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TODAY'S MEETING

is
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
There will be a plated tea afterwards
Hostesses: Grove and Fat Quilters
A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Officers' Absence
2. Minutes of the 2013 AGM
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3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Chairman's Report
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6. Programme Secretary's Report
7. Young Oast Co-ordinator's Report
8. Quilters' Guild Area Representative's Report
9. Website Development Report
10. Appointment of New Chairman
11. Bursary Awards
12. Any Other Business
13. Date of Next AGM

Library Report

This year the library ladies have bought many new books thanks to the generous funding of the committee. We now have over 500 books and because of this we will hold a sale at the May meeting. Unfortunately we can no longer source the Japanese quilting magazines from the UK so a new supplier is being sourced. We hope you all enjoy and make full use of the library and welcome any suggestions of any new books that you have enjoyed.

Happy Christmas from all the Librarians.

Corners - Saturday January 24 2015

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| <i>Liz Coleman</i> | Baltimore - but not as you know it (fabric flowers) |
| <i>Michelle Cooper</i> | Five Minute Block. A piecing technique |
| <i>Marion Fox</i> | Continuous Bias Binding – how to make it |
| <i>Sally Hearn</i> | Origami Butterfly Brooch |
| <i>Sharyn Hutchings</i> | Disappearing 9 Patch. A piecing technique |
| <i>Judi Kirk</i> | Thread Catcher - a small useful container |
| <i>Chris Lloyd</i> | Easy Zipped Bag with Variations |
| <i>Stephanie Syvret</i> | A Little Bird Told Me – gadget case for phones, tablets etc. |

The above 'corners' will be given a letter, A to H (but not necessarily in the order above!) There will be four 20 minute 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) 1A, 2E, 3C and 4H. The "corners" will be placed in alphabetical order. Some may be 'out of order' depending on access to electricity.

New Groups

All groups should produce 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). Speaking of which.....

Canterbury Quilters

A new group based in Canterbury, called *Canterbury Quilters* is now up and running! We are meeting once a fortnight on a Thursday morning at St. Stephens Community Centre in Tenterden Drive. If there are any independent members living in the Canterbury Area who would like to join, please contact Marion Fox, telephone 455697 for further details.

Young Oast

We have changed our venue to Etchinghill Village Hill as of 22 November 2014. Our first meeting was very successful in the pleasant surroundings of Etchinghill Village Hall and we hope the move will encourage more members with grandchildren/children to join us as we are now further inland and have more space. At today's meeting there will be a small display of the children's work during the past year which we hope you will enjoy. All the Young Oast members thank you for your support over the past year.

The UFO (UnFinished Objects)

Meetings for 2014

Saturday 28 February Saturday 7 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

Oast Bursaries – how one of our members spent her 2013 Bursary

At the Oast AGM in Canterbury in 2013 I waited anxiously whilst the draw for the three £100 bursaries took place. I am always interested in new ideas and techniques and each year had longed to be a winner. The three tickets were drawn; none of them mine, so I was disappointed once again. Amazingly the third ticket wasn't claimed, so it was drawn again and the next number chosen was mine – Hurrah!

I was naturally delighted to win the bursary as I had already intended to visit the Festival of Quilts at the NEC in Birmingham in August and sign in to some classes. Once the schedule was advertised I looked through the list and chose two half day workshops and a short one hour class with Sally Holman, which I then booked online as soon as the booking opened. Also whilst at the Festival I managed to attend one of Marti Michell's lectures, always interesting and full of simple hints and ideas.

I won't dwell on the first class or mention the tutor as it wasn't for me. The cost of the class, plus £35 spent on items that we were asked to bring and then were not needed on the day, I felt it was a waste of time and money. Why do tutors ask people to bring so many items when they must realize that there will not be time to use them? Needless to say, I will never use them, so if anyone is interested in micro beads please let me know.

The second day and second class was "Scattered Circles, Textured Table Runner – Tutor: Cecile Whatman from Australia. Having travelled from the other side of the world, with limited luggage allowance, suffering jet lag and with some family anxiety, I have to say that she was brilliant. It was an exercise in textures, the simple runner made from one background fabric, appliquéd with scattered circles. Various fabrics from sheers through to wool felts, including silks, cottons and velvets were used. The different size circles were cut using a die. It was the first time I had used one. An interesting experience, but I am not sure if the expense of purchasing one would be cost effective. We could buy packs of the various fabrics from her at a very reasonable price. They were colour coordinated and had been brought all the way from Australia. I finished the runner at home, even applying circles of foil, a technique learnt at my first class, so perhaps the class was not entirely wasted. I am very pleased with the end result, although not too happy about the machine stitching. I should have used my walking foot! But I will definitely use the idea of different textures again. So thank you Oast, I now have some new methods and ideas to use and share in the future.

Linda Pearce - Blockmakers *Linda aims to have a display of the item she made at today's meeting.*

Bursaries

Have you got your raffle ticket for a bursary?

These are allocated at every AGM – i.e. **TODAY!** To be eligible you must not have received one before. There are three awarded each AGM. Each is to the value of £100. The idea is that you spend it on a workshop, book or similar which stretches your current abilities. You will be expected to 'show and tell' how you used your award; by producing an article and samples of your work, or by giving a short talk at the March meeting (a year plus three months after receipt).

Next Month's Workshops

Sunday 25 and Monday 26 January 2015

Carolyn Forster – Comfortable with Curves

Learn to sew a simple curved block by hand or machine to create an endless array of quilt designs. You will need a template to do this (£12.00 plus workshop fee of £20.00).

Over the years Carolyn's work has been featured in various British and International quilting magazines. Her quilts have appeared on the television; both here and in the US, and she has contributed to books published by 'New Holland' and 'That Patchwork Place'. Since self-publishing her first book, 'Quilting-on-the-Go', Carolyn has written books for Landauer Publishing in the US, and Search Press in the UK. She teaches widely both here and abroad; most recently, the International Quilt Festival in Houston. Carolyn lives in Tunbridge Wells with her husband, Craig, and their son - who is not short of quilts on a chilly winter's night!

**Quilters' Guild Stash Sale
Tuesday 9 December 2014
10.30am – 2.30pm**

**Lower Hardres and Nackington Village Hall
Street End, Lower Hardres, CT4 5NP**

An ideal opportunity to stock up on fabric, tools, books and other quilt-related items. Raffle and refreshments. Entry £1.00 for Guild members, £2.00 for non-members, payable on the door.

Quilt Show in France A report from Chris Mason

We were in France in September and were lucky to have the time to drive through the Charentaise vineyards on a balmy September morning to the small village of Viville, where Jane Rollason had once again organised a Quilt exhibition. Quilts, paintings and many creative textiles, both French and English, were arranged in three rooms, including the lovely old church, where I found Gill Turley, with her display of quilts, shown to great advantage against the white painted walls. Gill showed me a recent small quilt made from Irish tweed, which she had completed since she was at Oast in July. Indeed Gill said that she had so enjoyed her visit to us that the "shabby chic" workshop had moved her to make this lovely tweed quilt which she had finished while waiting in frustration for her telephone and internet to be sorted during the summer! I was inspired by seeing her work at leisure and have now, at last, started my own shirt quilt.

For Sale

1. The Eclipse Horn Cabinet. New £879.00 - sale price £600.00 measurements can be seen on www.hornfurniture.co.uk



2. Jem 720 Platinum, new £349.00 sale price £200.00 machine is 2 years old only been used 6 times and has been serviced in July. I have the machine in the car if anybody would like it as a Christmas present. Please contact Sylvie Plested today or 01303 241124.

Dates for the Diary - HOSTESSING

If your group is down for hostessing, please make a note! If you don't know what is expected of you, please ask your group representative (but there are instructions in the hostess box!).

Absolutely essential:

- Ensuring the raffle prizes are bought
- All group members being there by 1.00pm
- Ensuring the refreshments are provided
- Ensuring the Speaker is thanked
- Ensuring the room is cleared and tidied at the end – including the quilt stands.

24 January	<i>Ethelburga & Hop Pocket</i>
14 March	<i>Martello & Valley Patchers</i>
9 May	<i>Quilting Bees & Bears Paw</i>
25 July	<i>Castle Wall, Chaucer and Thursday Quilters</i>
26 September	<i>Swallows, Orchard & Owls</i>
5 December:	<i>Xtreme, Rambling Roses & Trio</i>
January 2016	<i>Phoenix & Pogles Wood</i>

Mug Rug Exchange (9" x 6") – last date 31.01.15. You may make 1-3 mug rugs. International entries: send two and the organiser will pay postage to the swappers. Mail your entries to: Sindy Rodenmayer 1341 Kynn Drive, Garland Texas 75041. USA Include a note to be sent along with each mug rug introducing yourself to your exchange friend.

OAST QUILTERS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Oast Quilters, held on 7th December 2013 at Simon Langton School for Boys, Canterbury, beginning at 2.30pm.

1. Apologies for Officers' Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Jill Blackman, Vice-Chairman.

2. Minutes of the 2012 AGM

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2012 were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a report on the year's activities, the highlight of which was the Oast showcase. She was pleased to see Young Oast flourishing and continued to enjoy visiting groups and exhibitions whenever she could. She thanked members of the Committee, Young Oast, Oast Showcase Committee and Library team for their hard work and commitment.

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, proposed by Sylvie Plested and seconded by Sally Hearn. The Treasurer asked that authority be given to amend the Bank Mandate on the appointment of a new Secretary. This was proposed by Patty Schroll and seconded by Liz Coleman. Joan Hinns asked for the balance from the Oast Showcase. The Treasurer advised this was £4,192 and this would be covered under the Oast Showcase Report.

6. Programme & Workshop Report

Belinda Jeffries reported on the workshops held through the year. They had been well attended and everyone who asked to attend was able to do so. She thanked Stephanie Bunt for her work in arranging venues and refreshments for the workshops. She reminded members that the workshops were suitable for all abilities and the schedule of workshops for 2014 had been distributed to Group Reps.

7. Young Oast Co-ordinator's Report

It had been an excellent year for Young Oast. Three meetings had been held and there was a display of work at the Showcase. Rachael Hawkins had won 1st Prize at the national Championships. There was room to accommodate more children.

8. Library Report

The Chairman read out a short report from the Library Co-ordinator advising that some Japanese magazines were being stocked on a trial basis and there were plans for a Book Sale in March.

9. Oast Showcase

Liz Coleman gave a report on the Oast Showcase. As usual there were a number of learning points which were duly noted for future occasions. The venue was not clean and the school had been notified. The Committee had agreed to donate £1,500 to each of the three nominated charities and it was hoped representatives would be able to attend the January meeting to formally receive their cheques.

10. Quilters' Guild Area Representatives' Reports

Sally Hearn introduced herself and Pam Paine as the Guild reps for East Kent. She thanked Anne Mole and Margaret Walter for their work over the past years. The Guild Birthday Party had been well attended and very enjoyable. It raised £100. Future plans included workshops, a stash sale and next year's birthday.

11. Website

Louise Jessup advised members of plans to revamp the website. She wanted to make it more interactive and asked for ideas and articles from members. She hoped the new-look site would be ready in January.

12. Election of Officers

The Chairman thanked Michelle Cooper for her service as secretary and presented her with a gift as a token of members' appreciation. Nominations were requested for the role of Secretary and Wilma Keighley was proposed by Ursula Hodson and seconded by Trudy Smethurst. The Chairman announced that Shirley Ryall was stepping down as Traders' Organiser and asked if anyone would be willing to undertake this role. Sylvie Plested volunteered to take on the role.

13. Constitution Review

The Chairman reported that following a series of meetings which had been open to all members to attend a draft constitution document had been prepared, which had been circulated. She then took members through each paragraph and any proposed amendments were discussed and voted upon. A copy of the revised Oast Quilters Constitution was attached to the minutes.

14. Bursary Awards

The Chairman reminded all eligible members to get a ticket for the bursary draw. The winners would be announced after tea.

15 Any Other Business – none

14. Date of Next AGM 6 December 2014. The meeting closed at 4.10pm.

Jenny Hoyle, Chairman.