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Market Square Quilters

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Next meetings are:-

Wednesday 27th November 7.15—9.15

Please bring some of your own work to sew and join in with a Stitch and Chat.

There will be a very short EGM to change the constitution to allow the AGM to be held in October .

The Castle School—Wed 6th November 7—10pm

**St Mary's Greenham - Thurs 14th November 10am
—3pm**

NB The December meeting will be on the 5th because the hall is being used for the election on the 12th!

Other diary dates:-

The Christmas party will be on December 18th

The SOS dates for next year are:-

Feb 8th; Apr 25th; Jun 6th; Oct 3rd

October Meeting

The main points to note are:-

- Club night fees have been suspended for one year.
- The Annual subs are £25
- It was proposed that the AGM be moved to the October meeting so that the accounts can be audited beforehand.
- There will be a choice of two or three Block of the Month quilts starting next year to cater for different abilities.
- Some of the SOS days next year will include visiting tutors.

Geraldine welcomed everybody to the meeting including Kim who was a visitor. It was a good turnout and the tables had been placed in a horseshoe in the hopes that members would be able to chat more easily.

In order to reduce the amount in the bank the committee have decided to suspend the fee paid at the door for one year. Raffle tickets will still be distributed on arrival and names ticked off on the list.

Also money will be spent on finding some tutors to teach specific techniques next year.

It is now only one year until our 20th anniversary exhibition! The cost of hiring Park House School has finally been agreed so the committee can get on with planning and advertising and everybody else can get on with making!!

We may be asking you to save plastic green and red milk bottle tops to use for the mug mat tombola but don't worry yet as we may have some already.

We will need a lot of cheerful mug mats so please think of this when you are wondering what to do with your scraps over the next few months.



The Raffle Quilt

Show and Tell

The theme for the meeting was ‘mistakes’ but as everybody always says—the only people who are aware of mistakes are the makers!

This brown quilt from Cat looks perfect but she got in to difficulties matching the seams because it was an early attempt at Quilt as You Go



This is an early attempt by Sue at half-square triangles using a lovely William Morris jellyroll. It was before she had learnt to nest the corners so then they had not matched up.



This is a small quilt by Jo which once it was finished she found rather dull .



Other Show and Tell

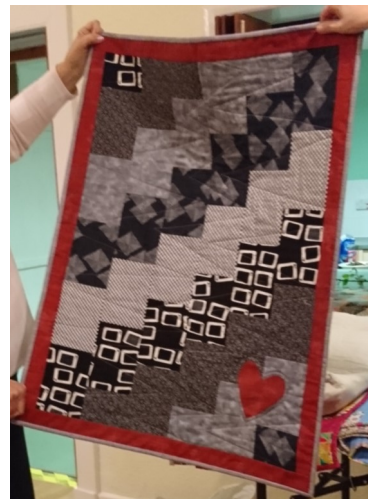
A stack and whack kaleidoscope quilt made by Lesley S in which all the blocks are carefully cut from the flowery fabric in the border.



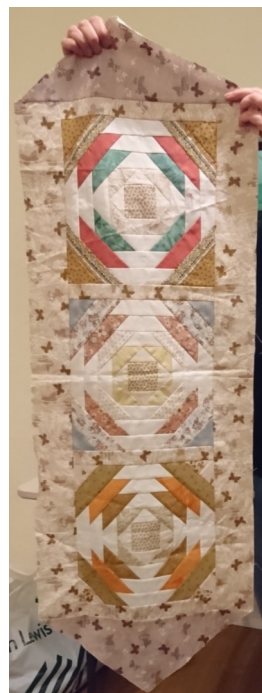
Linda has nearly finished making this height chart for her grandson. She found she had problems because she had the idea and started it before she had sourced the fabric for the cars. They needed to be the right size, going in the right direction and not too American.....



A small quilt made by Sue using up some black and white faric. She has been brave and made a good job of machine quilting it. It is going to be auctioned at Sighthound Rescue charity



Bev got carried away with a new tool to make pineapple blocks using up scraps but was not happy with the colour combinations once she had finished this runner.....



Show and Tell cont.



One of a series of cityscapes by Gail.



A pretty preemie by June,



A knitted one from Geraldine's Mum and



a small blanket along with two bonding squares, one for the baby and one for the Mother so that they each have the others scent when they are separated in the special care unit.



A dear rabbit by Jo and a reindeer by Sandra. The reindeer is made from a blanket and Sandra has worked out the design herself. I believe it is to be one of the workshops at Lorne Hill



Finally, the snakes and ladder quilt which is also for the exhibition raffle next year. Pat Bur has completed the fiddly task of appliqueing the ladders and it now just needs to be bound.



Hilary brought in a lot of fabrics which had been donated by one of our former members, Sally G. These went in to the Linus suitcase for making up in to preemie quilts.

Sew on Saturday



On a very rainy Saturday it was a good excuse to sit and sew all day at St Georges.

The theme for the day was free motion quilting and in order to practice this technique, Gail had brought all of the Halloween blocks which we made at a recent evening meeting. These are to be made into Trick or Treat bags or small wall hangings to be sold at the exhibition as it will be just before Halloween next year.



As a bonus activity Geraldine's daughter spent the day with us and showed us how to make beeswax cloths for food wrapping.

These can be used over and over again instead of using sandwich bags or cling film. The prepared wax is ironed to melt it and it was quite an easy process. Offcuts of pretty cotton fabrics can be used to make various sizes of wraps.



Quilters Guild Region 6 Day

I attended this day at Benson village hall on 12th October.

It was well organised and welcoming and also included a talk and a workshop with Gail Lawther. She was a very entertaining speaker and hardly drew breath as she spoke for an hour about her inspiration and working methods.

The workshop was a crazy patchwork hanging bird for which she had pieced the background and then provided ribbons and embellishments for people to do their own thing.



The Region is hoping to organise a retreat with Gail next year.

The trader was Cottage Patchwork who I think just operate online. They had a good selection of the wire hangers for small wall hangings.

The day ended with tea and cake to celebrate the 40th birthday of The Quilters Guild.

The general focus of the Region is to encourage your crafters so funds are being raised to hold workshops.

By the By

I hear that the **Welsh Quilt Centre** at Lampeter will be re-opening next year.

Orla Keily Exhibition

A free exhibition organised by the Fashion and Textile Museum in London about the life and work of Orla Keily.

It is at the Winchester Discovery Centre from 12th October until the 5th January.

Paula Doyle Exhibition

A quilt exhibition at Lady Sew and Sew in Henley until 19th November.

Machine cleaning.

I see that New Threads, the quilt shop in Andover is offering a machine cleaning service if anybody feels the need.

Forthcoming Events

There are various workshops at our more local quilt shops
www.quiltersdream.co.uk
www.villagefabrics.co.uk
www.newthreads.com
www.purple-stitches.com
www.ladysewandsew.com
lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk

Quilters Dream	Nov 2nd— Becky De'Ath w'shop Little Meadow needle book Nov 9th —fabric Xmas crackers Nov 23rd—Xmas bunting
Village Fabrics	Nov 15th—rotary cutting Nov 7th—beginners machine applique
New Threads	Nov 30th—macramé snowflakes
Purple Stitches	Nov 3rd— roman blind
Lady Sew and Sew	Nov 1 –19—Paula Doyle Exhibition Easy Stack Quilts Nov 14—talk with Linda Seward Nov 15—workshop with Linda Seward

Sewical Retreats by Purple Stitches June and September in Swindon. £450

Lorne Hill Quilting

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 also have a friendly drop-in stitch and chat session on a Tuesday morning.

Xmas Wreaths - Wednesday Dec 11th

Saturday Dec 14th

10.30 - 12.30 and 1.30—3.30 Cost £20

lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk



Newbury Embroiderer's Guild

Saturday Nov 9th—talk by Jo Mabbett on metallic for Textiles

Old Chapel Needlework Archive

Victoria and Albert Museum

Mary Quant—most of us are old enough for it to bring back memories!

Quilters Guild Region 6

Forthcoming MSQ Events

Activities 2019

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

Here are the dates for next year and we are hoping to arrange for some outside tutors to run workshops.

Feb 8th; Apr 25th; Jun 6th; Oct 3rd;

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.

2nd Thursday of each month in the Paddock Room at St Marys Church Hall, Greenham RG19 8RZ 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Fee is £3 for tea, coffee, biscuits and hall hire.

A little report by Julia:-

We meet the second Thursday of every month at Greenham Church, Newbury, arriving about 10.00 and leaving at 3.00pm. The cost is £3 which includes refreshments but bring your own lunch.

We are a group of about 10 complete quilting novices or very experienced quilters and all those in between. Some members bring knitting as well. The atmosphere is light hearted and fun. Time to work on, usually a piece of hand sewing. We discuss all topics of life, some serious but mostly humorous. It is lovely to sit in the sunshine (when it is out) with like minded friends. I am learning my basic skills from experienced quilters who are always willing to help. Ideas, patterns and new pieces of equipment are often shared to make our quilting journey more enjoyable. It is lovely to do something just for yourself. To be able to relax and feel that you have achieved a little bit more of your quilting project. Come and join us.

4th Wednesday at St Francis de Sales Hall 7.15—10pm which is the main Club evening.

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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 meetings

Club Library/Store

I am going to make up a file to show what we have stored in the library cupboard at The Castle School as so few members are able to access it on the first Monday evening of each month. I will then bring it to our main meeting and if anybody would like to borrow anything I can get it for them.

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.

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