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TODAY'S MEETING

is

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There will be a plated tea afterwards

Hostesses: Swallows and Valley Patchers

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Oast Showcase

The Oast Showcase Committee is delighted to report that the event made a tremendous profit of £4,197. At the general Oast Quilters' Committee meeting on Monday 25 November 2013 it was agreed that each of our three nominated charities will receive £1,500. To remind you, the charities are; The John Graham Centre (an organisation based at Blean for adults with a learning disability), Macmillan Cancer Support and Young Carers' Projects in Kent.

The Membership List

Unfortunately, despite all the reminders, some membership fees still came in late – and there may well be previous members who have not renewed. The list will be closed today. However, because it was agreed to extend the possible membership to 350, there are still spaces and people can register as a member during 2014, until such time as the list is full. Regrettably, however, only those members registered by today's date will be able to attend the meeting in January (the Corners meeting), which is closed to visitors.

Corners

January 25 2014

Cilla Joyner	Envelope Bag
Maggie Kingston	Edges and Bindings
Joan Wood	Cathedral Windows with a Twist
Sylvie Plested	Fancy Fandangos (Needlecase)
Judi Kirk	Zen Quilting
Carolyn Johnson	Foiling onto Fabric
Linda Pearce	Sewing Curved seams and edges
Stephenie Syvret	Beach Hut Bunting

There will be four sessions. When you choose your tickets you will need one from the "1" pile, one from the "2's", one from the "3's" and one from the "4's". They'll be colour-coded. So, you might choose (for instance) 1H, 2E, 3C and 4A. The "corners" will be placed in roughly alphabetical order. Some may be 'out of order' depending on access to electricity.

New Groups

We are delighted to welcome four new groups to Oast Quilters – there are now 34 groups allied to Oast. To remind new groups, a roundel showing your 'logo' or some way of describing your group name should be provided to be stitched onto the membership banner. Please ensure it has a diameter of 6" (finished).

Hostesses – please note!

It was agreed that transporting and caring for the tombola for the raffle tickets was quite onerous for groups in between meetings. Regrettably it is not possible to store it at the school. Since we no longer sell strips of tickets, the number of tickets to be put in the tombola is much reduced. It was agreed, therefore, that a suitable small box would be adequate. During discussion it was advised that a large ice cream tub (the sort that's tall and almost a cube in shape) has been known to work quite well – especially if a slit is cut into the top for sold tickets to be posted through – but none of the committee had anything suitable (at the moment!). If we did, then it could probably be stored in the catering box between meetings. If you have a box/tub you could let us have, just drop Jenny a line (email or post) – and thank you!

Young Oast

Seven girls and one lad, together with assorted parents and grandparents, met on Saturday 23 November. Christmas tree patterns and shapes were looked at and decided upon and all had an enjoyable session of marbling. A successful day with mince pies and biscuits to start off the Christmas Season. Next year's dates are to be advised.

The UFO (UnFinished Objects) Meetings for 2014

Saturday 22 February Saturday 8 November

If you would benefit from a day away from home, in the company of quilters, where you can get on with that project totally uninterrupted – then a UFO day is for you! So far two meetings have been booked for 2014, both are at the Lower Hardres Village Hall, both cost £5.00 to attend. You'll need to bring a packed lunch but tea and coffee are provided. For further information please contact Ingrid Hudson on 01303 230117 or email raffles.leoville@btinternet.com

Machine Embroidery Classes Aldington Village Hall

February 15, April 12, June 14, September 20 and November 15 2014 all 10.00am to 4.30pm

Come and explore free machine embroidery, having fun with your sewing machine on five Saturdays in 2014. Louise will be demonstrating and teaching free machine skills as well as Appliqué and fabric painting to create a small work of art. Come to one or all of them. £25.00 per day. Tea, Coffee cake and Fruit will be provided. Possibly pub for lunch - maybe!!

Contact Louise Jessup 01233 720809 or louise@bumbledesigns.net

Advice for Bernina owners

Thank you to Margaret Hargreave for the following information:

A few years ago I purchased (privately) a second-hand Bernina Aurora 440 computerised sewing machine. The price was good, I had it serviced and I have been using it with delight ever since.

Recently at a workshop I saw a lady using the same model on a really slow speed. I knew mine could not do that, even though I have good control on my pedal. I spoke to someone else with an identical machine; she too had the slow speed. So I began to think, "Was this the reason my machine was such a good price, because there was a problem with the speed slider?".

While visiting Alexandra Palace for the Knitting and Stitching show this year I spoke to a young lady on the Bernina stand about my "problem" and she suggested I telephone head office.

I duly called and was transferred to the service department (in Wales). I was given the names of shops in my area which have accredited Bernina engineers. The lady then spoke to the Service Manager who suggested we could try one thing while we were on the phone. She then proceeded to talk me through what I can only describe as a "re-boot" of my machine - after which I was amazed to discover that I can now stitch very slowly.

I was advised that although some engineers are accredited to service Bernina machines, only those who have been on the special course for "high end machines" are able to update the firm-ware when these machines are serviced.

So ladies, if you have a query about any Bernina machine, ring their London office and talk to the service department. They are amazingly helpful, and nothing is too much trouble. They spent a lot of time with me (around half an hour) and I ended the call feeling I had a new machine to play with!

Margaret Hardgrave
Bears Paw Quilters

Did you know...

...that from 29 May to early November, there was a quilter in space! An Astronaut, Karen Nyberg was photographed, hair swirling above her, with needle and thread busy on a patchwork project. Daisy Rudnick very kindly provided the link to a blog – and you can see for yourself if you type in the following link: <http://www.chicagonow.com/quilting-sewing-creating/2013/08/karen-nyberg-is-quilting-above-us/>

Exciting News - Spring Quilt Festival
Clive Emson Exhibition Hall, Kent Showground, Maidstone, ME14 3JF
Friday 28th to Sunday 30th March 2014 10:00am - 4:30pm (4pm Sunday)

There will be many quilt displays from all over the world – **including from Oast Quilters!*** All your favourite patchwork and quilting suppliers will be there. Good facilities including on-site catering, disabled facilities, wide aisles, free parking. Workshops are available, and can only be booked at the show on a first come, first served basis.

Show Prices:	Price at the Door	Booking in Advance
Adult:	£7.00	£6.00
Senior Citizens:	£6.00	£5.00
Children (8 - 16 years):	£3.00	£2.00

Last Date for Advance Booking: 14th March 2014

* Jenny, our Chairman, received a telephone call from the organisers to ask whether Oast Quilters would put on a display showing the range of quilting styles produced by members. It was agreed that the theme would be 'Quilts from the Garden of Kent'. There will be room for ten big quilts and 20 smaller ones. If you have a quilt which you would like to be considered, please send Jenny an email describing the quilt (including dimensions) and providing her with a good, clear photo. Alternatively, please send this through the post. Jenny's details are on the membership card. j.k.hoyle@googlemail.com

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Announcing a new fabric range!

At Fabric Fairy we know how important good quality fabric and wadding at affordable prices is to the quilter - so we are delighted to announce that we will be ordering our fabrics from a new supplier in Tyne and Wear, **Nutex Fabrics**. Their keen pricing means that we can offer discounted prices to our customers.

We know how popular our range of fabric remnants from the wholesaler in Wrexham is with quilters and we now have **even more** of these interesting and varied American fabrics - **still** at the incredible price of £5.00 per metre.

We will not be replacing our current stock of Timeless Treasures fabrics on the bolt since their wholesale prices have increased significantly – but if you have any specific fabrics in their range that you trying to get hold of – just let us know.

Andy and Michelle Cooper

SEW LOVELY

Unfortunately, Sew Lovely in Herne Bay, had to close its doors for the last time on Saturday 21 September, following some major problems with the building which effected the basement and office areas. The landlord was not prepared to rectify these problems or reduce the rent so I decided to leave the premises; the shop had been open exactly two years to the day.

Sew Lovely is now operating online and by telephone, from the same place as Karrydotcom, at Unit 93 Thomas Way, Lakesview Business Park, Hersden, Canterbury CT3 4NH, and can be contacted on 01227 711886, by e mail info@karrydot.com or by visiting www.KarryDot.com. We are still selling fabrics, haberdashery, patterns, kits, the full range of Husqvarna Viking sewing machines, software and accessories, and the full range of Horn Cabinets. The warehouse is not open to the public yet, but we are planning on opening a showroom at the unit sometime in the New Year. There is no display of fabrics or haberdashery available to see at the moment, only online.

If you require a demonstration on a Husqvarna Viking machine or to view a Horn cabinet, we are able to arrange an appointment. There is currently 20% off all Husqvarna accessories, and some great deals on sewing machines.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Oast Quilters
held on 1st December 2012
at Simon Langton School for Boys, Canterbury, beginning at 2.30pm.

1. Apologies for Officers' Absence

No Apologies had been received.

2. Minutes of the Previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2011 were agreed to be a true record, subject to the change of Minute No 8 to read '*Ruth Pascoe*', and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

a) Barbara Thorburn had taken over the running of Young Oast.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a report on the year's activities and thanked members of the Committee and Oast Showcase Committee for their hard work and commitment. She had enjoyed visiting groups and felt privileged to be able to see some amazing exhibitions of members' work.

5. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the audited accounts had been circulated to members.

The Treasurer thanked Maureen Corrigan, Ann Wood, Stephanie Bunt and Sharyn Hutchings for their help with banking monies and proposed a vote of thanks to Simon Milburn for auditing the accounts.

The accounts were duly adopted.

The Treasurer asked that authority be given to amend the Bank Mandate on the appointment of a new Treasurer. This was proposed by Liz Coleman and seconded by Sharyn Hutchings.

6. Programme & Workshop Report

Belinda Jeffries reported on the workshops held through the year. They had been well attended and no one had to be turned away. She thanked Stephanie Bunt for her work in arranging venues and refreshments for the workshops.

7. Young Oast Co-ordinator's Report

A report was published in Oast Post.

8. Quilters' Guild Area Representatives' Reports

Anne Mole and Margaret Walter reported on the Quilters' Guild activities in West Kent and East Kent. A number of successful events had been enjoyed by members. New representatives were needed and if anyone was interested they were encouraged to speak to Ann or Margaret.

9. Election of Officers

The Chairman thanked Diana Baldwin for her service as Treasurer and Carolyn Johnson for her service as Vice-Chairman and presented them with a gift as a token of members' appreciation.

Nominations were requested for the roles of Treasurer and Vice Chairman.

Julia Bensted was proposed as Treasurer by Patti Schroll and seconded by Joan Wood. Jill Blackman was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Ingrid Hudson and seconded by Patti Schroll.

The Chairman advised that a new secretary would be needed next year.

13. Any Other Business

Liz Coleman gave a report on the arrangement for the Oast Quilters Showcase 2013, details of which had been published in Oast Post. The next meeting was 9th December at 2pm at her house and new members were welcome.

14. Date of Next AGM

7th December 2013

The meeting closed at 3.18pm.

Jenny Hoyle CHAIRMAN