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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 25th** meeting will be our AGM when subs will be due for next year.

For something completely different and as it is near Halloween we will be entertained with a Quilting Ghost Story set in the sewing room.....

**N.B. The meeting will begin at 6.30**

On **November 22nd** we will be having a go at making some Christmas decorations

On **December 13th (N.B. earlier in the month than usual)** we will have our Christmas social evening. Please bring your covered sketch book if you are taking part in the Christmas Challenge.

## Sewing Sisters

Thursday on Oct 12th, Nov 9th, and Dec 14th 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 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](http://www.jennierayment.com)

There may still be places available, cost £30, get in touch with Sue or Teresa if you would like to join in.

## August 4th Festival of Quilts.

With thanks to the Basingstoke Quilters who arranged for us to share the cost of a coach to the NEC we were able to have another enjoyable outing this year.

This 20th anniversary exhibition was as incredible as ever with quilts from many countries on show.

There were two new categories for entries this year— Sustainable Quilts and also an unjudged category, For the Joy of Sharing, which gave opportunities for quilters who wanted an opportunity to show work they were pleased with without having to worry about meeting all the standards for judging. Maybe this will encourage some of our members to enter their quilts another year?

A detail from a prizewinning quilt by Linzi Upton inspired by some sari fabric. The colour and glitter was quite joyful.



There were some very unconventional exhibits too—how about these shoes by Fiona Johnstone



Or stitched Welsh slate by artist Clyde Oliver.



## August Meeting

This was our Summer Social and the doors and windows had to be flung open at St Francis because the evening was so hot.

There was a delicious variety of savoury and sweet finger foods for us all to enjoy.

Our sticky fingers had to be kept well away from the historic Textile Treasures which came in a suitcase from The Quilters Guild. Sue had kindly arranged for the group to borrow these samples. They were held up and a script accompanying each one was read out telling the story behind each one.



This was EPP hexagons made about 1800-1820. It shows the type of printed fabrics available at the time, many of which would have been saved from an even earlier date.

Another was a typical North Country quilt hand stitched in the 1920's-1930's using traditional patterns. It is made from viscose, an early man-made fabric with a sheen which shows up the pattern beautifully.



Also from this period a Medallion log cabin made by Alice Stagg. She ran a tailoring business in Tiverton and she has used scraps of a wide variety of dressmaking fabrics in her quilt.



Members were able to handle these quilts afterwards wearing the gloves provided to protect the old fabrics.

There is a group within the Quilters Guild who specialise in researching the history of the quilts in the collection. They can usually be roughly dated by the fabrics used but most of the quilts in this suitcase have some personal information about the makers too. There are other suitcases of samples which can be borrowed from the Guild so maybe we can have a different one at another event.

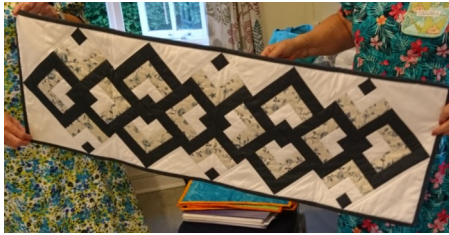


## Show and Tell

There were premmie quilt donations from Sue L, Teresa, Jan and Janice.



and a table runner by Teresa?



## September meeting

Unfortunately I was not able to attend but Teresa took some photographs during Show and Tell.

Apologies for not having details of the makers.



Some of the completed quilted jackets were modelled by their makers,



some premmies,



and a colourful modern finale!

## AGM November

The present committee is happy to continue but there is room for more if anybody else would like to be involved.

Teresa, our treasurer is only going to be on for one more year so if anybody feels able to take on the role and would like to shadow her for a year to learn the ropes please let her know.



## By the By

### **Coronation Quilt**

This is having some hand quilting done so will soon be ready for binding.

At the October meeting I will try and finalise the details for making the label so please check that your name is on the list if you made any of the blocks for this project.

### **Quilt Library**

This will be brought to the meeting in January when a decision will be made about what to do with the books as there are still too many to be stored by one person.

### **Newbury Stitch Fair**

The second stitch fair in aid of Mencap is being held on November 10th and 11th in the Kennet Centre and St. Nicholas Hall.

It will be bigger and better than the first with workshops and demonstrations as well as traders such as Doughty's Fabrics, Brian Best's wools, Village fabrics and Geoff Rosenberg dressmaking fabrics.

For more details go to

[wbmencap.org/newburystitchfair.co.uk](http://wbmencap.org/newburystitchfair.co.uk)

**MSQ have a stand so volunteers to steward will be needed. Please get in touch with Sue C asap. Two people per two hour slot from 10am—4pm please.**

We still have mug rugs which will be sold for Mencap but if you have any other items which could be sold for a small amount please let Sue know.

### **Items for Sale**



**For Sale: Sizzix Big Shot** shape cutting and embossing machine with over £100 worth of dies, including triangles, drunkard's path, Dresden plates and squares. Extension platform allows cutting of larger dies. Cuts multiple layers of fabric easily and accurately. Machine retails at around £100 new.

Price £80 ono for the whole lot.

Cat 07584411728

## **Region 6 SOS at Theale**

Three of our members were able to attend and they had a good day. It was interesting to meet members from other groups and make some connections.

Apparently there was some very impressive modern work being done there.

The **Oxford Regional Day** is on 14th October at Wootton. The speaker is Gilly Mac and she will do a workshop in the afternoon. Cost £15 mem £25 non-mem of the Guild.

[events\\_reg6@quiltersguild.org.uk](mailto:events_reg6@quiltersguild.org.uk) to book

The Guild has a series of online talks through the Loft. The next one is on October 14th and is about Next Level Machine Quilting.

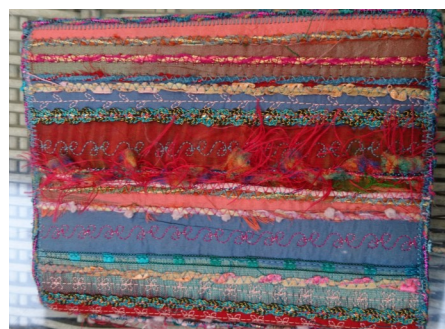
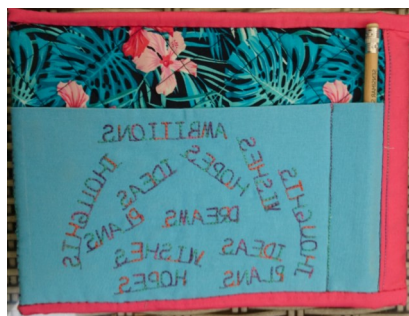
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## **Christmas Challenge**

All members have been given a sketch book with a hard cover. This is to record ideas, sketches, photos etc.

The challenge is to make a cover for the book and bring it along to the Christmas meeting.

Here are a few ideas but the wonderful thing about a challenge is that everybody will do something different....



## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Region 6**

October 14th—Regional Day

Talk and workshop with Gilly Mac

### **Newbury Stitch Fair**

Nov 11th—12th—Kennet Centre

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

Sept 29th—March 3rd

Boys Dress 1760—1930

Propaganda Textiles , French Revolution to Brexit

### **The Base**

Nov 22nd—Jan 4th Newbury Creative Stitchers exhibition

The Natural World

### **National Needlework Archive**

Oct 10—Dec 7th

Twentieth Century Domestic Needlework exhibition

### **Royal School of Needlework**

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

### **Quilters Guild**

Check out The Loft talks online

Oct 14th—machine Quilting

[www.facebook.com/groups/theloftquiltersguild](http://www.facebook.com/groups/theloftquiltersguild)

### **Discover Bucks Museum Aylesbury**

400 Years of Embroidered Flowers exhibition

### **Avebury Manor**

There is a small exhibition of textiles which have been made by a group of volunteers. There is also information about needlework which would have been made over the generations by women who lived and worked in the Manor.

The picture is of a beautifully made reproduction Tudor dress



## **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)

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)