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Market Square Quilters

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Next meetings are:-

8th Jan— The Castle School 7—10pm

9th Jan—St Marys Greenham 10 - 3pm

22nd Jan—St Francis de Sale 7 – 9pm

Other diary dates:-

8th Feb—SOS St Georges 10—4pm

Other SOS dates for 2020 are:-

Apr 25th; Jun 6th; Oct 3rd

Our **20th Anniversary Exhibition** will be held at Park House School on 23rd—25th October 2020.



A Christmas candle holder by Linda as part of Show and Tell

December Meeting

There was a very good turn out for the meeting with about 30 members present. Although it was mainly a social meeting there was a small amount of business to do.

- A vote was taken on which charity to support at the exhibition
- Information about a potential retreat in the new year was given.
- The new time of 9pm for the meeting to finish will begin in January
- Detail of the Block of the Month choices will be given in January.
- Diaries will be distributed in January.

Geraldine told members about two potential charities to support with the raffle quilts at the 2020 exhibition. The first was **Time to Talk** which helps young people with mental health issues and the second was **Newbury Soup Kitchen**. A show of hands showed a majority of members favoured the first charity. However, it was suggested that a donation also be made to the second through the sale of second-hand magazines and books.

Hilary has arranged a weekend **sewing retreat** from 16th—19th April at Marsh Farm which is near Royal Wootton Bassett. There are 10 places available at a cost of £330 which includes meals and single bedrooms. A 25% deposit is needed by the end of January so please get in touch with Hilary if you would like to know more. (I will put more details on the email which accompanies this newsletter).

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.

Details of the three **BOM quilts** will be given at the next meeting so that you can sign up for the patterns if you would like to do one. If you miss this meeting then you can catch up at the next so don't worry that you will miss out.

The **Club Diaries** which give basic details of MSQ and telephone numbers of members will be given out at the next meeting. If you would like one posted to you then please get in touch with me.

Christmas Challenge

The black and white fabric given out for the Challenge produced a remarkable variety of original ideas...

A book cover, box and mug mats from Rita;



a bag from Lesley and a Suffolk Puff tree from Hilary;

a machine embroidered mat from Cat;



and a large log-cabin quilt by Sonia.



A snow scene quilt from Gail and a remarkable 3D bauble to use the leftover fabric!!



A cushion by Jan with embroidered flowers growing up the houses;



A tote bag from Marianne

and a large book cover from Geraldine.



A window scene by Caroline

and a table runner by Linda.



Christmas Challenge cont.

A book cover by June with appliqued details;



And three pieces by Sue who has used orange fabric to give a Dutch feel to the pincushion, needle case and tool pouch.



Mo has chosen sky blue for her table mat



As has Sue C for her needlecase and mug rug.



Jean has stitched drifts of snow in the landscape of her large table runner.



Sheridan made a glasses case and Theresa a scissor case both enhanced with red binding.



Bev made two boxes which show how the fabric can easily be reversed;



Anthea made a bag with a zip and Angie made some pretty mug rugs.



Quite a remarkable range of items I think you will agree.
Well done everybody.



The last item for Show and Tell was this very jazzy large quilt by Cat which was to be a Christmas present.

Thankyou to all who brought in food contributions for the evening—it was quite a feast.

The evening finished with the usual snatching and swapping of two or three desired fabrics during the Fat Quarter Game.

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 Embroiderers' Guild

Jan 13th—'Orange Threads' by Suzy Wright

www.newburyembroiderers.co.uk

Basingstoke Embroiderers' Guild

Jan 11th— Mar 22nd 'The Needle's Eye' exhibition at

Whitchurch Silk Mill

Old Chapel Needlework Archive

March 7th—Fabric etc. sale

Willis Museum Basingstoke

Now until Jan 11th—The textile designs of Lucienne Day

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

The tombola this year is key fobs and key rings. Region 11 (west midlands) is organising it and there are suggested patterns on the QG website.

Victoria and Albert Museum

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



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

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.

lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk

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

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.

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.

