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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

The October meeting is just before the exhibition but more importantly it is the AGM.

We will be electing a new Chairperson and Secretary along with committee members. Please get in touch with one of the committee if you would like to know more about these posts.

Please bring any raffle money and stubs.



September Meeting

Geraldine led the meeting and introduced Val as a new member.

There was sad news to begin with as it was announced that one of our founder members, Veronica has died. She was a skilful quilter and produced some intricate work—I particularly remember all of the Colonial Knots which enhanced the bed quilt which she exhibited at the last exhibition. Condolences will be sent to her family from the group.

MSQ Exhibition

Not long to go now!!

Quilts can be dropped off at Newbury College from 11am on Friday 28th October.

Please ensure that they have a hanging sleeve and are marked with either a sewn on label on the back or a paper label held on with a safety pin so that Linda can allocate her printed labels (you should by now have sent her the details of any pieces you would like to be shown)

If you are not sure about how to make a hanging sleeve there are videos on Youtube or a good quilting book should have the information.

There will be sheets on the floor in the Forum to pile the quilts on to—large, medium and small.

Unless you are on the list of helpers please do not stay.

We only have access to the display area from 1pm so it will be a mammoth task for the team to get everything set up in the time allowed.

Please bring any display items which you are loaning during the morning e.g. clothes racks, tables, cloths, display stands.

These should be clearly labelled so that we can get them back to the right person.



Cakes can also be dropped off if they will not spoil. Tray bakes and individual cakes are easier to serve. Please put your name underneath if you are using a plate and include a list of ingredients.

Show and Tell



Cat showed us a quilt which had been requested by a friend for her baby which had to have turtles and dolphins on it.



Sue then went on to give us a talk and demonstration about English Paper Piecing.

From the 1700's EPP was the popular way of making quilts in England although it was given this name by the Americans.

It can also be called mosaic, honeycomb or six-sided patchwork but they all involve basting fabrics over paper templates and sewing them together by hand.

Although the hexagon was the most popular shape, especially Grandmothers Flower Garden, combinations of squares, triangles, diamonds, rectangles etc. can produce an almost unlimited range of designs.

If the templates are cut accurately then all the points should match without too much problem.

It is not the quickest way of making a quilt but it is a form of relaxation—a rhythmic, repetitive activity that calms the mind.

It is also a portable project which can be done socially or on long journeys.



One of our newer members, Jane showed us a crazy Christmas quilt.....



and Sarah showed us a Crazy Cat quilt!



This old quilt is an octagonal Snowball design seen at Brodsworth Hall near Lincoln.

It is also great for using up scraps although personally I find it very hard to be totally random in selecting fabrics—there needs to be some sort of pattern in mind for a successful quilt.

Sue showed us a quilt which she had made using a combination of shapes. She talked about the various types of templates which could be used but recommended care as sets of shapes from different makers can vary in size as she had found out too late!

Templates can be home made from many materials—wood, metal, plastic, card etc.

Some templates for cutting the papers and the cloth are hollow so that the inner size cuts the smaller paper and the outer the fabric with its seam allowance added. These hollow templates are also very good for fussy cutting designs.

These days the papers can be bought ready cut which saves a lot of work. I have successfully made my own by printing them on computer paper but if a better quality paper is used then the shapes can be re-used.

The fiddliest part of EPP is removing the papers once the work is complete. However, in historic terms these papers have provided an excellent source for research. Often old letters or bills were used so it is sometimes possible to work out when and where a quilt was made and by which family.

Sue showed us some different designs made using EPP.

Inter-city, a lone star with eight points and also one with six points which she had pieced and the applied onto a background.

Thankyou for all of your preparations Sue, especially the material available for members to have a go.

Club Workbox

Geraldine has made up a set of basic needlework tools and threads. If you find that you have forgotten something whilst you are at a meeting then please ask to use something from the box.

By-the-By

A lot has happened since the last newsletter and I seem to have missed much of it with visiting family etc.

The trip to the Festival of Quilts went very well although there is never enough time to see everything.

Two of our members not only submitted competition quilts but also won prizes!!

Marianne entered one in the Art Quilts category which had a lot of experimental work on it—the sort of things she showed us at a recent workshop—with a nature theme in delicate blues and greys. (I am sorry but I do not have a picture).

Also Nicole, who is a member although she has now moved to Cornwall, entered a quilt in the novice category. She has become very proficient at using a long arm machine to do the quilting.

August Meeting

This was a social evening to which many members contributed some delicious food.

Wash Common Show

The club had a display at this event at Falkland Cricket Club in order to promote the group and to sell raffle tickets.

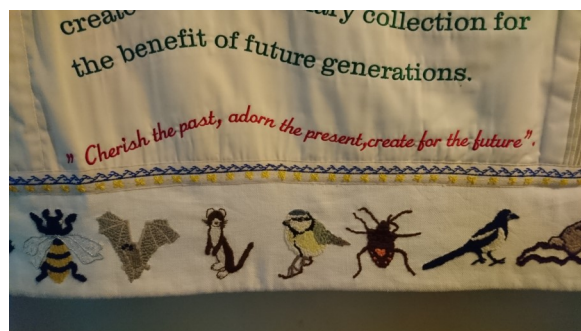
More help was really needed as there was a stall outside as well as a display inside the building. Many thanks to those members—and their husbands- who made this a successful fund raising event.

If it happens again then more volunteers will be needed.

Out and About

During my travels I have come across some textile treasures.

We broke our journey north at a National Trust property called Gawthorpe Hall near Manchester. Not only is this an interesting early seventeenth century building but it also houses a world textile collection only a fraction of which is on display. They also work with local textile artists and this slogan caught my eye as a justification for all of the lovely work that we produce



An artist had produced a series of quilted pictures of bonnets as worn by members of the household from scullery maid to mistress. Each includes words of wisdom..

This sun bonnet includes 'lemon juice will help to remove unsightly freckles' and 'an infusion of chamomile is ideal to soothe sunburn'.

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Forthcoming Events

National Needlework Archive

July 5th– Dec 8th

Lace collars and lacemaking equipment

Nov 15th —Dec 8th

Quilts by Sheila Wells

Nov1st—Dec 8th

Christmas textiles from the collection

Willis Museum Basingstoke

Sep 9th—Nov 16th

Infinite Beauty—varied exhibition of art inspired by nature during the last 100years.

Westbury Manor

!7th Sept—!3th Nov

Textiles and mixed media

Museum of the Iron Age Andover

Nov 2nd—Jan 8th

The Alchemist's Needle—textiles and mixed media

Fashion and Textile Museum London

Sept 23rd—Mar 12th

The Power of Pattern—Kaffe Fassett

Malvern Autumn Quilt Festival

Oct 21st—23rd

Mencap Fabric Fair

Re-scheduled for Feb 2023 and hopefully will become an annual event. Kennet Centre Newbury

This will raise money for local Mencap and will include both

Doughty Fabrics and Barnyarns as well as demonstrations and workshops.

Amazing what you find when doing a search! If you hear of any exhibitions, events or workshops that you think others might like to know about please send me an email and I will include it in the next newsletter.

Local Suppliers

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

Andover —www.quiltersdream.co.uk

- www.newthreads.com

Basingstoke —www.purple-stitches.com

Wallingford - www.villagefabrics.co.uk

Henley - www.ladysewandsew.com

Great Shefford—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

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.

