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Market Square Quilters

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Next meetings are:-

5th Feb— The Castle School 7—10pm

13th Feb—St Marys Greenham 10 - 3pm

26th Feb—St Francis de Sale 7 .15 – 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.



Mug Rugs donated for the tombola.

January Meeting

It was another well attended meeting, including three visitors who then became members taking our membership to 54.

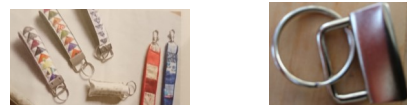
- Sue and Cat gave an update on the exhibition.
- The SOS details were given.
- Details of the Block of the Month were shown.
- Diaries were distributed.

MSQ Exhibition 24/25th October

Sue has been to Park House School and measured the rooms so that detailed planning can begin.

She is trying to assess approximately how many quilts will be hung so that she can work out how many bases and uprights will be needed. A list was circulated for members to give a rough estimate of how many they would like to submit (there will be a section for historic quilts as well as new ones). All members can contribute with either quilts or quilted objects but if you are not able to attend the meetings and you would like to hang a large quilt can you please get in touch with one of the committee.

Eye catching Mug Rugs, approx. 6x6in, are still needed for the tombola and items for the sales table. Sue has some clips which can be attached to a key fob or lanyard if you fancy making one of these.



Cat is in charge of publicity so she circulated a list to which members were asked to add venues and publications which might be used to advertise the event.

There were some photo albums available which showed past exhibitions for the interest of old and new members. These live in the library cupboard so will be made available again later in the year.

February SOS—Saturday 8th February at St. Georges church hall. There will be a workshop on sashiko stitching by Yvonne from Village Fabrics in Wallingford.

Places are now full but members are still encouraged to attend the session and get on with their own work, by hand or machine. They will be able to hear the instruction for sashiko if they are interested

Show and Tell



Linda had made a couple of cushions for her grandchildren's new bedrooms. (thankyou to Barbara for helping with Show and Tell !)

A couple of members were unable to come to the December meeting to show the work they had done for the Challenge. Jenny had bought additional fabric including some in the reverse colourway to make up this large quilt.

Whilst Lesley S had made a useful iPad case out of hers



and Pat had made a map wall hanging.



Bev had made this quilt which is apparently “a disappearing four patch, snowballed” which I hope you can make out....



Pat Br brought a table runner using a variety of blocks

While Geraldine had made a tasselled Japanese Fan wall hanging.



This subtly shaded quilt was made by Cat—her sister is an artist so she chose and arranged the colours for Cat to piece together. A cushion was made with leftover fabric and this shows where the colour inspiration for the quilt came from.





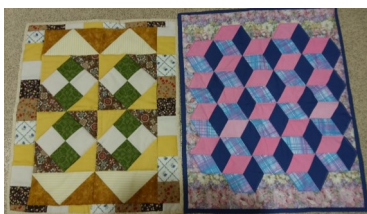
Another awe inspiring quilt to be shown was made by Hilary. It is all hand pieced so has been five years in the making. The design is by Lucy Boston and the name of the design is Patchwork of the Crosses. She has had it professionally long arm quilted by Jo Bennison who will be coming to talk to us and give a workshop in May.



Another batch of preemie quilts were gratefully received—from Sue D,



and from Angie and Hazel.



Finally, a cushion cover by Sue D using an orange peel template which she got with a magazine. It is destined for the sales table.



Block of the Month

People have put a lot of work in to preparing a series of blocks for others to make and learn from. Sue C and Bev have been working on a beginners quilt which consists of star blocks mainly using squares and half square triangles. It is intended to teach accuracy of cutting out and achieving accurate quarter inch seams when piecing. The finished work could be any size, is suited to a scrap quilt and could be done with a Quilt as You Go method. Very adaptable....



Jenny San has developed a similar style but with more complex blocks—windmills, card trick, flying geese etc. There is a Perfect Ruler available for cutting HST if you look online



Pat Br is preparing embroidered and appliqued blocks with a folksy feel which can be embellished or machine or hand embroidered. *(apologies, I will get a photo next time)*



Gail has also prepared more intricate blocks with applique flowers. She recommends using Appliquick to achieve results as perfect as hers!

Retreat

Unfortunately there has been no response to the retreat which Hilary was trying to organise so it will not go ahead this time.

Ridgeway Quilters

Raffle tickets for this event (see right) are available from June. We have two more Club meetings before the exhibition.

Malvern Show

Sue D is organising the usual bus trip to the Malvern Quilt Show in May. A sign-up sheet has started and the price will be given asap. **This clashes with the usual daytime meeting date for Greenham so look out for information about a change of date.**

365 Quilt Jenny San told the group about a free Block a Day quilt pattern by Kathryn Kerr which is available online.

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

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

Purple Stitches Retreats

Two more Sewical retreats have been organised at the Marriott Hotel in Swindon

Jun 12-14th and Sept 25-27th

See website for details

For Sale

Cat would like to sell a **Brother freestanding Embroidery spool holder** which sits behind your machine.

They cost £65 new and she is looking for £10.

Her telephone number is in your diary



Exhibitions etc.

Bampton Quilters

Feb 1—27th Bampton library—a small quilt exhibition with free entry.

In Stitches (Knitting and Stitching Show)

Feb 27th—Mar 1st Business Design Centre London

Ridgeway Quilters Exhibition

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

Raffle quilt will raise money for Mary Hare School for the deaf, textile department . 10am—4.30pm

Traders—Quilters Dream, Sew Divine and artist Anne

Hellyer . ridgewayquiltes@gmail.com for more info

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.

By the By

I was reminded of the fabric which we used for the Christmas Challenge when I was out walking in Herefordshire at New Year.....this area is actually called The Black and White Villages.



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

Feb 22nd —2 Generations workshop

Feb 29th — Backpack/tote bag workshop

Mar14th —Machine Embroidery workshop

Village Fabrics—Wallingford

Feb 29th—Mar 1st—Intensive beginners course

Mar 14th —Taster Day

Mar27th—Easter Gift Ideas

Apr 24th—Sunflower workshop

New Threads - Andover

Feb 28th—Intro to Machine Quilting workshop

Mar 18th—English Paper Piecing workshop

Jun 27th—Asymmetric Log Cabin workshop

Purple Stitches—Basingstoke

Mar 7th— Needle-turned Applique workshop

Mar 28th—Improvised Piecing workshop

Lady Sew and Sew—Henley

Mar 18th—Borders and binding workshop

Mar 24/25th—Tuffet workshop

Apr 18th—Kaffe Fassett colour workshop

Apr 27th—Kelly Bag workshop

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

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.

