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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

This will be our Summer social at St Francis. Traditionally it has been called a pudding party but it will now include savoury snacks as well so that it can be more of a meal for those who want it.

It will be a busy meeting as we have a suitcase of quilt samples from the Guild to look at (with gloves!).

Also I will bring the Club Library for the exchange and borrowing of books—would as many members as possible please take five books home so that there is less for me to store and carry. These will be recorded so that we know who has which books in case another member is looking for one.

The meeting will include a Bring and Buy sale. Please price your items and provide a named pot for your takings or you can donate the money to the Club.

Sewing Sisters

Thursday August 10th 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.

Newsletters

These will now only be sent out four times a year as we seem to be duplicating information. We have the business notes of each meeting from Linda plus the website and facebook pages.

Workshops

Saturday October 14th at Woolhampton Village Hall

A workshop with Jennie Rayment titled Scrapy Zappy DO.

Check her website for her style of work
www.jennierayment.com

Cost £30 with £10 deposit asap to Teresa.

August 4th Festival of Quilts.

We are sharing a coach with a group from Basingstoke. It will leave from Chieveley Village Hall at 8.00am promptly and will leave the NEC at 4pm so we should be back around 6pm.

N.B. no pick up from Newbury Wharf

June Meeting

We had a big treat with a talk by Janet Clare. She is a renowned quilter, teacher and designer who is so successful that her husband has now joined her in running the business.

Her talk was titled 'She believed she could do it—and so she did' which sums up her positive attitude. She has a textile degree from Winchester where she specialised in children's knitwear designs.

By the time she had two boys of her own she was struggling to find time for her work and she was inspired to wear an apron to symbolise to the family that she was working. This Artisan Apron is now a popular pattern which she sells through an Etsy shop. It is appliqued and embroidered with motivational messages and images of things which she loves.



Before long she was spotted at a show by an agent for Moda fabrics. She was asked to design a swatch of twelve designs on a predicted trend. At this point her designs were anonymous.

She was also asked to do a screen test for Create and Craft television and has a show about once a month.

By this time Tony had joined her with a title of Chief of Everything or Head of Possibilities as he worked on promoting the business.

They now produce two ranges of fabric per year for Moda and have fifteen ranges. These are mostly in natural muted shades of blue and green.

They are given five yard samples of the fabric from which to work out a quilt design. Janet makes the tops—the flimsies—using EQ8 computer programme to help with the design. She then delegates to a sewer, Pippa, to complete the quilt. Another member of the team is Tessa who cuts out and ships quilt kits.

Today's Quilter recently featured their Spoonrift design.

Janet's website is www.janetclare.co.uk if you want to know more.

There is an email club which sends out downloads of Block of the Month designs.

She runs workshops and is based in Farnborough.

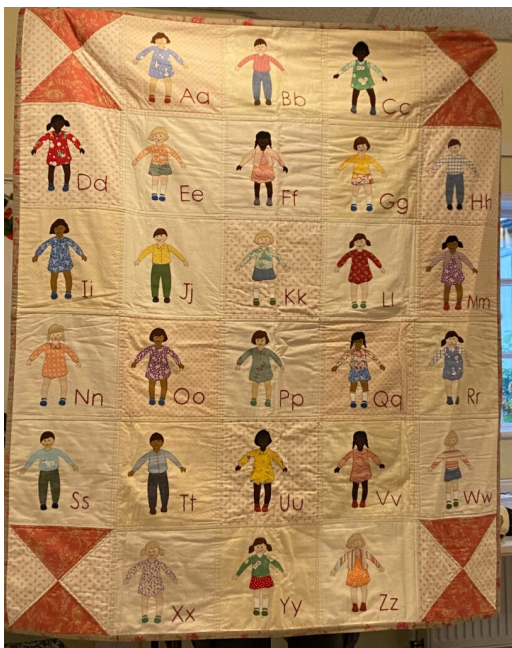
Show and Tell—July

Cat has sent me some pictures as I was not able to be there.

'Throw your dreams ahead of you and walk towards them' is one of her mantras.

One of her dreams was to write a book so she worked together with a graphic designer and a publisher to self publish a book about her work. She now has five...

The first was about her images of dressing dolls—the paper ones with tabs—which she worked in applique with two characters Freya and Fred.



The second was called Hearty Good Wishes and was inspired by the Kent seaside.

The third was a Field Guide which focuses on the nature all around us inspired by a school nature table or a Cabinet of Curiosities—feathers, eggs, leaves, seeds etc.

Janet said that it helped enormously to find a title as a focus for an idea and then to work out a colour palette to go with this.



This is a 555 Quilt by Mary. It looks a perfect pattern for scrap-busting!

Cat has completed her quilted jacket..





A log cabin by Teresa.



A large William Morris fabrics quilt by Sue



Gail showed a wallhanging which she had displayed at the recent exhibition at Greenham Control Tower. She has great skill in portraying winter scenes. This shows the gate pillars at Hampstead Marshall which are about all that remains of a great house on the site.

A lovely piece by

Geraldine

which was shown at the same exhibition.



And two jolly cat quilts by Sarah.



Linus Quilts

Following our talk by Lillian King we have now heard that some of the donated quilts have been distributed to local refugees.

Here are two of the premmies which were donated at the July meeting.



Sonia has had fun experimenting with printing and embroidery techniques for her wallhanging.

By the By

Coronation quilt



This is coming together and I will bring it to the August meeting. If anybody is interested in doing some hand quilting please ask me.

Romsey Quilt Show was a treat with quilts displayed in the Abbey.

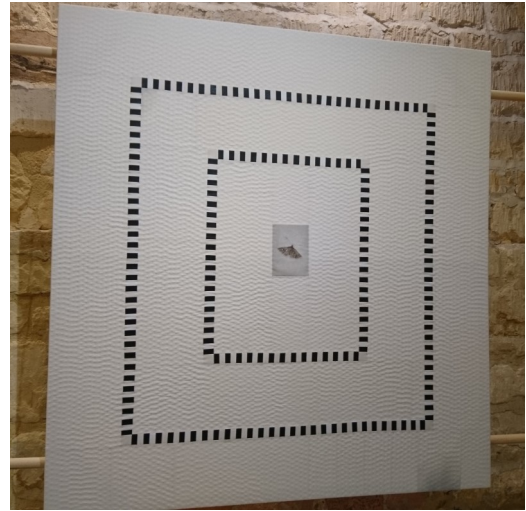


There appears to be a strong link with local stitchers as there were many examples of permanent pieces within the abbey such as these pieced, quilted and embroidered altar frontal, copes and stoles.



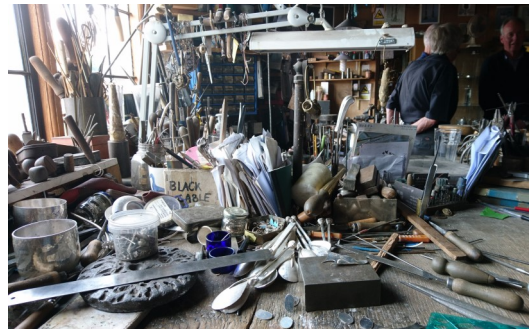
I managed to go on a busy day as there was a choir festival on at the same time so the abbey was thronged with people—and lovely music. Quite hard to take quilt photos though.....

Chipping Camden has a small museum, Court Barn, which celebrates craftsmanship. One of the many beautiful things I saw was a simple but effective quilt which framed an image of a moth.



It is by textile artist Abigail Booth and is part of a mixed exhibition called Material Matters which is on until 3rd September .

The Cotswolds is a beautiful area full of craftsmanship at every turn, be it gardens, buildings, food and drink or art. The most fascinating workshop I came across was in an old silk mill where Harts silversmiths has changed little in the last 100 years.



Doughtys

I was recently in Hereford and had to make a pilgrimage to Doughtys Fabric. I have never seen so much quilting fabric in one place—this is only one aisle. Of course, my mind went blank as to what I needed and I came away with one FQ of Christmas fabric!



At least I know where it is now and can be more organised next time.

Forthcoming Events

Region 6

Sept 23rd—SOS at Theale Village Hall.

This UFO day has been specially arranged for members at this end of the county to socialise. 10am—3.30pm

QG members free, non-members £10. U18's free.

Booking— berkshire@quiltersguild.org.uk

October 14th—Regional Day

Abbey Quilters Abingdon

Sept 5th—talk by Ticia Lever 'My Passion for Textiles'

Cost £5 10am start

Wessex Quiltmakers Winchester

Sept 30th exhibition

Project Linus UK Witney

Sept 29-30th—exhibition of Christmas quilts

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.

Quilters Guild

The Loft talks online

www.facebook.com/groups/theloftquiltersguild

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

Long arm quilting -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

Sewcreative—Petersfield

www.sewcreative.org.uk

