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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

A decision will be made about who will take on the roles of Chair and Secretary.

Since the AGM two members have come forward who are prepared to be Chair so an online vote has been arranged.

We will review the exhibition and ask for helpful comments and suggestions for staging the next one.

The rest of the evening will be for socialising so please bring some hand sewing and if you have been trying out a new technique or have found anything which might be of interest to other members please share your discoveries with everybody.

October Meeting and AGM

Geraldine opened the meeting by thanking Gail and Sue for their help in preparing samples and demonstrations for the activities during the year.

She also thanked Pauline for her secretarial work in a post which she has held for eight years.

She thanked the sub-committee for all the organisation for the imminent exhibition—Sherry and Tina for catering supplies; Sandra for sorting the work for the sales table; Linda for the quilt labels and her husband John for masterminding the layout; Cat and Caroline for their publicity work and the rest of the committee for their contribution at meetings.

During the year outings had been arranged to the Malvern Spring Quilt Show and the Festival of Quilts in Birmingham. The Club again had a promotional stall at the Wash Common Show and an enjoyable Social Gathering was held in August.

Teresa gave the treasurers report. The club has 46 members and there is an average attendance at meetings of 21.

The accounts were still being audited but at the end of July the Club held £5,768.

It was therefore decided that the annual subs be re-introduced at £30pa but that there would be no extra payment for attendance at each meeting.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque or payed online. If you pay directly to the bank can you please send an email to Teresa saying that you have done so.

Geraldine then confirmed that she would be standing down as Chair and that Pauline would no longer be the Secretary. She asked for members to take on these roles and there were no volunteers.....

Three members offered to be on the committee—Sarah, Linda, Sue C and Cat so a meeting date was arranged.

Geraldine, Pauline and Gail were presented with a bouquet of flowers to thank them for their hard work.

The AGM was closed and the meeting continued.

2022 Exhibition at Newbury College



The exhibition was a great success! Geraldine thanked everybody who had helped to make it so.

There were 350 paying visitors so despite the cost of hiring this larger venue a slight profit was made.

The staff at Newbury College were very accommodating and helpful throughout. The exhibition was opened by Iain Wollff the principal who was very appreciative of the work on show as his wife was a needlewoman and his mother had been a tailoress. He stressed the need to pass on skills and enthusiasm to the next generation.

Linda's husband, John, was able to give expert advice on the use of the space and the layout of the stands. It was realised that some members had made quilts which were too large to be displayed on our stands—fortunately we were able to hire some from Ridgeway Quilters



rather than having to make some more. Along with a team of willing husbands he supervised the hanging of all the 110 quilts.

The work of 32 members was hung—the number, size, and complexity of the quilts probably reflected the time allowed by lockdown and the extra two years since the last exhibition in 2017. Marianne and Gail had the task of curating the quilts once they had been dropped off.

One visitor commented that there were more quilts on display than at the Autumn Malvern Show!



The raffle quilt was won by member Maureen Slade and the playmat by visitor P. Lawrence. There were 26 prizes in total so there were many happy prizewinners and £1,100 will be sent to the charity Time to Talk.



Tina supervised the running of the refreshments along with Sherri, Sarah and a rota of volunteers. They made about £700 and the visitors were very appreciative of the home-made cakes.

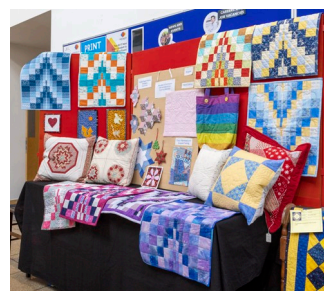
Sandra set up and ran the sales table with her team of helpers and they too made a good profit.

Teresa had responsibility for the money so was busy all weekend. She had organised match funding by Greenham Common Trust which helped to cover the costs.

Cat had her own stall in the sales area and was pleased to sell quite a few quilts. The other traders—Village Fabrics, Purple Stitches and Running Chicken all had profitable days.

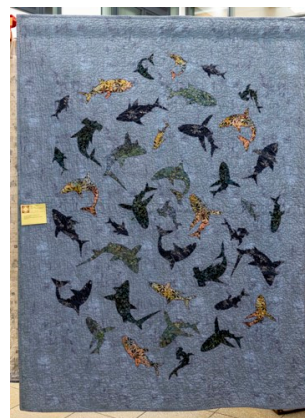
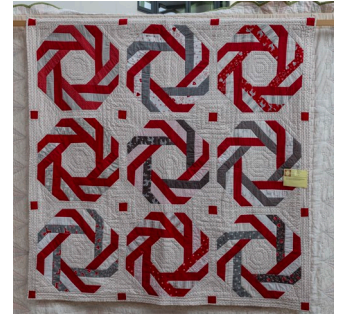
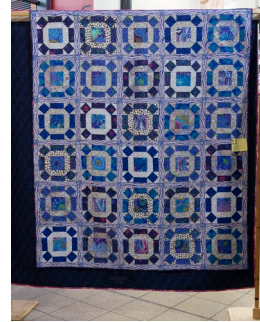
Newbury Creative Stitchers—to which many of the MSQ members also belong—had a display and a sale of work. They were very pleased with the sale of cards and other donated goods.

There were small displays of other work which had been made at various workshops. In particular was the selection of Bargello premmie quilts organised by Sue C.



A meeting was held a week later to review the exhibition and Geraldine is compiling a file of information and advice for next time—on the understanding that she will not be running it!!

Particular thanks must also go to Geraldine's husband John who is a photographer. He recorded all of the quilts hung and I will include a random selection. All of the quilts can be viewed on the website.



Forthcoming Events

National Needlework Archive

July 5th– Dec 8th

Lace collars and lacemaking equipment

Nov 15th —Dec 8th

Quilts by Sheila Wells

Nov 1st—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 100 years.

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

Farnham Maltings Sale

Jan 15th 9am—4pm

£8 entry but £5 after 1pm

This is a good opportunity for buying quantities of half price fabric!

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 Barnyards 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

Nicole Rollo 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 Devon 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.

