tried out a new technique called 'continuous chevrons' and then used it to make up a cushion. She says it is very good for using up bits...

There is youtube video by Victoria Findlay Wolfe who has developed the technique and produced a book.



Jean had made these very colourful preemie quilts



and new member Angie had made up this pink one.



### Tulip mini-workshop

At a recent quilt show I bought some colourful tulips so I took one apart to see how they had been made. They were quite easy so I made up some kits and a pattern so that members could have a go during the evening.

They are based on a plastic drinking straw so that



got a few more out of circulation. Most people were able to completed their tulip within an hour and then had the pattern to take home in case they wanted to make more.

Veronica brought in the tulips which she had made. They are a more complex version which had multiple petals so show that this basic idea could be developed. In fact she brought in the book which she had taken the design from and it had roses, sweet peas, sunflowers and many more flower designs to make.



## Forthcoming 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)

<b>JuBerry</b>	Website not updated
<b>Quilters Dream</b>	Apr 13—Quilt in a Day Apr 20— beginners free motion quilting May 11—Somerset Star cushion
<b>Village Fabrics</b>	May 25th—end of bolt sale
<b>New Threads</b>	
<b>Purple Stitches</b>	Apr 28—Quilting Design and Planning May 4—piped cushion
<b>Lady Sew and Sew</b>	Apr 27—Wadding Event and Yarn Shop Day May 10—landscapes with Kate Findlay May 23rd—umbrella making Jun 7—machine quilting for the terrified with Dawn Cameron Dick <b>Online remnants sale from £3 per metre</b>
<b>Lorne Hill</b>	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](mailto:lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk)

## Region 6

Our region is running the tombola a the FOQ this year and has requested boxes/bowls/containers to be donated. These can be as simple of complicated as you like—remember the folded boxes we made for the last quilt show ?

I am happy to collect these if you feel like making one and if you want to know more contact

Tina at [mallowquilt@gmail.com](mailto:mallowquilt@gmail.com)

## NNA Greenham

The current exhibition is by a well-known hand quilter Sandie Lush. Although it is called Quilted Jumpers it is quilts in the shapes of jumpers with the stitching forming the patterns of the knitting I believe.

## 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** is a teaching session on Quilt as You Go

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:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.

**Sat 4th May** there is a workshop with Kathleen Laurel Sage who will be working with organza. The pieces which she creates can either become a wall hanging or could be incorporated into a quilt.

The cost is £40 and a requirements list can be found on the Newbury website above. She also has kits available for £9.

## Victoria and Albert Museum

**Mary Quant** from 6th April and in to next year

## Royal School of Needlework

### **The Embroidered Home**

An historical exhibition on until August

## Exhibitions

April 26th—28th Oxford Quilt Group St Giles Church Woodstock Rd

May 26th—28th New Forest Quilt Group , New Milton

May 21st—30th Guilford Quilters Exhibition

May 15th—16th Loddon Quilters Show , Sherfield on Loddon

**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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## **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**

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](http://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.

## **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](http://flagsofthanks.org) and they are needed by 10th June.

## **Festival of Quilts**

This year the FOQ will be on 1st—4th August at the NEC.

Tickets go on sale on 8th April for members so if you are thinking of doing any of the workshops, booking a hotel etc. now is the time to be thinking of it....

If you are considering entering a quilt then the deadline is 31st May

Details and entry forms can be found on the Quilt Competitions pages

[www.thefestivalofquilts.co.uk](http://www.thefestivalofquilts.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](http://www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on)

New exhibitions at the museum are Nick Schlee who is a local landscape artist and next week Focus on Lambourn is beginning.

## **NNA Greenham**

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

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

