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Market Square Quilters

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Next meetings are:-

Wed 18th December 7.15—9.00 St Francis Hall

Wed 4th December 7—10pm The Castle School

Thurs 5th Nov 10am –3pm St Mary's Greenham

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

Other diary dates:-

Exhibition Planning—any members who would like to be involved in the preparations for the 20th anniversary exhibition in October next year are welcome to come to a meeting on

Tues 10th December 7—8.30pm at St Francis church hall

The SOS dates for next year are:-

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

November Meeting

The main points to note are:-

- Section 5 of the constitution will be amended so that the AGM can be held in October not September.
- Exhibition planning meeting to be held on 10th December
- Quilt stands to be moved on 14th December
- Monthly meetings will finish at 9.00 from January

An **Extraordinary General Meeting** was held in order to amend the constitution. It has proved difficult to get the end of year accounts from the bank in time to have them audited before an AGM in September. It was therefore proposed to change the date of the AGM to October.

It was pointed out that the AGM used to be in October but it was brought forward because many members were away during the October half-term. However, as long as we have a quorum at the meeting it can take place.

Our **20th Anniversary Exhibition** will be held at Park House School on 23rd—25th October 2020. The change of venue is to allow us more space to display work, for ease of parking and to allow collaboration with the school textile department.

The first planning meeting will be held on Tues 10th December at St Francis Hall at 7.00 –8.30pm for any members who would like to be involved.

The **quilt stands** are going to be stored in the loft at Woolton Hill Village Hall. On the morning of Saturday December 14th they will be moved from Geraldine's house. Many hands make light work so if you are able to help can you please contact Geraldine (phone number in your diary)

The time of the **monthly meeting** will be altered from January to finish at 9.00pm. We have been paying to rent the hall until 10pm but as most members seem to pack up at 9pm this will save money for the Club.



The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 18th December and this will be our Christmas Social. A sign-up sheet for donations of food and drink was circulated.

Please bring a simply wrapped fat quarter so that we can play the famous Fat Quarter Game.

Also bring your Christmas Challenge if you have been inspired to make anything with your Little Houses fabric. It could just be a mug rug or a little box which could go on the sales table at the exhibition if you are having difficulty thinking what to do

Please also bring any items for Show and Tell that you have made—they do not have to be Christmassy.

Show and Tell

There was no theme for Show and Tell this month but there was still a nice variety of work to be seen.



Gail had completed this table cover for Christmas. She has used the idea of the snowflake blocks which she organised for us to make at a meeting last year. There was a lot of detail and sparkle in the machine embellishments.



Lesley has completed this table runner for Christmas.



Bev has made this set of six Christmas place mats



Gail and Marianne followed instructions on YouTube to make these candle surrounds.



Cat has completed this small quilt using a layer cake of Kaffe Fassett fabrics which were a present from her husband.



Also this cat quilt for her Mother.



Pauline has made a simple but jolly quilt.

Pat Bur has made this calm blue quilt and it has some traditional hand quilting in the border.



Show and Tell cont.



This is Hazel's colourful hand quilted quilt.



Jean's fan quilt using Japanese fabrics.



A bag from Beverley as she continues to complete projects from her mother's stash...



And some mug rugs from Sue made from orphan blocks which she found in the suitcase of fabrics for Linus projects.

This months donations of Linus quilts :-



From Audrey,



Theresa, Geraldine,



and Beverley.

There were also some knitted covers from Geraldine's Mum and some sets of knitted clothing and bonding squares from a friend.

All beautifully made and much appreciated.

Block of the Month

Members have organised three different Blocks of the Month to cater for all abilities. These will be introduced in January when members can sign up to begin receiving the block patterns over the next nine months. There is no obligation to make one of these but once you see the designs you may be inspired to have a go

The programme next year will focus on the skills involved so that no-one feels too daunted to have a go.

There are several outings and visits from quilters planned for 2020 which will be finalised by the time you receive your new diary card in January.

Meanwhile the SOS days are

Feb 8th; April 25th; June 6th and Oct 3rd.

Club Library

There have been quite a few books donated to the Club recently, both traditional and modern.

I will update the library file which will be at the monthly Club meetings and if there is anything you would like I will bring it to the next meeting.

The library cupboard is now almost full!

Quilters Guild Region 6

The regional co-ordinator, Tina McEwan will be attending the Club meeting in March to tell us more about the activities happening in Berkshire and Oxfordshire.

The next Regional Day is on 7th March at Charvil Village Hall with a talk by Anne Gosling.

Newbury Embroiderer's Guild

Jan 13th—'Orange Threads' by Suzy Wright

www.newburyembroiderers.co.uk

Old Chapel Needlework Archive

March 7th—Fabric etc. sale

Victoria and Albert Museum

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



Exhibitions etc.

Orla Keily Exhibition

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

It is at the Discovery Centre until 5th January.

Quilters Fair

Jan 12th Farnham Maltings

Quilt Art Exhibition

Jan 11—15th Brewery Arts, Cirencester www.quiltart.eu

The Stitch Festival

Feb 27th—1st Mar Business Design Centre London

Ridgeway Quilters Exhibition

Mar 28th—29th Chilton Village Hall OX11 0SH

Quilters Guild Conference

Apr 17th—19th Stirling www.quiltersguild.org.uk

Welsh Quilt Centre May 1st - Lampeter re-opening
www.welshquilts.com

Get Creative Festival

May 9th—17th community events nationwide

www.getcreativeuk.com

Malvern Quilt Show

May 14th—17th

Festival of Quilts

July 30th—Aug 2nd Birmingham NEC



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—Andover

Site not updated

Village Fabrics—Wallingford

Jan 2—4th SALE

Jan 31st—Stack and Whack

Feb 29th—Mar 1st—Intensive beginners course

New Threads - Andover

Site not updated

Purple Stitches—Basingstoke

Jan 11th—beginners workshop

Feb 1st—bolster cushion

Lady Sew and Sew—Henley

Jan 5 –26th—SALE

Dressmaking knitting and sewing workshops

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



Forthcoming MSQ Events

Activities 2019

SOS days are held in St. George's Hall Andover Road RG14 6NV 10—4 pm and cost £5. 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.

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

The school is on Love Lane, Donnington in the Jane Evans room at the top of the drive. There is an electronic gate over the drive so it is helpful if we all arrive around 7pm. If you would like to come but think you might be later then please ask for my mobile phone number and I will come down and open the gate.

This is an opportunity to stitch and natter and to get to know people. Most people bring hand stitching, not necessarily quilting and also use the space to spread out work for basting or deciding upon placement of blocks etc.

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 but tables can be put up for machining too.

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.

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

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 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.