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# Market Square Quilters

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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.

## Next Meeting

In August we traditionally have a Pudding Party. Some members have already signed up to bring food but more would be welcome (enough for six). Soft drinks will be provided.



## **The Sept 10th SOS Day**

**This** clashes with the Wash Common Show so the date has been re-arranged to the **17th Sept**. This is going to be for last minute exhibition preparation.

## July Meeting

Geraldine led the meeting and updated members about various items.

## **MSQ Exhibition**

She has been to Newbury College again along with Linda's husband and he has drawn up a variety of suggested layouts for the quilt stands. With a few more cross-members for the stands we should be able to hang about 80 quilts.

Each quilt will need a **hanging sleeve** which will be demonstrated in the August meeting as well as details being sent in an email.

A **rota** will be drawn up soon as a lot of help will be needed each day to make it a successful event.

The college principal has agreed to open the exhibition and will encourage students and parents to come.

Access to the building will be from 2pm and Julia has volunteered her husband and his van to move the stands from Woolton Hill for us.

It has yet to be decided where, when and how to receive the quilts.

The **raffle tickets** are ready and distribution was begun at the meeting. Please get in touch if you cannot make it to the meetings and would like some sent to you. Please bring the money raised to each meeting and give to Teresa.

If you know any of the quilts you will be exhibiting please fill in the **label** form which was sent out in an email. It can either be filled in online, printed out and given to Linda or hand written onto the printed sheet. She has some printed copies if you need them.

Sandra has requested a lot more **mug rugs** and any small items such as needle cases, scissor holders, pincushions, key fobs etc. The tombola is now going to be a Lucky Dip and we will need enough for the two days of the exhibition.

These can be any size and fabric can be provided from the suitcase. It was suggested that these could be made at one of the SOS Days.

All the money we raise will be match funded by the **Greenham Common Trust** so the more people who come, raffle tickets we sell etc. the better....

## Festival of Quilts

Teresa is collecting money for the trip to the Festival of Quilts on the 19th August. The deposit is £5 and the full cost for tickets and coach is £32. The coach will leave the Wharf at 8am and pick up at Chieveley village hall at 8.15. We will leave the NEC at 5pm. There are still seats available so the trip has been opened up to other quilt groups.

## MSQ Library

All of the books etc. have now been removed from The Castle School as we no longer rent the room.

At the next committee meeting it will be decided what to do about storing them in the long term.

Some of the books were distributed to members who were at the meeting to store at home. One suggestion is that about three times a year we all bring our books to a meeting and swap them around. A record will be kept of who has which book in case anybody wants to reference a particular book.

## October AGM

This meeting will be a few days before the exhibition but the AGM business does not usually take long so it will still be held.

The most important thing that will need to be decided will who will be the next **Chairperson !!!**

Also we will need to decide upon annual fees.

## Wash Common Show

This is being held on the afternoon of 10th September at Falkland Cricket Club.

It is planned to be an even bigger event than last year so a few more helpers will be needed.

There is going to be a display and demonstration inside the building but also a gazebo outside which will be an ideal opportunity for raffle tickets to be sold.

Please get in touch with Geraldine if you would like to help.



Some more colourful mugrugs for the exhibition...

## Show and Tell



Tina and Mary had turned their bargello pieces into premmie quilts....



and Gail had quilted around the design on a printed panel.



Mary? had completed the Appliquick samples and turned them into mugrugs



and Gail had used machine embroidery and applique on hers.



Some smaller items which would be suitable for the Lucky Dip.

### July Meeting — shadow quilting

Geraldine had prepared some kits for members to have a go at Shadow Quilting. She had used the fabric which was left over from the Rapid City raffle quilt.

She showed us a mini quilt made by Julia Gahagan during an on-line workshop.

The shadow refers to the use of a very fine net as the top layer of the quilt. The decorative pieces of fabric are adhered (using something like the glue pen which we also used for the Appliquick demonstration) and then the quilting is done through all the layers to hold the design in place.

Geraldine had ordered the fine net directly from Julia but chiffon or organza could also be used.

Jean also showed us a sample which she had worked in which the images of butterflies had been cut from a napkin. The completed works are for display rather than use so all sorts of materials could be incorporated.

Apologies for not getting any photos of these pieces. I did not get a chance to join in as I was dealing with the library books.

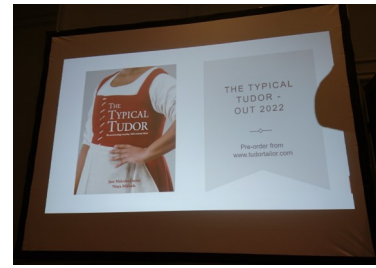
### Club Workbox

Geraldine had used a toolbox to make up a set of basic needlework tools to bring to meetings. If you find that you have forgotten something while having a go at these projects then please ask to use something from the box.

### By-the-By

On 22nd July I attended a very interesting talk at Shaw House on Tudor dress. It was given by Ninia Mikhaila who is an expert on historic clothing, in particular fabrics and methods of construction and decoration. This talk was concerned with the dress of ordinary people rather than the nobility seen in most portraits. There were laws about which fabrics and colours could be worn so people had to make the most of what they

were allowed.



As well as the illustrated talk she brought samples of reproductions which she had made and she also had some reproduction tools.



This is a simple ruff with a decorative blanket-stitch edge.



A sleeve (a separate garment worn over the more washable undergarments). This shows slashing as a form of decoration. A bit like the ripped jeans of today, the slashings showed that you were wealthy enough to cut the fabric. Often the edges were not even finished so that the fabric frayed....



Printing did not involve dyes at this time. It referred to a pattern embossed onto the fabric, this sample is velvet, using a heated metal tool. Ninia had some reproduction tools with her but both these and her books were too expensive to be tempted by—it was all serious stuff!

There are two more talks at Shaw House. On 12th August there is another one about Tudor Dress and on 16th September one on Victorians and Edwardian dress in West Berkshire.

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **National Needlework Archive**

July 5th—Aug 31st

Kate Aimson contemporary textiles

July 5th– Dec 8th

Lace collars and lacemaking equipment

### **Shaw House Newbury**

Three talks on costume history by professional historians.

### **Cornerstone Didcot**

Aug 2nd—Sept 4th

Advanced Art and Textiles Exhibition

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

Apr 1st—Sept 4th

150 years of the Royal School of Needlework exhibition

### **Welsh Quilt Centre Lampeter**

Re-opening 19th March with a new exhibition

### **International Festival of Quilts**

August 18th—22nd

NEC Birmingham

### **QG Region 6**

October 1st

Regional Day with speaker

### **Mencap Fabric Fair**

Oct 21st—23rd

Kennet Centre Newbury

This will raise money for local Mencap and includes both

Doughty Fabrics and Barnyarns

## **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 website updated. There will be a link to the newsletter (which is why I am not including surnames 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. Please send items of interest to her email which you will find on your diary card.

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. She has moved to Cornwall but intends to run the business from there.

[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.

