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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 meeting on **December 14th** is the Christmas social.

For Show and Tell please bring anything Christmas related which you have made either recently or in the past.

Food contributions, both sweet and savoury can be brought and drinks will be provided.

Please also bring a contribution for the Food Bank. It was agreed that this would be instead of bringing a wrapped fat quarter this year.

Sandra has devised a quiz for us .



November Meeting

Our new Chairperson, Sue, opened the meeting.

She gave thanks to Geraldine for guiding the Club through Zoom meetings during the pandemic and then for masterminding the exhibition and said that “she was quite and act to follow”.

Sue introduced the committee and later in the meeting asked those present to introduce themselves and give one sentence on ‘what quilting means to them’. This was a way of helping us all to remember names

Sue praised Sue D (who has now moved to Swindon) for all the preparation work she had put into the exhibition which did not go ahead in 2020. It formed a great starting point for the new exhibition sub-committee. Sue D had sent a letter congratulating MSQ for such a wonderful show which was read out. There was also a letter of thanks from Newbury Creative Stitchers along with a 20% contribution from the takings on their sales table.

Teresa then gave a report on the financial side of the exhibition. The income was £4,740 and the expenditure was £3,874. A small profit was made but without the support of Greenham Common Trust this would have been a loss of just under £300. However the venue itself was £2,000 and we are able to send £1,100 to Time to Talk from the raffle.

The money for Time to Talk will be handed over this week as they also have a match funding scheme for Christmas— meaning that they will actually receive £2,200 from our efforts.



Exhibition Review

Sue reported on some of the outcomes/learning points for next time...

We were lucky to be able to hire some large quilt stands from another group or some of the largest quilts could not have been hung.

The quilt stands are stored in a loft but in order to keep them clean they will need calico bags making for them in the near future.

Dismantling the exhibition was done more quickly than expected but it was felt that more care should have been taken i.e. wearing gloves and making sure the quilts did not drag on the floor.

Only one quilt needs to be made for the main raffle as we do not gain financially by having two.

The raffle draw could be done more professionally.

The presentation of the sales table could be better as it was very flat.

More demonstrations of techniques would be popular with the public.

More examples of work from various workshops would add interest.

Ways of getting more people to sign the comments book were discussed.

There was praise for the running of the refreshments and for the home-made cakes. More tables would have been useful as people liked to sit and chat for a while.

How soon to hold the next exhibition was raised. In three years the Club will have been running for 25 years but we could not expect as many quilts to be made so could we fill such a large venue again? It could be four or five years between exhibitions...

All agreed that the venue was about perfect but it was also very expensive to hire so we may need to look elsewhere.

It was suggested that there be another discussion in May so that a sub-committee could start making plans.

Sue said that she had enjoyed having time to talk to members whilst at the exhibition and being able to see the work more closely. She said that there was a very sociable atmosphere and it was good to meet likeminded visitors from other areas.

The winning raffle quilt was presented to Maureen at the meeting.



Programme for 2023

The meetings and workshops have not been finalised yet so Sue asked for ideas from the group. As the cost of visiting speakers is increasing she wondered about having Zoom speakers. It is possible that we could use the large screen in the hall so that we could all still be together at a monthly meeting.

Dates for SOS days will probably be March 4th; June 3rd; October 2nd or 9th—however.....

It was agreed that the lighting in the hall is not really adequate for Saturday workshops. The size also limits numbers so those attending are paying more in order to cover the costs. Other halls will be investigated - suggestions being Chieveley and Woolhampton.

A show of hands indicated that members would like organised outings to Malvern in the Spring and to the Festival of Quilts in the Summer so costs will be calculated.

Use of the internet was raised by Cat. Her son is investigating website security. However, she was able to report that between 700 and 1,000 people a month are accessing the site on Facebook so it is worth continuing. If a Google search is done for Newbury Quilting then our site comes up so new people to the area or the craft can find information. If anybody has a family member who is interested or willing to improve the site then please get in touch with Cat.

It was suggested that one workshop could aim to help people to make a quilted jacket. Hands raised showed that this would be a popular choice.

Caroline suggested a group project to make a quilt marking her coronation. Some ideas will be put together for the January meeting.

January will be Drunkards path blocks

February will be a Shibori demonstration

March will be UFO's or anything you need help or inspiration with.

April will be log cabin and variations

This has all got to be finalised and the diary will be handed out at the January meeting.

There is usually a bi-annual Club Day in October with speakers/workshop to which other clubs are invited but this has still to be arranged.

The SOS workshop on March 4th will be on Seminole piecing led by Sue C .

An example of Seminole work -these cushions were seen at an exhibition in Abingdon from a workshop led by Julie Ingram Johnson



Show and Tell

Kirsty was the only person who had things to show.



This cushion was made through an online workshop with Stitched Up by Samantha and uses free motion applique.



This block was made through an online workshop called Papper Sax Sten, run by a Swedish designer who makes bold modern quilts.

Kirsty also mentioned a modern maker in Hartley Witney, Jo Westfoot who runs workshops under the name of The Crafty Nomad. She has books and online courses—in particular teaching free motion quilting.

Increasingly new ideas are being presented online it would seem. For our Club this means that we are not paying travelling expenses or having to organise accommodation for visiting speakers. Although most would agree that it is better to see people in the flesh it does mean that we can keep costs down and could be taught by experts from anywhere in the world. We will see how it goes over the next few years.....

Name Badges

Sue and the committee are trying to learn the names of the members so we are introducing a new idea. From January anybody who arrives at the meeting wearing their name badge will be given a raffle ticket for free. This is separate from the normal door raffle.

The door raffle is now going to be self funding so the more tickets which are sold the better the prize can be! As we no longer have to pay a monthly fee it is hoped that some people might buy more than one ticket.....

Mug Rugs

There are still some left. The ones which were not sold at the exhibition were put out at the meeting so that if the makers wanted to take them back to use themselves they could. Geraldine asked whether some of the remaining ones could go to a fundraising sale at a local nursing home and this was agreed.

Fabric Sale

Jean brought a lot of fabric which she has offered to try and sell for a friend. The friend has a lifetime's stash of various fabrics but she can no longer sew through illness and is trying to raise some money to help to pay for care. There may well be more at future meetings .

Sorry, nothing to fill this space so please feel free to send me information to pass on to others through the newsletters....

Forthcoming Events

Shaw House Newbury

Dec 4th Christmas Craft Fair 10—3

Whitchurch Silk Mill

Nov 26th—Mar 26th

Art Textiles by the Machine Embroidery Group

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

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

Rescheduled 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

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.

