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TODAY'S MEETING – OPEN DAY

Thank you to our hostesses:
Brooke, Grove and Drunkard's Path

Today's Traders:

Karry Dot Com, Maggie Kingston, Smart Frog
Little Lavender Patch and Puddleducks

Morning Speaker: Margaret Walter

Talk: Me and My Quilts

Afternoon Speaker: Barbara Weeks

Talk: Contemporary or Innovative....? Art or Traditional?

Please note that the afternoon session starts at 1.00pm. Please factor in the start time if you decide to go off-site for your lunch! The nearest place to purchase a sandwich etc. is the new Sainsbury's outlet at the Cricket Club (access on Old Dover Road).

WORKSHOP – Sunday 23 September Trapping Colour, Catching Light

A hands-on fun workshop for all levels, Create felt, incorporating wool and lustrous silk fibres and use silk sheers to create overlays of colour and pattern and stitch the layers, by hand or machine. To see if any vacancies remain please speak to Stephanie Blunt. Further details may be seen on our website at www.oastquilters.co.uk

REMINDER!

“Kent – the Garden of England”



...is the challenge for 2012

There is a maximum dimension of no more than 40” along one edge (which means that the item must not be larger than 40” square). You have to make your item (which has to have three layers, connected with stitch) in time for the AGM on 1 December 2012. Please complete and submit an entry form.

Young Oast

Our June meeting for Beach Huts and Bunting was a great day; the sun shone, everybody worked hard and excellent results were achieved.

Next meeting is Sat. 3rd November at Hythe Bay School in the Training Room. The theme is **Christmas Workshop and Festive Fare**. If any members have Christmas fabrics or trimmings to spare we would be glad to put them to good use. Please add your name to the list on the Notice Board if you would like details of requirements for the day.
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Oast Showcase - 31st May to 2nd June 2013 First Showcase Committee Meeting Saturday 29 September 2012

Thank you very much to everyone who has already volunteered their services for some of the many necessary Showcase tasks. We now need to work on the plans for the event and I should like to invite anyone interested in working with me as part of the exhibition committee to an inaugural meeting. It will be at my house, Sunny Cottage, Canterbury Road, Lyminge from 10.00am on Saturday 29 September. If you don't know where to come, I'm happy to be phoned on 01303 863197 or email liz.coleman@virgin.net. Parking is best in the main village car park near the Post Office, but if walking is a problem it is probably possible to park close to the back of our house. If, after this meeting, people find Lyminge inconvenient and would rather meet elsewhere I should be happy to fall in with the majority.

Members' Table

To remind you, members are entitled to book a table at Oast Meetings in order to sell off unwanted quilt-related items (what is your trash may be someone else's treasure!). The cost is 10% of your takings up to £10 maximum.

Oast Indies

If you are an independent member and you have an email address – but you don't currently receive occasional emails from Liz – please ping her an email on liz.coleman@virgin.net and then you will be added to the mailing list to receive; information updates, copies of the minutes of the committee meetings and alerts if any meeting was to be cancelled owing to adverse weather problems.

'In-House' Workshops

These have not proved to be as popular as we had hoped and regrettably we have had to cancel a number of them due to lack of interest. We have decided to give the workshops a rest for the time being and the last one will take place on **Saturday 10th November** when Sharyn Hutchings will be guiding you through Double-sided log-cabin (quilt-as-you-go).

For further information, please see the website or speak to Sharyn Hutchings on 01227 791856 or email: s.hutchings856@btinternet.com

Instead.....!!

Ingrid Hudson has volunteered to lead UFO days and Beginners' Workshops. Hopefully these will start in February 2013. There will be more details to follow.

The Pat Barry Bursary

At the recent Oast Quilters' Committee meeting the Chairman advised that the husband of the late Pat Barry, an independent member, had advised that she had won a bursary and had not used it, so he wished to return it and add to it in her memory. The Committee agreed that it would name the first bursary to be awarded, 'The Pat Barry Bursary'.

Oast Quilters Committee

Both the Treasurer's and Vice Chairman's term of office end in December. Neither role is too onerous – honest! You do not have to be an existing member of the Committee to undertake either role – and it is a good way of 'giving back' to Oast Quilters if you can volunteer a little of your time in this way. For more information about either role, please contact the Chairman, Jenny Hoyle.

And.....

Would anyone like to volunteer to run the 'Corners' meeting in January? Jenny (who's the expert!) would be delighted to explain what is necessary to run this very popular meeting.

Accounts

At the last Committee meeting the Treasurer reported that balances currently stood at:

Deposit Account	£4153.01
Current Account	£5942.49
Petty Cash	£272.04
Total	£10,367.54

Quilts of Valour

Can you make and donate an 8½" square block or 12½" square block in any pattern of your choice – using any combination of red, white or blue fabrics?

Jacklyn Barons has advised that there will be a *Quilts for Valour Day* when the donated blocks will be put together. Many of you may have already donated, but the war continues and the injured are still returning home and in need of our support.

Please pass your blocks to your Oast Committee Member or if you are an Independent – send to 11 Park Street, Deal CT14 6 AG and mark the envelope QOV.



Contributions to Oast Post

Please provide copy for Oast Post by the Monday which is a fortnight before the Oast meeting at which Oast Post will be published (i.e. by the Committee meeting). All items of local (textile) interest will be welcome. Members may advertise items for sale and wanted free of charge. Traders may place an advertisement (if there is space) at a cost of £5.00. Further information from Liz Coleman (01303 863197) or email Liz.Coleman@virgin.net

Exhibitions and Workshops

Bright Headland Quilters

Open Day

At Holy Trinity Church, Broadway, Sheerness
ME12 1AF

Saturday 29 September, 10.00am – 4.00pm

There will be quilts and things made by club members, gifts, tea, coffee and cake on sale.

All proceeds to local charities

Entrance fee £1.50, which includes one cup of coffee or tea

Herne Bay Quilt and Craft Group

Exhibition and Harvest Flowers

St. Bartholomew's Church, King Edward Avenue
Herne Bay.

Saturday 29 September 10.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday 30 September 12.00pm - 4.00pm

Raffle Quilt in aid of the John Graham Trust

Tombola in aid of Project Linus

Members Craft Stalls, Books, Light

Refreshments.

Traders: Smartfrog both days. Through the Loop

ENTRANCE £1.00

Disabled access Local parking

Festival of Quilts

Thirteen of us went to Birmingham this August on the trip organised by Sharyn Hutchins – and what a fabulous time we had! Old hands knew what to expect, but I was bowled over by the hotel (there's a beautiful bowling green at the heart of the hotel!) and Solihull, where it is situated has some splendid shopping (John Lewis, M&S etc.) within five minutes of walking. The hotel itself was very comfortable and the staff extremely welcoming and extrovert (!).

On the Saturday I had booked myself into a one day master class, 'Mapping Marks for Stitch' with Fiona Wilson and for the first time in my life I was able to merge both my professional training (as a cartographer) with my love of stitch. This intense day was fascinating – but I don't think that I will be producing anything as a result of it. Having said that, I have been reminded that it is perfectly possible to stitch with a heavy thread so long as you put it in the bobbin – and I needed this technique only recently.

Like most visitors to the Festival of Quilts, I am pretty sure that I did not see everything there was to see! Having seen photographs of some of the items printed in quilt magazines I am absolutely convinced of it. What a lot of colour, texture and variety! I actually found myself appreciating all the winners and understanding why they were best in their category, but it's not to say that I should have liked to own each and every one of them.

In amongst the galleries I particularly homed in on Kate Findlay's 'Atomic Quilts' inspired by the Large Hadron Collider, which were so much better than any of the photographs of them which I have seen – and they have been splendid. I was also very pleased to 'catch up' with what Pauline Burbridge is now doing. It is very interesting to see how an artist progresses and which avenues are followed. We were very fortunate to have her come and give a talk at Oast some years ago, and I have a little paper fish in a frame which I bought from her at the time (she was going through a phase of tearing paper!).

Of all the many displays I really enjoyed the British/German stash exhibit. Participants sent their counterparts in the other country a selection of fabrics, all of which had to be incorporated and which could be added to from one's own stash. The participants then had to make a fairly small wall hanging, all to the same dimensions. The variety produced was staggering.

The Virtual Studio, where you could watch textile artists at work, held my attention for quite some time as I was able to learn about a variety of methods of putting colour and print onto fabric, which is something I am 'into' at the moment.

The quantity and variety of traders was almost overwhelming – to the extent that I hardly bought anything, but I couldn't resist a digitally printed piece of fabric from Linda and Laura Kempshall's stand as a present for someone, plus some necessities from the Contented Cat (fabric for printing) – oh, and the odd book!

All too soon it was time to climb back onto the 16-seater coach and make the hot journey back to the south. I was glad that I had worn sensible clothes and sensible shoes (my mother must be so proud of me!) – and that I had the following day off because I was exhausted!

I'm sure that my fellow Festival-ites will join me in a hearty 'thank you' to Sharyn for organising the trip – I had a really memorable and thought-provoking weekend.

Liz Coleman

Hougham Quilt Festival

The triennial weekend celebration of Quilts, Flowers and Country Crafts held in St Lawrence Church and the Village of Church Hougham near Dover on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September did so in some of the best weather of the summer – and will have raised in the region of a staggering £6,000 for charity. Well done to Wendy Finnis and everyone who was involved.

Quilt Retreat

Aylesford Priory

22 – 24 November 2013

With Karin Hellaby from Quilters Haven

Cost £190 single, £185 senior citizen single.

Contact Sylvie Pledsted 01303 241124 for a booking form. However, please note that as places are going fast, you may have to be placed on a waiting list.



The Sewing Space in Sandgate is moving to Hythe High Street!

We'll be at number 86 (home of the previous Hythe Bookshop across from Town Hall). During October this new location will be transformed into a bright, welcoming, soothing and inspiring **Sewing Space** and I hope to be open for 3rd November.

I'll continue to add to the stock of beautiful fabrics from Moda, Michael Miller, Riley Blake, Kaffe Fassett and many more. The range of basics continues to grow; cutters, rulers, mats, Superior Threads, Soft & Elegant wadding in 45 or 90 inch widths by the metre, buttons, trims, books & patterns.

For your convenience & affordability, I will also be selling off the bolt in 10cm increments rather than quarters.

I'll continue to add new workshops. This fall and into the New Year I am planning workshops in spinning, canvas embroidery, locker hooking, fabric printing, clothes alterations and basic sewing & quilting projects.

There are still spaces available on October 22nd with Mandy Munroe for her Free Form Quilting class. I hope to see you in Hythe. In the meantime please visit my website: www.thesewingspace.co.uk or find me on Facebook or phone 01303 254300. Angie Anderson.

Empress Mills

If your group is affiliated to the Quilters' Guild of the British Isles you may have been contacted by Charles of Empress Mills (they were at the Festival of Quilts). They are a family run British Manufacturer supplying a range of general and speciality threads (i.e. cotton quilting thread) plus haberdashery and fabrics. For 20 years they have attended all the major shows and will be attending the Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace this October. The reason they are contacting group leaders is to enquire if they can send a batch of 'Show Welcome Packs' containing details of offers and special reductions plus some samples. If your group would be interested in receiving a few packs, please contact Charles at Empress Mills (1927) Ltd., Glyde Works, Byron Road, Colne, Lancashire, BB8 0BQ
Telephone 01282 863181 www.empressmills.co.uk

P.S. I listened in to a conversation at my last group meeting where the ladies concerned were discussing the novels of Victoria Hislop. I was very impressed by what I heard and as a consequence I bought a copy of her latest novel, "The Thread" at the airport bookshop. Brilliant, absolutely brilliant – I couldn't put it down! And it is a very appropriate read for anyone who loves stitching. Now I've got to buy the first two! Liz

