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Market Square Quilters

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Next Meeting— 22nd May 7.15pm

We have a visit from Julie from Juberry Fabrics when she will talk about using pre-cut kits.

This will be followed up by a workshop at the SOS Day on Saturday June 15th at St. George's Hall.

Please also bring any donations of small containers and boxes for the Festival of Quilts tombola. For ideas go to:-

<https://festivaltombola.wordpress.com>

Also anything which you have been working on and would like to show and tell



Next meetings are:-

The Castle School Wed 1st May 7—10pm

St Mary's Greenham Thurs 9th May 10 –3 pm

May 16th—Trip to Malvern Show

April Meeting

There were 37 members at the April meeting - the biggest turn out for a long time. We may have to review the table layout if this continues to make it easier to move around the room.

Sandra reported a successful SOS day on 6th April. She remarked that not many people had taken the opportunity to have their electrical equipment PAT tested. She stressed the importance of only using tested machines etc. at workshops in order to comply with the terms of the insurance at the halls.

Sue has been doing a review of finances and will compile a report for members. It is suggested that there will be an increase in the annual subs as it is a long time since there has been one. This would still only amount to £1 per week so is remarkably good value.

The meetings other than the main one generally run at a loss as not many members use them. In particular the first Wednesday evening of the month at the Castle School is poorly attended. We need to keep this venue because it houses our library cupboard - it is a great shame that so few members look in the library as it is continually being added to by donations.



Malvern Quilt Show

Thursday 16th May.

Pick up will be at the new bus station in the Wharf on a Baileys coach which will be **leaving at 8.30am** and also picking up under the bridge at junction 14 at Hungerford at 8.40am. There have been road works in the area so please leave enough time for your journey to the Wharf. The coach will be leaving Malvern at 3.30pm.

Show tickets have been bought and will be distributed on arrival at Malvern.

There are still spaces available on the bus but Show tickets would now need to be bought on arrival by any additional passengers.

Show and Tell



A small quilt by new member, Angie.



Val's quilt for the grandchild she is waiting for any day....



Elaine's first quilt...



and Cat's quilt for a baby girl.



and a very jolly quilt by Pauline.



Also a striking dragon quilt by Cat.



A wholecloth by Pat Br



Two placemats by Sandra K—one day she will make a set!



Jean has made this large quilt using Kaffe Fassett fabrics and it is going to be hung in the Lady Sew and Sew exhibition next month which is part of the Henley Arts Trail.



Joanne brought in her finished Penny Mat which was designed for a Lorne Hill workshop recently. Under every other circle is a hidden old penny which gives the mat weight and keeps it flat.



Three small projects—a bag made by Pam from two fat quarters which she suggested might be a good 'make' for our quilt show.

A Taurus lavender bag made by me.

I have the foundation piecing patterns for all of the signs of the zodiac if anyone would like them.



This month's batch of Premmie Quilts



By June and Veronica,



by Jean and Rita,



by Pam



and by Angie.

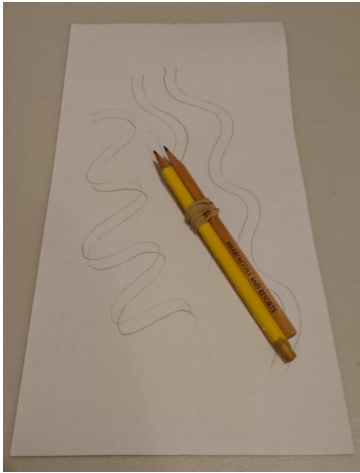
We are getting short of donated fabrics for the Linus suitcase. If you are having a clearout please bring any suitable fabric along to one of the meetings so that it can be used by those making up incubator covers for Basingstoke hospital.



A small bowl made by Gail during a crafting session on her cruise.

Quilting Tips

Gail, Geraldine and Rita had compiled a list of tips for patchwork and quilting. These have been summarised on a sheet which I will send out with this newsletter.



Here are a couple—in order to draw a seam allowance on to a shape—tape two pencils together and use to mark the cutting line and the seam line on to your paper template.....

To make a useful cleaning tool for your machine—push a pipe cleaner into a straw. The bushy head is very good at picking up fluff and dust.

Other members came up with their own tips:-

Elaine said that she used hair straighteners as a handy iron to keep nearby when sewing.

Cat advised putting a piece of card under the machine needle when changing it—this will prevent it from falling down into the spool area and getting stuck.

Sandra suggested putting a piece of white paper behind the machine needle to make it easier to see the eye when threading.

Cat had used a pincushion with divided sections to put her machine needles in—the sections are marked with the various sizes so that you can tell which they are. The marking are very difficult to see on some needles.

I have already used some of the tips—I have made a magnetic pin tray by taping a small magnet underneath it. Also when cutting out a dress I took Geraldine's advice and ironed the fabric first so that it lay perfectly flat.

We all learn as we go along and pick up tips from workshops, Mums, shops, other craftspeople, Youtube, UK Quilters United etc. It is good to pass them on to others so please let me or one of the committee know and we can compile a leaflet in due time.

SOS Day

Sue had prepared samples of the various ways in which Quilt As You Go can be used and she ran an advisory workshop.

Those taking part had prepared blocks and were then helped to join them in their chosen way.

Here are two cushion covers which I made using two different methods. One has joining strips and the other is butted.



Other people made their own set of sample blocks for reference in the future.

Thank you to Sue for organising the session.

Some members made use of the time and space to work on their own projects— one person spread her work out on a sheet on the floor in order to work out a design; another was experimenting with Bargello patchwork for a premmie; another hand stitching English Paper Pieced hexagons into a large quilt top.

Meanwhile our machines, irons, and extensions were being PAT tested so all in all it was a very useful day and we all had a good natter too!

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.

Also check www.alabare.co.uk for details of the work of the Soldiers Charity

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. The shop is closing later this year and becoming an online business.

Quilters Dream May 4th—Foundation Piecing

May 11—Somerset Star cushion

June 1st—Make a Rug

Village Fabrics May 25th—end of bolt sale

May 28th—Reverse Applique

June 21st—Create a Landscape

New Threads May 4th—Know Your Sewing Machine

Purple Stitches May 4th —piped cushion

May 25th—Scrapbuster Crazy Quilt

May 12th—Make a Child's Dress

Lady Sew and Sew May 4th —6th—Quilt Display

May 10—landscapes with Kate Findlay

May 23rd—umbrella making

Jun 7th —machine quilting for the terrified with Dawn Cameron Dick

Lorne Hill May 15th—portable ironing/cutting board

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

Region 6

There are two local exhibitions coming up:-

May 3rd –12th at Dorchester Abbey Oxon

A display of quilts made by regional members and inspired by the Abbey

June 15th –16th at The Cloisters Gallery, Oxford OX4 1JX

A display of work made by regional members during the last 10 years.

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

Mary Quant from 6th April and in to next year

Royal School of Needlework

The Embroidered Home

An historical exhibition on until August

Exhibitions

May 3rd—12th—Region 6 at Dorchester Abbey (nr. Didcot)

May 4th—6th—Henley Arts Trail at Lady Sew & Sew

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

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

May 21st—30th Guilford Quilters Exhibition

June 15th—16th Region 6 at The Cloisters Gallery, Oxford

NNA Greenham

Apr 30th—July 11th—needlework by members of Berkshire Women's Institute over the past 100 years.

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 June 15th and October 26th.

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.

Open Studios

Studios are open from 4th—27th May . Pick up a leaflet or go to www.open-studios.org.uk to find out who is open when.

There are exhibitions at various venues around the town but the main one INSIGHT is at the new art space at Greenham, The Base where there is a sample of work done by each artist taking part in Open Studios.

If you were going there you could combine it with a visit to the National Needlework Archive to see the Women's Institute needlework exhibition and also a display by Newbury Camera Club.



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

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

Quilters Guild

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

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

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

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.

