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# Market Square Quilters

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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 May meeting will be a demonstration of the log cabin technique with all its variations along with the usual Show and Tell.

This is after the Malvern Show and before the Chieveley workshop on jackets.

The August meeting will include a Bring and Buy sale.

## Sewing Sisters

Thursday May 11th at St Mary's Hall Greenham RG19 8RZ

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.

## Workshops

### **Saturday June 3rd Chieveley Village Hall**

This will be mainly concerned with quilted jackets for those who are embarking on this project. Some members will have chosen a pattern and patched some fabric but help will be given to make a start or to cut it out, fit it and stitch it together—whatever is needed.

You can also come and sit and sew. The cost will be £10 for members to cover the hire of the hall or £12 for non-members if you know anybody else who would like to come along, there is plenty of space. Drinks and biscuits are provided but bring a mug if you want more than a teacup of drink and your own lunch.

## Outings

**Friday May 19th Malvern Show.** If you have not done already please let Teresa know by email whether you would like to be picked up at Newbury Wharf at 8.30 or Chieveley Village Hall at 8.45. The bus will leave promptly.

**Friday August 4th Festival of Quilts.** Places are still available on this coach for family, friends and people from other groups. £15 deposits are now being collected.

## April Meeting

The meeting was led by Teresa in Sue's absence. She welcomed everybody and introduced our speaker, Lillian King from The Linus Project. MSQ is making a donation of £50 to this organisation and there was a collection pot for members to make individual donations. Lillian came to our exhibition in October to promote the charity and was astounded at the quality and the amount of work on display.

Before her talk we quickly ran through the business items and had our Show and Tell.



Linda had made two cushions using the Seminole technique.

Sarah showed us a bright quilt which used the drunkards path block to form circles.



Julie had made a large quilt using mainly scraps and the Quilt as you Go method to make her blocks which are then joined with sashing.



Cat showed another variation of drunkards path which had been enhanced with smaller applique circles.



There were a lot of donations of preemie quilts. Sue C had sent in quite a few and there were others from Janice, Tina and Judith.

Mary had made one using the drunkards path design.



Jane had fussy cut a Beatrix Potter fabric for hers.



## Project Linus UK

Lillian told us about the establishment of the organisation. It was begun in America in 1995 to provide comfort blankets to children.

It spread to the UK in 2000 and now hundreds of quilts have been donated to provide security and comfort to distressed children from 0 to 18.

‘A quilt is a hug you can keep’ is the ethos.

It is named after the character permanently seen with his comfort blanket in the Peanuts cartoon. Charles Schultz gave his permission for the project to be named after Linus.

Lillian has been the area co-ordinator for Berkshire for ten years. She liaises with quiltmakers and local organisations who contact her if they feel they know a child who would benefit. In 2020 she received 650 quilts and she has distributed nearly 6,000 so far.

They have gone to local hospitals; hospices; women’s refuges; foster carers; Social Services; Special Schools and nurturing rooms in mainstream schools; bereavement services and more recently to refugees.

Lillian speaks with workers to explain why the quilts are being given—they are made with love by quilters to bring some comfort to strangers in need. They cannot be sold or raffled, they must go directly to a child and it is theirs to keep.

Geraldine has agreed to collect any larger quilts from our group and pass them on to Lillian. Kirsty takes the premmie quilts to North Hampshire hospital for us.

Sarah T has a new long arm quilt machine and she will baste quilts for members for free as a way of practicing her skills.

Pat Bu brings a suitcase of fabrics to each meeting which contains donated fabrics with which to make quilts or premmies for Linus. The club also has polyester wadding which can be used.

The quilts can be any design but should be bright and cheerful.

They should be washable and not have any embellishments such as buttons, beads or ribbons which could be swallowed.

They must be washable but can be made with wadding or with a fleece backing.

premie quilts 16"x20"

Cot quilts 30"x40" approx

Cuddle quilts 40"x60" approx.

Single bed size for teenagers

Each one will have a label

**"Made with Tender Loving Care For Project Linus UK"**

Unwanted fabric can also be donated directly to project Linus

projectlinusberkshire@gmail.com

The organisation is 100% volunteer led and non-profit making so they rely upon donations.



## Coronation Quilt



These are some of the lovely redwork crown blocks which were handed in at the meeting.

The second block was given out and many different members are stitching these.



It would good to have all the blocks returned at the May meeting but the final date for receiving them is the 3rd June at the Chieveley SOS .

It may be too late to show it as a group project at the FOQ but I will investigate other exhibitions it could be displayed at this year.

## **Quilters Guild**

Some members belong to Region 6 which covers Oxfordshire and Berkshire whilst others belong to Region 3 which covers Hampshire. We therefore get information from both areas which we are able to pass on to MSQ members.

If you are making a quilt and there is a story to tell of why you chose it, who it is for, what fabrics or techniques you are using etc. Reg 3 would be interested in receiving a paragraph or two about it.

## **Podcasts**

An article which appeared in February edition of Southern Star (Reg 3) is promoting the use of podcasts.

The writer likes to listen to them whilst doing some handsewing and points out that they can be paused at any time if you get interrupted. They are usually free and recommended sites are

Haptic and Hue—various fabric related articles

quiltingdaily.com

Torn—a BBC series with Gus Casely-Hayford

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Buttercross Quilters**

June 2—3rd Exhibition

Witney Oxfordshire

### **National Needlework Archive**

March 2nd—May 4th—**Pollinators**

Embroidered butterflies by Stitching Botanical

May 16th—June 13th—**I Am Not Invisible**

Thread painting portraits of disadvantaged people by

Aran Illingworth

### **The Base Greenham**

May 6—29th—Insight Exhibition (free)

A sample of the work of each artist taking part in Open Studios. There is a programme of when each studio can be visited and other exhibitions in the area.

### **Romsey Quilters Exhibition**

July 1—16th Exhibition in Romsey Abbey

July 9th Fabric Fiesta—workshops, traders etc.

I was very impressed with the standard of work when I last saw this exhibition and the setting in the abbey is magnificent.

### **Bristol Quiltfest**

June 1—3rd—Redland Hall BS93AW

## **V & A**

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

Mar 31st—Sept 10th Andy Warhol Textiles

### **Royal School of Needlework**

It is worth checking this programme of events and workshops if you enjoy other forms of needlecraft.

May 10th a Zoom talk 7—8.30pm by the director on Coronations of the twentieth century for which the RSN have made items.

June 14th a Zoom talk on the textiles of Canterbury Cathedral.

### **Quilters Guild**

May 20th—AGM online

May 13th—Region 7—Mimram Quilters exhibition, Datchworth Hertfordshire.

June 1—3rd Region 5—Bristol Quiltfest

### **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)

*Viv is just celebrating 10 years of trading!*

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)

Long arm quilting -[www.nicolerolloquilting.co.uk](http://www.nicolerolloquilting.co.uk)

### **Textile courses and workshops**

Many of the above shops also do courses. Lady Sew and Sew has just advertised some new ones.

These are some new ones I saw in the Reg 3 magazine

InStitches—Wokingham

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

Sewcreative—Petersfield

[www.sewcreative.org.uk](http://www.sewcreative.org.uk)

