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# Market Square Quilters

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**WEB PAGE** [www.marketsquarequilters.co.uk](http://www.marketsquarequilters.co.uk)

Also check the Facebook and Instagram sites which are kept updated with interesting snippets...

You will find the email addresses of the compilers in your diary card and they will be very grateful if you send them anything but please remember to acknowledge the work of any designers whose work you may have used to avoid copyright issues.

## News

Cat and her son were thanked for the work which they have done to improve the website. It now includes links to the exhibition detailing expected traders and showing the raffle quilts as well as a link to the Good Exchange (see right)

We all need to press on to complete things which we would like to display in the exhibition in October. This will be held at **Newbury College on October 29th and 30th** in the central area which is known as The Street. All members are invited to show work of whatever size and the exhibition sub-committee will let you know all the details asap. There will be raffle tickets to sell to family and friends with the proceeds going to Time to Talk which is a local charity supporting the mental health of young people.

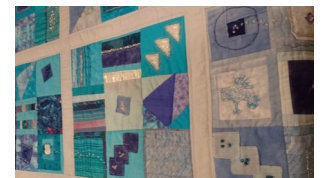
## **Linus Quilts**

Pat brought the suitcase of donated fabrics and Gail brought the wadding and labels which can be used for making quilts for Linus

## February Meeting

Geraldine greeted the 21 members who were present.

The first information given was about the Saturday workshops. She explained once again that the cost of hiring the smaller hall at St Francis required twelve people to attend just to cover the basic costs. The sign up sheet was circulated and this resulted in Marianne's workshop on Art Quilts being almost full whilst there were no new takers for Anne Hellyer's beachcuts so this may not go ahead. Members who have signed up for this will be informed.



## **Malvern Quilt Show**

Geraldine announced that the Club would subsidise the coach to Malvern on May 13th (please note that is a different date to the one in your diary). The plan is for the coach to leave the Wharf at 8.30am and to leave Malvern at 4pm.

The outing will be open to family and friends but they would need to pay the full amount of the coach and the entrance ticket. We will let you know more details asap.

Our charity raffle quilt will be on display at the show.

## **Festival of Quilts**

A show of hands was asked for to gauge support for a coach to go to the Festival of Quilts at the NEC in August. There was a good response so the date and costs will be investigated and more information given later.

## **Exhibition**

The sub-committee dealing with the running of the show on 29th and 30th October 2022 at Newbury College was asked to decide upon a date for their first meeting which will be on 7th March.

Teresa, our Treasurer has put in a lot of effort filling in forms to apply for a grant from the Good Exchange run by Greenham Common Trust to help to finance the exhibition. However, she has been disappointed with the response and so far is not expecting to benefit from it. There is still time for an improvement though.....

## Monthly meetings

### March

Hand stitching will deal with traditional quilting designs. Sue asked that those who would like to learn or improve this skill prepare a quilt sandwich to bring with them to mark out and begin stitching during the meeting. One possibility is that you could prepare a piece to make a premie quilt (16" x 20" finished size) or one to make into a cushion cover.



## Show and Tell

Sue had made some premie quilts and also a larger Trip Around the World which was suitable for donating to the nursing home.



Marianne showed a quilt she made a few years ago which was a shabby chic interpretation of What does Britain Mean to You? It had references to tea and cake, the Union flag and some poetic quotations on it. It had won a prize when exhibited.



Janice showed us a cushion which was also inspired by the Union flag.



and a bag using honeycomb fabric.

Teresa showed us a pair of very effective cushions which used a fussy cut fabric of sewing notions within a cathedral windows design.



Cat held up a greeny yellow quilt which she had designed herself with some fussy cut blocks showing art nouveau ladies.



Nicole had brought along her prize winning quilt which had won the novice category at the Festival of Quilts last year.



Sarah showed us a modern wall hanging using sheers and Boro type stitching.



Caroline showed a large quilt which she had just finished with hand quilting. Most of the top and the remaining fabric had been found in the donations suitcase but the maker remains a mystery?



This will now be donated to charity. As it is predominantly blue and yellow it would be good to get it to an displaced Ukrainian family....

### **By-the-By**

This may be of interest to other sewers so I will tell you what happened to me.....

I have a Bernina machine which I had not used for at least six months but which I have kept to bring to workshops. I thought I had better remind myself how to thread it etc. but when I switched it on it was completely dead.

I got my technical husband to have a look but he could not see what the problem was. He even took off the power unit to see if there was a loose connection.

He had one last look online for spares before I got in contact with the shop where it came from to arrange to bring it in.

He entered the model number and up came a YouTube video under the heading Bernina Sewing Machine not Starting. It was an American site which advised switching on the machine and then leaving it while you had a coffee.....

It transpired that the machine needed to re-boot which could take anything up to an hour.

Sure enough my machine sprang into life after about twenty minutes....

What made us laugh though was their offer for you to leave your machine with them and for \$60 they would fix it—having just told you that all you had to do was switch it on!!

Anyway, I guess this could happen with any make of machine which has a computer built in so I hope that I might save somebody the worry and cost when they turn on their machine and nothing happens.....

Happy sewing

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Basingstoke Creative Stitchers**

Jan 15th—March 28th Tues—Sun 10.30—5

Whitchurch Silk Mill

### **Farnham Quilters Fair**

Mar 13th Sunday 10am—4pm

A fabric sale with over 40 stallholders

### **Lady Sew and Sew**

Mar 15th—25th

Project Linus Exhibition

### **Quilters Guild AGM & Conference**

April 1st—3rd

Ipswich

### **Wantage Museum**

Apr 4th—9th

King Alfred's Quilters exhibition

### **Abingdon Quilt Exhibition**

Apr 9th—10th

The Manor Prep School Shippon

### **Whitchurch Needlework Sale**

Apr 9th 10am—4pm entry free

All Hallows Church RG28 7AS

A Bring and Buy Sale of all sewing, knitting, embroidery, patchwork etc. items.

Janet's fabrics for all things sewing will also be there.

### **Fashion and Textile Museum London**

Apr 1st—Sept 4th

150 years of the Royal school of Needlework

### **Welsh Quilt Centre Lampeter**

Re-opening 19th March with a new exhibition

## **Local Suppliers**

Please check our local suppliers for any sales and workshops coming up

Andover —[www.quiltersdream.co.uk](http://www.quiltersdream.co.uk)

- [www.newthreads.com](http://www.newthreads.com)

Basingstoke —[www.purple-stitches.com](http://www.purple-stitches.com)

Wallingford - [www.villagefabrics.co.uk](http://www.villagefabrics.co.uk)

Henley - [www.ladysewandsew.com](http://www.ladysewandsew.com)

Great Shefford—[lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk)

## **MSQ website**

Cat will be keeping our web page updated. There will be a link to the newsletter (which is why I am not including sur-names or contact details within it but you have them in your club diary) If you would like her to post anything else of interest please send her a photo and some details by email.

## **Facebook**

Kirsty has taken over the role of updating our Facebook page from Sue D. Please send her items which can be included.

If you have not already found this then you need to sign up to Facebook and then do a search for market square quilters. You can request to join the group and Kirsty will let you in.

She is also going to update Instagram for us.

## **Long Arm Quilting**

One of our new members, Nicole, has a long arm quilter and she is willing to finish quilts for other people.

She has asked me to include her contact details if you are interested

[www.nicolerolloquilting.co.uk](http://www.nicolerolloquilting.co.uk)

## **Sewing Sisters**

This is a group of MSQ member who meet on the second Thursday of each month at St. Mary's church hall in Greenham from 10am — 3pm. You are welcome to join them, bring some sewing and some lunch and have a chat with fellow quilters. Drinks and biscuits are provided.

## **The Castle School**

This group which met on the first Monday evening of each month has now ceased. The library is still there at the moment so please ask me if there is any subject you are interested in. I will bring a list of books to each meeting.