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TODAY'S MEETING

Gill Turley whose talk is, "*The Shirt Quilt Collection*"

Traders: Fabric Fairy, Little Lavender Patch, The Sewing Shop, Canterbury, Fabrics Galore, London

Thank you to our hostesses:

Barn Owls and Acorn Quilters

The Hostesses would like to remind everyone that **tea is on one side of the canteen and coffee the other** – please see the sign on the door and then queue for your preferred beverage – hopefully this will reduce the actual queue size!

Tomorrow's Workshop

Sunday 13 July

'Shabby-chic Day – led by Gill Turley

There are currently two spaces left for the so 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.

Reminder

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. Carolyn will be giving lots of ideas for use of her templates Belinda has informed us that there have already been sufficient bookings to warrant a further workshop on the Monday, but places are filling fast, so please let her know now if you are likely to be interested in this workshop. 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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'In-house' Workshops (i.e. those led by a member of Oast Quilters)

The 'in-house' workshop which was run by Carol Ann James was agreed by all to be a superb day and we learnt that it was a two-day workshop crammed into one! Carol Ann is a first class teacher! If you too, are interested in teaching at 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 The next workshop will be booked for a date in October. Carol Ann will be organising the workshops with the assistance of Judi Kirk.

Our Next Meeting – Saturday 13 September

which is our Open Meeting

Doors open at 10.00am

The Hostesses will be Bright Headland

The Morning's Speaker is:

Liz Bettes, whose talk will be 'The History of Liberty Fabrics'.

The Afternoon's Speaker is:

Sheena J Norquay, whose talk will be 'Seasonal Inspiration'.

Please note that the afternoon starts earlier than normal – probably about 1.30pm – so if you are coming for the afternoon only, please make sure you arrive in good time.

Elizabeth Betts established 'Quilty Pleasures' in January 2010. It is a small independent quilt company, based in the city of Brighton. From the studio shop a range of quilt supplies is sold, along with workshops and parties and design patterns. Liz has a background in print design and eleven years experience in quilt making. She studied for her City & Guilds in Surrey with Janet Twinn and is a member of The Quilters Guild of the British Isles.

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Her paper; "The Role of Liberty in the post 1960s UK Quilt Revival" was published by the British Quilt Study Group in 2010 and is available to purchase from the Guild Museum shop. Her first book, 'Quilting for Beginners' was published in June 2013 by David & Charles. There have been various articles in publications such as 'Love Patchwork & Quilting', The Quilter, The Art of Quilting, Making Magazine and her local paper.

Sheena Norquay was born on the Orkney Islands, where she began sewing as a child. She did a B.Ed degree in Aberdeen which included two-dimensional design in textiles and since then she has been interested in exploring the artistic potential of threads and fabrics.

Having been a Primary School teacher in Inverness for 30 years, Sheena is now a freelance quilting teacher and teaches workshop locally, all over the UK and sometimes abroad. She also writes articles for magazines and her quilts have been featured in several books.

Sheena's work has been exhibited locally, nationally and internationally since 1981 and she has won many awards in competitive quilt shows. She sells her work, cards and postcards and accepts commissions.

She is inspired by many things; mainly Orkney seascapes, birds and Norse myths. Sheena's pieces often incorporate symbols and hidden images which require a lot of research. She is also interested in using quilted lines to create graceful movement, sculptural shapes and decorative patterns. Inspiration comes from relief sculpture, circles, patterns in nature, man-made patterns and decoration on other textiles. Most of the lines are free machine quilted, a technique which is her specialty. It is fascinating how the surface of the quilt comes alive with the quilting. Some of these pieces are symmetrical and some are asymmetrical, some are wholecloth and some combine printing and stencilling or piecing and appliqué with free machine quilting.

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

Project Linus - PLUK is happy to collect your donations and will be found near the Library.

There will also be a raffle quilt on display – please buy a ticket for this beautiful quilt made by Phoenix Quilters.

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

We continued learning techniques which will eventually result in the production of a wall hanging/quilt. We meet in at a school in Hythe and anyone with children interested in joining us is asked to contact me on telephone 01303 238 809; by email at barbarathorburn@btinternet.com

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We are continuing to work on the programme for next year and are hopeful in securing Liz Trenow (Author) and Judi Mendelssohn who used to be an assistant Editor of 'Patchwork and Quilting Magazine' and long-term members may remember, used to have a traders' stall at Oast Quilters in the early days.

Corners Meeting January 2015

This is one of our most popular meetings but it depends on our having eight volunteers to demonstrate. If anyone knows a special technique that they would like to share or an item that they think others would like to know how to make, please think about volunteering as a demonstrator. You could pair up with a friend and do the demo. Or you could do two each. If you go to any workshops at shows – Sandown or Festival of Quilts etc – you might be able to share the knowledge with us. We have quite a few very good teachers among us and if anyone has something that they would like to learn but do not know who to ask, if you tell me what you want I will probably be able to find someone to demonstrate it for you. My email address is sheila47kent@yahoo.co.uk and I will be at the July and September meetings. I will also be glad to tell you what is needed for a demonstration, even if you do not want to volunteer immediately! You can also tell your Group rep or one of our Officers.

Sheila Stojisavljevic (Owls rep)

CONGRATULATIONS!

.....to Oast Members who have been successful at the national shows – and there are quite a few this year! Well done! These members are requested to bring their prize-winning quilt to the AGM in December when we will display them (complete with ribbons please!) for all to admire and so that we can properly congratulate you. If you are unable to come to the AGM, please could we have a photograph so that we can display it on the website?

Mandy Downes and her group, Chestfield Quilters, recently discussed that vexed question. 'What'll happen to my stash and quilting supplies when I die'? The following article summarises Mandy's thoughts:

Have you thought about what is going to happen to your stash when you die? We have heard of a number of cases just recently where members of the family and/or friends do not know what to do with the accumulation your lifetime. In a couple of cases the family didn't know what to do with, in their words. 'all this rubbish' and took it to the local tip. In a similar case I've just recently heard that the accumulation of wool belonging to a lady who has gone into a nursing home was also going to the tip! That however, was rescued, and given to the WI.

There are various answers and the easiest seems to be to add an addendum or letter to your will asking who ever whosoever sorts out your estate to contact your friends at your quilting group together with a number, name and address for contact. The fabric and effects can then be sold or given to young quilters who might not have the money to buy fabric. Project Linus is also always looking for free fabric to make quilts. So be prepared! Make sure someone knows what to do with it all. Alternatively, you may be lucky and have a daughter like me, who encourages me to buy it now so that she can have it when I am dead!

The Kent Autumn Quilt Festival 2014 Friday 3 and Saturday 4 October Clive Emson Exhibition Hall, Kent Showground Detling

Just a reminder that this is back on! Jenny Hoyle advises us that 25 quilts from Oast Quilters will be exhibited. If you have volunteered a quilt, Jenny is collecting them up and will undertake to get them to Detling.

Thanet Quilters' Programme 2014 Summer Workshops (in aid of Charity)

Saturday 19 July - "Ring O'Roses" Cathy Northcutt

Saturday 16 August - "Quick Hexagon Cushion"; Margaret Harrison

****Please see Cathy today for more information.**

Tuesday 7 October – 7.00pm, Speaker Joan Weston

Wednesday 8 October – 10.00am-4.00pm, Workshop with Joan Weston; "Mixed Media Quilts".

Saturday 11 October - Doughty's Road Show (See separate advert).

Saturday 29 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

Bernina Virtuosa 160 for sale

Hardly used and in excellent condition
Recently serviced and a new needle-threader fitted. Presser feet 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 20, 21, 24, 37 and walking foot. Knee lift, manual, power cord and foot pedal, extension table. Extra accessory box.

Only selling as I have upgraded, but this machine will do everything you need. £399.00 or near offer. Contact Lyn Browne 01303 812070 or lyn_browne@btinternet.com

Quilts In The Garden

Saturday 2 August, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Poppy Patchers, a quilting group on Sheppey are holding a quilt show in the holistic garden at the rear of Poppy Crafts 33-35 Victoria St, Sheerness, ME12 1YA in aid of the Harmony Therapy Trust. This is a local charity providing free supportive therapy to patients in Kent living with any form of cancer or other chronic serious life altering illnesses.

**Entrance fee £3, including tea and cake (once)
Raffle quilt and sales table.**

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we hope to see you there. For more information please contact Poppy Crafts on 01795 666976.

From Tuesday 5 August to Thursday 28 August 2014

Textile Art, Patchwork, Quilting and Fabric Pictures

By Astrid Stimson

At Sheppey Gateway, High Street, Sheerness
ME12 1NL

Free entry Monday – Friday 9.00am – 6.00pm,
Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm. Sunday closed
Various car parking within five minutes walk.

23-25 August 2014

Phoenix Quilters Show

Trinity Church Hall, Union Road, Deal, CT14 6EA.
Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm, Sunday 12.00pm –
5.00pm, Monday 10.00am - 5.00pm. Admission
by donation - proceeds to local charities. Disabled
access - venue is on the ground floor with no
steps or stairs. Exhibition, traders, sales,
tombola, raffle and refreshments. Support our
show and visit the picturesque seaside town of
Deal, winner of the Daily Telegraph 'High Street
of the Year 2013'. For more information email
phoenixquilters@gmail.com

Daisy Rudnick has reminded us that Empress Mills send out information and samples, etc. for groups. They certainly have some interesting and unusual fabrics in stock at the moment and their cotton sheeting off-cuts are brilliant for hand-dyeing. You can sign up for a regular emailed newsletter at <http://www.empressmills.co.uk>

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

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 9RS

The Fabric Fairy

Castle View Suite, 3-5 Frith Road, Dover CT16 2PT
Tel: 01304 202270 email Fabric@thefabricfairy.co.uk
web: www.thefabricfairy.co.uk

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