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TODAY'S MEETING

Traders: Smart Frog, Stitch Witch, Little Lavender Patch, The Sewing Shop and Fabric Fairy (with Daisy and Sylvie)

Thank you to our Hostesses:
Quilting Bees and Bear's Paw

CHANGE TO THE SPEAKER

You may already have heard that unfortunately Barbara Barber is able to be with us this weekend because of illness. **Isabel Hall** has stepped in at the last minute and will be giving today's talk, 'Moving Onwards with a Longarm'. Isabel plans to show quilts illustrating her own development as a quilter as well as highlighting the sort of questions that patchworkers often ask about how to have a top quilted. She will be talking about backings, waddings and threads as well as showing examples of how a different decision would have changed the look of a quilt.

Isabel came to us last on 7 September 2013 (our Open Day) and those who attended thoroughly enjoyed her talk, 'My 39 Steps you can get here from there'.. To remind everyone, her résumé is as follows:

Isabel Hall has been quilting professionally since 2003. Prior to that she undertook City and Guilds Patchwork and Quilting parts 1&2 with Jenny Last at Windsor. She went on to complete a diploma in Stitched Textiles with Jan Beaney and Jean Littlejohn.

She wanted to earn some money sewing but wasn't sure how to go about it, but there was a light-bulb moment when she spotted a longarm machine.

She studied with Beryl Cadman in Ireland and Linda Taylor in Texas as well as various other teachers. She enjoys working on both her own quilt tops and customers' quilts too. So far she has worked on over 1000 quilts!

She won first prize for longarm quilting at Harrogate and the National Championships and is working on developing her own style of quilting, combining the ease of computerised designs with entirely free-hand work particularly on appliqué quilts.

She teaches various workshops to groups and runs one day classes at her house in Weybridge with another longarm quilter, Susie Green. They aim to teach a pattern which can be completed in a day and then the top is left with them to quilt.

As every bed in her house is covered in multi layers of quilts she is now building up a stash of quilts for talks and trying to extend her comfort zone.

Workshop Sunday 10 May

There are a few spaces available on the Sunday workshop which is entitled 'Floating Rings'. Isabel says "This modern quilt uses fat eights for the rings fused onto 10" squares. A good chance to practise fusing, top stitching and worry free colour blending, as the method means it is impossible to make two identical blocks."

No last minute preparation required!

Isabel will bring kits with her which will include everything to make one block, so there's no last-minute worry about requirements - just a sewing machine, usual sewing things, extension cable, lunch and mug.

Library Sale!

The Library Ladies (Xtreme) have selected all the books for which there is a duplicate or those which are no longer borrowed and these will all be for sale today. We hope you have brought an extra bag! Any funds raised will be reinvested into new books. There will be a list of all the library books available on the website very soon. This is updated twice a year.

**The next meeting is on:
Saturday 25 July**

Speaker: Judi Mendelssohn

Talk: 'On being NOT a Championship Quilter'

Hostesses: Quilting Bees and Bear's Paw

Judi came to Oast Quilters many years ago and will be a very welcome 'returner'. She is very well known for her former role as Assistant Editor of 'Patchwork and Quilting' Magazine which was started by Dianne Huck and Elaine Hammond in 1985, the first of its kind in the UK. Judi is an exceptional teacher and along with Barbara Chainey she also organises a number of cruises (there's one coming up in September to Spain and the Algarve, leaving from Dover!).

Sunday 26 July

Workshop – New York Beauty

Since so many people were disappointed not to have the opportunity to take a workshop on sharp piecing, we are in the process of changing the July workshop to New York Beauty. This is the technique that Judi Mendelssohn is most known for - her class at the Festival of Quilts is sold out and cost £38.00 for a half day! Those people booked to do Judi's original class will have first refusal, followed by those who booked the Barbara Barber class.

Young Oast

We had an excellent day on 28th March when we shared the Village Hall at Etchinghill with Ethelburga Quilters and enjoyed the combination of young and old (*less young, Ed!*), exchanging ideas and project possibilities.

As it was Easter time from two blocks of Roman Stripes we made triangular, stuffed chickens, all different sizes, from pin cushions to doorstops.

Please contact me if you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew etc. who would like to join us, but you must be prepared to stay with them all the time. Our next meeting is on Saturday 27 June - Etchinghill Village Hall 10.00 - 3.00 p.m. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks and cake provided.

Barbara Thorburn
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Also at today's meeting.....

Both Quay Quilters and Thanet Quilters will have raffle quilts on display – and raffle tickets to sell.

Louise Jessup will have a small table so that she can 'show and tell' some of her small masterpieces. We all agreed that this would be better than showing them during 'Show and Tell' because only the front row would be able to see the detail!

Saturday 6 June

The next in-house workshop

Lower Hardres Village Hall

10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost £15.00

French Braid with Ann Wood

Use scraps, jelly rolls or yardage in this versatile technique. Ann will teach a standard method on the day, which can be used to make various projects and will also demonstrate variations and bring samples (including a miniature) for further inspiration.

To book; a £5.00 non-refundable deposit should be placed inside an envelope. At each Oast meeting there are two receptacles at the back of the hall. Please put your envelope in the correct one for the type of workshop you are booking.

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.

* *This fabric is available today on the Smart Frog stand.*

Members may also be interested to know that Kathy's Patch in Folkestone took delivery of a bolt of this fabric recently. It is also available from a range on on-line suppliers.

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
Saturday 18th July Outing to "Lady Sew & Sew", Henley. Few places left!

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

EXHIBITIONS, OPEN DAYS AND QUILT SHOWS

Please let us have details of your groups' quilt shows and other events so that we can publish them on the Oast Website and in Oast Post. There is no cost for local groups.

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

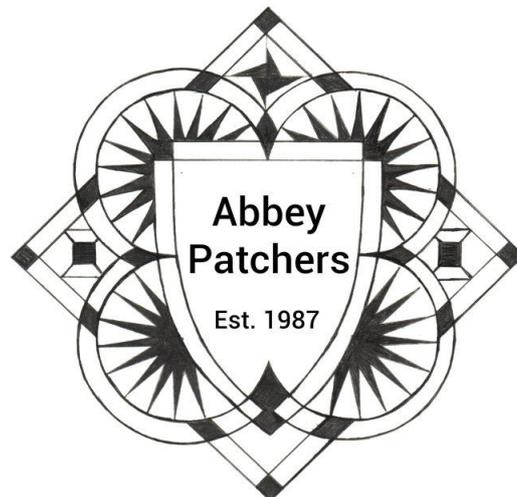
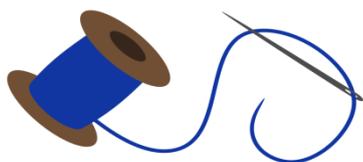
Friday 10 July 10.00am to 4.00pm

Admission £2.50

Disabled access

Refreshments, lunches, traders, raffle, tombola, sales

Details: V. Sherston-Baker 01303840846



ABBEY 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

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 4.00pm

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**

Please note this date in your diary

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.

at

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

Festival of Quilts

PLACES BOOKING FAST!

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

s.hutchings856@btinternet.com or telephone

her on 01227 791856

SHE DID IT!....

On 25 April 2015 Heather Powell, the Group Representative for Pieceful Patchers in Sittingbourne, jumped out of a plane at 10,000 feet as part of a tandem skydive for Support Dogs. Support Dogs help to train dogs to become Disability Assistance Dogs. Donations to <https://www.justgiving.com> ensured that Heather not only exceeded her target of £300.00 which was key to her being able to do the jump, but reached the staggering figure of £750 plus £162.50 in 'Gift Aid'. Well done Heather!! Heather is still on cloud nine (!) and will be pinning a photo of herself attached to an instructor and the parachute on the notice board. Late donations will still be welcome!

Jan Worden has been selling some patchwork and quilting items for a friend who can no longer see sufficiently well to continue this hobby. Everything was in pristine order and the ladies in the U3A class and the embroidery class down at Ramsgate have already been able raise £200.00 for her. There is still a **wooden floor-standing quilting hoop** left for sale. It cost £120 when new and she hopes to get around £50 for it. If you are interested, please contact Jan at janetsoane@icloud.com

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