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Market Square Quilters

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Next meetings are:-

4th Mar— The Castle School 7—10pm

12th Mar—St Marys Greenham 10 - 3pm

25th Mar—St Francis de Sale 7 .15 – 9pm

This will be a presentation by our Regional Coordinator

Tina Mc Ewan plus Show and Tell

Other diary dates:-

25th Apr—SOS St Georges 10—4pm

This is a catch up session for those doing a BOM plus general sewing

14th May—coach trip to Malvern Quilt Show

21st May—St Marys Greenham (change of date)

6th June—SOS Jo Bennison talk on planning a quilt.

3rd Oct—SOS exhibition preparation

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

February Meeting

The hall was full almost to capacity! This was because the tables had been laid out in blocks for the BOM teaching sessions so this will be reviewed before the next meeting.

- Exhibition planning was updated.
- The SOS day was reported on.
- Malvern details were given.
- Greenham May meeting has a change of date.

MSQ Exhibition 24/25th October

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.

The main raffle quilt, Rapid City, is being quilted so once it has been bound and finished it can be professionally photographed and used for posters etc.

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. Flyers etc. will be distributed from August.

February SOS—sashiko workshop

This was very well attended with 16 people doing the workshop and several others doing their own work.

Some members had completed their cushion covers and brought them in to Show and Tell. The folding and stitching were very intricate but everybody seemed happy with what they had achieved and had risen to the challenge.



Malvern Quilt Show

There will be a coach going to Malvern on Thursday 14th May. Members £13 Visitors £25. Please let Sue D know how many places you would like.

Show and Tell



Sue D went on a retreat in January with a tutor called Nicholas Ball who taught this technique of Improved Piecing. Sue had finished her piece with Matchstick quilting by machine and the effect was very striking.

Nicholas Ball has been booked already to speak at our Club Day in November 2021.



She also made this colourful dandelion clock.



This small quilt has been made by Leslie.



Kirsty made this useful zipped box and a pretty flower quilt with a combination of embroidery and piecing.



Cat found this orange top in the Linus suitcase and has made it up into this colourful quilt for the sales table.



She had also made up this pastel quilt and was very pleased with the machine quilting which she achieved by sewing through paper. She did not use expensive quilting paper but newsprint—the design can be printed onto A4 sheets and then free motioned through the paper...

Frisk A4 Newsprint Pad (also A3) Amazon £3.85



Also a pair of bags for the sales table.

New member Tina, brought some of her work to show us and she is obviously already experienced



Blue Houses was a BOM from The Laundry Basket and is made more interesting by the additional applique.



Sandra from Lorne Hill Quilting brought a sample of the stamping work which will be taught at an upcoming workshop.

www.lornehillquilting.com

Hazel had completed her Christmas challenge



and made a hexagon runner...

While Mary showed us a BOM made through Midsummer Quilters which was the 12 Days of Christmas linked with brass rings—very effective.



There was a very colourful selection of premmie quilts donated by various members—Audrey, Lesley, Mo, Pat Bur, Caroline, Pauline, June, Angie, Janice and Geraldine's Mum.....



Also lots of mug rugs for the tombola



Ridgeway Quilters

Raffle tickets for this event (see right) are available from June or Veronica who also belong to this group. We only have one more Club meeting before their exhibition.

Quilters Guild Region 6

The Regional Day at Charvil was postponed because of worries about Coronavirus. Tina Mc Ewan writes a very comprehensive newsletter giving details of various exhibitions etc. the more local ones of which I have included in the next column.

I am sure she will tell us at the March meeting about supporting the Guild through Smile when ordering on Amazon.

Newbury Embroiderers' Guild

www.newburyembroiderers.co.uk

Basingstoke Embroiderers' Guild

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

Whitchurch Silk Mill. This is well worth going to see for the standard of the imaginative needlework.

Old Chapel Needlework Archive

Mar 24th—Apr 30th—Nordiska—Swedish Textile Design exhibition

By the By

One of the founder members of the Club, Claudette, had a clear out and she donated lots of fabric and equipment to 'a good home'. Most of this had disappeared by the end of the evening and the leftover fabric has gone into the Linus suitcase for future use



Exhibitions etc.

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

Broughton Gifford Quilters Exhibition

27th-28th March SN12 8PN

Little Coxwell Quilters Uffington Exhibition

28th-29th March SN7 7RA

Abingdon Quilters Exhibition

Manor Prep School Shippon OX14 6LN

5th—5th April

Threads of Change—the work of Alice Kettle who is President of the Embroiderers Guild

24th Jan—17th April Said Business School Oxford

Visionary Women Collecting Textiles

2, Temple Place London (free and worth going just to see the wonderful building by the Thames)

25th Jan—19th April

Quilters Guild Conference

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

Welsh Quilt Centre May 1st - Lampeter re-opening

www.welshquilts.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.

Booking for QG members opens on 30th March

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

Mar14th —Machine Embroidery workshop

Mar 21st—Cosmetic Pouch workshop

Apr 4th—Go Green shopper workshop

Village Fabrics—Wallingford

Mar 14th —Taster Day

Mar27th—Easter Gift Ideas

Apr 24th—Sunflower workshop

New Threads - Andover

Mar 18th—English Paper Piecing workshop

Jun 27th—Asymmetric Log Cabin workshop

Purple Stitches—Basingstoke

Mar 28th—Improvised Piecing workshop

May 7th—EPP cushion workshop

May 9th—Starch based applique workshop

May 15th—Hand Quilting workshop

Lady Sew and Sew—Henley

Mar 18th—Borders and binding workshop

Mar 24/25th—Tuffet workshop

Apr 1st—folded log cabin cushion workshop

Apr 18th—Kaffe Fassett colour workshop

Apr 27th—Kelly Bag workshop

Apr 29th—Applique Hare workshop, Kate Findlay

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.

Mar 18th—Easter Bucket Bag workshop-

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 2020

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

Apr 25th—catch up on BOM

Jun 6th—Jo Bennison talk and workshop

Oct 3rd—exhibition preparations

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.

This is an opportunity to stitch and natter and to get to know people. Most people bring hand stitching, not necessarily quilting.

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

