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TODAY'S MEETING

*Our very own... Tracy Aplin, whose talk is:
'Re-energised Patchwork'*

Traders: Rainham Sewing Centre, Karry dot com, Puddleducks and Smartfrog

*Thank you to our hostesses:
Aldington and Blockmakers*

Tomorrow's Workshop

Sunday 11 May

'Piecing by hand' – led by Tracy Aplin

If there are any spaces left for the workshop these will be announced at the beginning of the meeting. If you are interested, please contact the Workshop Organiser, Stephanie Blunt, either at today's meeting or telephone her on 01233 641073. The cost is £20.00.

Our Next Meeting – Saturday 12 July

When the Speaker is:

Gill Turley – 'the Shirt Quilt Collection'

Gill is best known for her country quilts and has a great passion for simple quilts from the past. She attended Art School, studying for a two year pre-diploma course, followed by a further two years at The London College of Fashion. Gill went on to serve on The Quilters' Guild executive committee for seven years as the Young Quilter Officer for three years and International Officer for four years. She has many years of experience in quilt making and her teaching has taken her all over the U.K. and to mainland Europe:

Quilt Expo in Innsbruck Expo VI and Strasbourg Expo V11 (Teacher)

1998 / 2000 / 2003 The Patchwork Carrefour Européen in Alsace (Teacher)

1996 Presented the focus for the Quilters' Guild at Quilt Expo VIII Lyon France

1997 The Quilters' Guild exchange in Rastede, Germany (Teacher)

2000 Solo exhibition of quilts and classes at the Festival de Patchwork Traditionnel, Briançon, France

2005 Osthamar, Sweden (Teacher)

2005 Solo exhibition at the Hever Castle quilt show.

2007 Joint exhibition "Rags to Riches" at Denbies Vineyard, Dorking

2007 The Swedish Quilters' Guild AGM weekend in Sweden (Invited Lecturer and Teacher)

2009 May. Solo exhibition at Loch Lomond Quilt Show .

Course teacher on several residential courses at "La Maison du Patchwork" in France.

2012 July. Exhibition of quilts at Quilt Expo Viville/St Médard (16120) France

2014 March. The Quilters' Guild of Ireland, Annual Retreat, Dublin. (Tutor)

Gill has also contributed to a number of books; many have been translated into other languages:

"Quick Quilts to Make in a Weekend"

(1996) published by New Holland

"The Weekend Quilter" (1997) published by New Holland

"Quick and Easy Projects for The Weekend Quilter" (2002) published by New Holland

"Quick, Colourful Quilts" (2003) published by New Holland

Her work is included in Kaffe Fassett's "Caravan of Quilts" (2004).

Finally, Gill has written various articles about her quilts for British and American magazines.

Workshop Sunday 13 July

'Shabby-chic Day' with Gill Turley. Re-use, recycle. Make your very own heirloom quilt or throw following an extremely simple pattern. A great way to recycle your treasured fabrics, you will be shown how to make good use of your vintage fabric scraps. Use old; tablecloths, serviettes, shirts or skirts, cotton or linen. Please contact Stephanie Bunt (Workshop Organiser) for further information on 01233 641073 or by email at: bingham.bunts635@btinternet.com

Advanced Warning!

Belinda Jeffries (Programme Secretary) would like to alert everyone that January's workshop is with Carolyn Forster, and the topic will be 'Comfortable with Curves'. The full requirements' list can be found on our website but Belinda wishes to highlight the fact the on top of the usual workshop fee (£20.00) there will be an additional cost of £12.00 for the special template. Belinda would be very grateful if you would let her know now if you are likely to be interested in this work-shop so that she gets an idea as to numbers (and whether or not to book Carolyn for a further workshop on the Monday. Please telephone Belinda on 01233 812312 or email her at l.jeffries@btconnect.com or indeed... speak to her in person!

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Reminder - Next Year's Programme - 2015

24/25 January (Carolyn Forster workshop)
14/15 March (Barbara Chainey)
9/10 May (Barbara Barber)
25/26 July
26/27 September
5 December (AGM)

'In-house' Workshops (i.e. those led by a member of Oast Quilters)

Unfortunately, Sharyn Hutchings has had to withdraw from arranging and managing the in-house workshops, so we need a volunteer to replace her. If you have a little time to spare and you are interested in coordinating the two or three workshops we have a year, please let Jenny Hoyle (Chairman) know by telephoning 01303 253343 or email j.k.hoyle@googlemail.com

Jenny has managed to arrange the next workshop, which will be on Sunday 29 June at Lower Hardres Village Hall from 10.00am until 4.00pm. The workshop '**contoured landscapes**', will be led by Carol Ann James. Carol is going to bring a sample for people to see and a list of requirements. Bookings can be made through Jenny in the first instance, although we will be asking at the meeting if anyone could take on the responsibility for hosting/organising this meeting, while the role of in-house workshop coordinator is sorted out. The cost of an in-house workshop is £15.00.

Also to be found at a table in the hall today....

Project Linus (happy to collect your donations), Jane Cole and her sister selling cross stitch and other items from their mother's stash who sadly recently passed away. Nancy Adamek, who is demonstrating Paperpiecing

Members' Day Saturday 8 November

Members' Days are a great opportunity to devote a whole day to patchwork and quilting without the distractions of home! As the next one is in early November, perhaps this will be a good time to get on with all your Christmas stitchery. The day starts at 10.00am and finishes at 4.00pm. You will need to bring a packed lunch, but tea and coffee will be provided. Please contact Ingrid Hudson, who organises the Members' Days, on **01303 230117** (not as it appears in the membership card) for further information and to book a place.

Young Oast Spring 2014

We enjoyed some decent weather at last for our March meeting and were able to sit outside for our lunch break. We have started the first block for the wall hanging/quilt and our next two meetings should see the finished articles. Thank you to the kind members who donated fabrics at the last meeting; I assure you the children enjoy the fabric box, especially with new additions. Our next meeting is on **Saturday 5 July**, when we will start the second part of the Hanging Project. Anyone with children interested in joining us please contact me at barbarathorburn@btinternet.com or telephone 01303 238 809.

Harriet Quimby

Few people have heard of Harriet Quimby – but she was the first lady to fly solo across the channel, her flight starting from the 'Dover Aerodrome' at Whitfield – and the reason you haven't heard about her is that the day she flew is the day the Titanic sank. Michelle and Andy Cooper have taken this remarkable woman to their hearts – so much so, that Michelle submitted a small wallhanging depicting Harriet in her purple flying suit to the Notable Women Quilt Initiative, a Global Quilt Initiative celebrating women who have made a difference throughout history. Michelle's work of art was displayed at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon during March this year – and Michelle's was the only UK entry. Read more about it at:

<http://notablewomenquiltinitiative.wordpress.com/the-quilts/>

Hazel Main, 1919-2014

I clearly remember the first time Hazel attended my Adult Education P&Q lessons at the, then, Deal Secondary School. This was way back in the 1990's and she proudly told me that she was nearly 80 years old and looking forward to embarking on a new hobby. It was a pleasure to have designed her famous "Purple Passion" quilt. I visited her at her lovely home in Deal where we embarked on the start of this project. I was always rewarded with a lovely lunch! I was really happy that she continued with my "Block Makers Group" under the new leadership of Anne Mole after I had to retire for a while. I, along with all of her quilting friends, will sadly miss her.
Cathy Northcutt.

Quilting Retreat – a report from Daisy Rudnick and Linda Willsher

We recently attended a quilting retreat organised by Sylvie Plested (her 4th retreat) at Aylesford Priory. This year Gail Lawther was the featured tutor and we enjoyed her talk about her quilts and adventures on the first night (Friday). Over the next two days we worked on various projects that we had preselected. It was great not having to stop and do chores and some people were so keen they stayed up to the wee hours of the mornings.

On Saturday night we had a fun quiz put together by Linda Wilsher - a real challenge to our little grey cells! Sylvie had also organised a 'guess the name of the block' competition which was a real puzzler for some of us. The Fabric Fairy had very kindly sent lots of fabric for us to drool over and purchase and other attendees had items available for purchase as well as Gail Lawther's patterns and books.

We met old friends, made new friends, ate lots of lovely food, learned lots and generally had a great time. Next year (2015) Sylvie has recruited Jennie Rayment who is always good for a laugh! In 2016 Christine Porter is booked, which is all very exciting!

P.S. Linda says that she has actually put the binding on her African themed wall hanging - and done the next stage of her Monet – so she has not been idle since she returned!

Reminder - Tea Money

Has every group considered and provided a suggestion for a (local?) charity to which £100 can be given once we have accumulated sufficient donated change. The nominated charities will be 'drawn out of a hat'. Please submit your group's suggestion to Ingrid Hudson.

Make and Donate Bags for fundraising for Hi-Kent (local charity for the deaf)

We're grateful to Marion Fox for alerting us to the following information:

A young lady Marion spoke to at Hi Kent in Canterbury said that bags could be taken to any of the four places listed on the flyer after Deaf Awareness Week (19 – 25 May) as they could still sell them!

- Hi Kent, Northgate, Canterbury
- Hi Kent Brewer Street, Maidstone
- The Sewing Shop, Sun Street, Canterbury
- Beach Creative, Beach House, Beach Street, Herne Bay

However, Marion is quite prepared to collect any bags brought to the July or September meetings and deliver them to Northgate. Although there are instructions given for the most basic bag, any bag would do!

Changes to the Textiles Collection at the V&A

We're grateful to Daisy Rudnick for highlighting the following information which was found on the V&A's website:

"The textile collection has moved from its tired-looking rooms to a new space not too far from the museum called The Clothworkers' Centre, which can be visited by appointment, or you can book onto the tours that take place on the last Friday of the month. No doubt this centre provides optimum storage conditions for fragile textiles, but its relative inaccessibility rather makes textiles feel negligible and/or marginalised." There are a couple of interesting comments appended to the article from slightly dismayed users.

There are some videos which last for about 2½ minutes each, and show the facility and some of the items held there

<http://vimeo.com/85453423> (contemporary fashion)

<http://vimeo.com/85452309> (asian textiles)

<http://vimeo.com/85450493> (pre-1800)

<http://vimeo.com/85447838> (highlights from the collection)

DOUGHTY'S ROADSHOW

Thanet Quilters have invited Doughty's Patchwork & Quilting Shop for a Sales Day of their fabulous range of fabrics and relevant quilting supplies. Please note this date in your diary

SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER 2014

10.30am - 2.30pm

at

Church House, Kent Gardens, Birchington, CT7

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Doughty's of Hereford are renowned for their quality, value-for-money fabrics, which offer the quilter a fantastic wealth of colours and cut-options and are suppliers of some of the best-priced, quality cotton fabrics online.

Thanet Quilters Program 2014

Tuesday 3rd June, 7.00pm, Speaker Gail Lawther

Wednesday 4th June, 10.00am-4.00pm,

Workshop with Gail Lawther "Enchanted Forest"

Tuesday 7th October, 7.00pm, Speaker Joan

Weston

Wednesday 8th October, 10.00am-4.00pm,

Workshop with Joan Weston

Saturday 11th October, Doughty's Road Show

(See separate advert)

Saturday 29th November, Christmas Fair.

Please contact Cathy Northcutt for further information and venue details on 01843 599166 (cathyquilt@btinternet.com) or visit our website www.thanetpatchwork.org.uk

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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

Interesting Websites

Many thanks (again!) to Daisy Rudnick for alerting us to another intriguing website:

<https://www.quiltstudy.org/>

Click on "Google Art Project" and search for "Quilts" - or anything else which takes your fancy! Daisy reports that she tried it out by searching for quilt and came across quite a few entries.

An issue of Oast Post is published at each of the six meetings of Oast Quilters. Members are invited to submit copy for the Newsletter, which should be provided to the Editor at, or before, the Committee meeting prior to the relevant Oast Meeting (this is held on the Monday two weeks before the Oast meeting). As a member you can advertise one-off items for sale free of charge. There is a charge to traders for advertising in Oast Post. **Please let us have details of any local patchwork and quilting exhibitions or events which may interest members.** For further information, please contact the Editor, Liz Coleman on 01303 863197 or by email at lyminge.liz@live.co.uk