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Reminder

Independents – may we have your email please so that we can be sure to keep you informed? Please provide this to the ladies at the door.

TODAY'S MEETING

Speaker: Barbara Chainey; 'It's all in the Stitch'

Traders: Heidi's Crafts, Rainham Sewing, Creative Quilting (Izzy), Rose 'n' Tony and Daisy Chain

Thank you to our Hostesses:
Martello and Valley Patchers

Workshop Spaces

At the time of going to press, there are still a few spaces on Barbara Chainey's, 'Essentials of Hand Quilting', workshop which takes place tomorrow at Lower Hardres. If you would like to take part, please see Judi Kirk today – there won't be a lot of work to put together what you need for the workshop.

Bursary Winners

Previous winners of a bursary will be showing us what they have learnt and produced as a consequence of winning a bursary (£100.00). Please stop by at their displays – you are sure to be inspired!

The next meeting is on: Saturday 9 May

Speaker: Barbara Barber; 'My quilts and how I make them'

Hostesses: Quilting Bees and Bear's Paw

Barbara is well-known international quilter and instructor. Taking a workshop from Barbara Barber will inspire and educate – prompting a curious quilter to create something extraordinary of his or her own! Barbara has been teaching and lecturing since 1994 throughout the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States. She began her quilting career in May 1991 after having previously run a small, but

successful business making machine knitted jumpers. When she became bored with her daily tasks as a machine knitter, she tried quilting as an escape. What's amazing about her wealth of knowledge is she is 100% self-taught! Her quilts are not only award winning, but have been in invitational exhibits in the United Kingdom, Europe, the United States and Japan. Among Barbara's many accomplishments, she was named one of "The Thirty Most Distinguished Quilt Artists of the World" in 2004.

Barbara has written three books on the subject of quilt making. Her third and most recent book *Foolproof Curves* makes sewing curves fun and easy with two totally different approaches. From traditional Drunkard's Path and Compass to bright, contemporary designs, there is definitely something for everyone. Her second book *Flower Power* features over 75 original flower designs to use in any way chosen. Discover how to design and draw your own with confidence and ease. Barbara's first book *Really Sharp Piecing* is currently out of print. *Really Sharp Piecing* is highlighted in Part 1 of her latest book, which discusses using a foundation to make accurate full circle and freeform curved designs. In addition to writing books and articles, Barbara has produced four videos and appeared as a guest on HGTV's broadcast of 'Simply Quilts!' She has recently remarried and is now Barbara Thomas.

Sunday 10 May

Barbara's workshop will be, 'Really Sharp Piecing'. Please see the membership table for more information about booking a place. This should be a really worthwhile workshop.

Oast Challenge 2015

This year's challenge is fabric based. The fabric is from the range, 'Flyaway', by Dashwood Studios and its code is 1077. There is no restriction to the size of your finished quilted item and it doesn't have to be a quilt, but can be a bag, cushion, or other three dimensional object. However the rule is that it must be composed of three layers which are quilted together. The item should be made for display at the AGM in December and an entry form must be completed and submitted by **31 October 2015**. The form can be downloaded from the website and will be available as hardcopies at the September meeting.

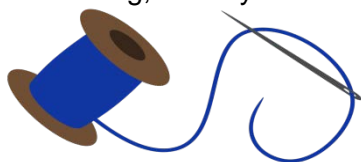
Saturday 4 April 'In-house' Workshop Lower Hardres Village Hall 10.00am- 4.00pm

There are a few spaces on Carol Ann James' 'Appliqué Extravagaza' workshop. Make a little wall hanging/cushion front using a variety of appliqué methods. You might even end up with curvy borders! Carol will have a workshop sample to inspire you with her today, so have a look and if you would like a place, fill out a form and put it with your deposit in the Black Box as usual. The total cost is £15.00. Contact Judi Kirk at judi@redpen.co.uk for more details.

Saturday 6 Junethe next in-house workshop Lower Hardres Village Hall 10.00am – 4.00pm French Braid with Ann Wood

Thank You!

The feedback on January's Corners meeting has been very positive indeed, so a big '**thank you**' to everyone who helped make this such a successful meeting, from the demonstrators, to (and especially!) Sheila, who organised them, to the ladies who issued the tickets. Several people have mentioned that they were helped by other members; so if you were one of those who took the time to lend a steadying hand or carry someone's bag, thank you!



Young Oast Saturday 28 March Etchinghill Village Hall

At our first meeting of the year we are being joined by members of Ethelburga Quilters as they find themselves homeless for their March meeting. I am sure we will all enjoy the day and the exchange of ideas between young and older. Young Oast welcomes new members but please contact me first, especially for the March meeting.
Barbara Thorburn

Project Linus

I want to thank Oast for letting me have a table for Project Linus UK. It has been a great help that people know where to come and find me to bring the quilts they are donating. The members of Oast Quilters are most generous and I have received some wonderful quilts from them, in turn making so many children a little bit happier in their difficult lives. My table at Oast has made a vast difference to me and has helped with making people aware of the good work that the very kind ladies do. I am very sorry but due to circumstances beyond my control, I will not be able to attend today's meeting. Carol James has very kindly offered to collect any quilts that people bring in for me.
Sandra, Project Linus UK, Co-ordinator for Kent

Thanet Quilters Programme 2015

Tuesday 2 June, 7.00pm; Speaker Elaine Vickers
Wednesday 3 June, 10am-4pm; Summer Workshop Day 'Machine Quilting' Cathy Northcutt.
Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 June; Thanet Quilters Exhibition, St. Peter's
Tuesday October 6, 7.00pm; Speaker Carol James
Wednesday October 7, 10am-4pm; Workshop with Carol James 'Double Wedding Ring with a Difference!'
Saturday October 10, Doughty's Road Show (See separate advert)
Saturday November 28, Christmas Fair.

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

ABBNEY PATCHERS

....will be holding their Biennial Quilt Show
at

St. Mary's Church, Minster, Nr. Ramsgate
CT12 4BX

on the following dates:

Saturday 23 May 2015	10.00am - 5.30pm
Sunday 24 May 2015	12.00pm - 4.00pm
Monday 25 May 2015	10.00am - 4.30pm

There will be a large display of Quilts,
Sales Tables, Traders, Charity Quilt Raffle and
Refreshments
Admission Free

Please contact Sandra Anderson for further
details: 01227 375429

Saturday 18 April

Open day

Bright Headland Quilters

at

Trinity Church Hall, Broadway, Sheerness.
(Parking next door), Exhibiting Quilts
etc., refreshments, a raffle, starting at
10.00am until 4.00pm entrance £1.50
including one free tea or coffee all
welcome.

Quay Quilters' Quilt Show

in aid of the Pilgrims Hospice

West Faversham Community Centre

Bysing Wood Road

Faversham ME13 7RH

Thursday 9 July 10.00am to 4.00pm and

5.30pm to 8.30pm

Friday 10 July 10.00am to 4.00pm

Admission £2.50

Disabled access

Refreshments, lunches, traders, raffle, tombola,
sales

Details: V. Sherston-Baker 01303840846

Dragonfly Quilt Exhibition

Our 6th Quilt exhibition will be held on August
Bank Holiday

Saturday 29 August 10.00am to 5.00pm

Sunday 30 August 10.00am to 5.00pm

Monday 31 August 10.00am to 6.00pm

St George's Church Hall, High
Street, Deal CT14 6BA.

Entry by voluntary donation.

We will have some traders
and a Charity Quilt

Raffle. Tea, coffee and cake served all
day. All profits go to charity.

For further information please contact Tracy
Aplin 01304 363401.



DOUGHTY'S ROADSHOW

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2015

10.30am - 2.30pm

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

at

Manston Sports & Social Club, Daigor Lane, Manston
Kent CT12 5BG

Festival of Quilts

Friday 7 – Sunday 9 August

Coach trip organised by Sharyn Hutchings

Hotel: Ramada, Sutton Coldfield, B76 1LH

Cost per person: £205.00

single supplement £30.00

A deposit of £50.00 person must accompany the completed booking form. The balance is due on 19 June. Forms from Sharyn – she'll have some with her today or email her on

sharyn.hutchings@virgin.net



Rose Garden Studios

Westmarsh CT3 2LP

Telephone:

01304 814285

If you enjoyed Stephanie Syvret's 'Corner' at the January meeting then you will love the following workshops:

'Stitched Landscapes' Friday 20 March 2015

'Bunting and Beyond' Friday 29 May 2015

Both workshops cost £25.00 and are held at our delightful Tearooms, hidden within the orchards of East Kent, on the edge of Ash Levels. The workshops run from 10.00am to 2.30pm and a light lunch is available at £4.00. For more information please visit our website at

www.rosegardenstudios.moonfruit.com or

email us at rosegardenstudios@outlook.com

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OAST SHOWCASE 2016 – WE'VE STARTED THE PLANNING PROCESS!

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

Are you ready for a UFO....

which doesn't involve sewing? This UFO will be travelling through the sky on 25 April 2015 – and will be Heather Powell, the Group Representative for Pieceful Patchers in Sittingbourne. Heather is jumping out of a plane at 10,000 feet as part of a tandem skydive for a really worthwhile charity, Support Dogs. Support Dogs help to train dogs to become Disability Assistance Dogs.

These remarkable canines assist their owners by carrying out tasks such as opening and closing doors, picking up objects, raising the alarm, dressing and undressing, operating control buttons and even loading and unloading a washing machine! Heather needs to raise at least £300 for this worthwhile charity and should you wish to contribute, no matter the amount, please go on line to <https://www.justgiving.com> and type in HeathersJumpingOutOfAPlane. If the Internet isn't your thing, she will have some sponsor forms at today's meeting. If you need to contact her, please contact her at hpo@westlands.kent.sch.uk



Do you get skipped stitches when you are machine quilting?

Have a look at the following website link:

<https://moonlightingquilts.wordpress.com/category/free-motion-quilting/>

This is the website of Cyndi Souder, an American art quilter and teacher. There's lots of really good back-to-basics advice, including how to position your hands (like a film director's!).

