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TODAY'S MEETING

The speaker is:

Stuart Hillard

Whose talk is...

'The Great British Sewing Bee and Me'

Hostesses: *Clockmakers and Phoenix*

Today's Traders are:

The Sewing Shop, Canterbury, Creative Quilting, Daisy Chain, Smart Frog and Karry Dot Com

There can't be many people who haven't heard about Stuart Hillard –and weren't glued to the TV when the Great British Sewing Bee was on! Stuart was a semi-finalist in the first series of the programme in 2013.

Stuart is a quilter, designer and teacher and is absolutely passionate about all things fabric, thread, patchwork, applique and home décor. It is a passion that fuels every day of his life and a hobby that has become all consuming, his career and also his joy!

He has been a professional quilt designer, maker and teacher for over 20 years and has hundreds of quilts under his belt. More than fifty of his designs have been published in national and international magazines and he is a monthly columnist for Popular Patchwork Magazine, Essentials Magazine and Sew Magazine.

Stuart has been recognised for his work in the field of sewing education, joining the coveted "Bernina Leading Educator Programme".

He is a global ambassador for Handi-Quilter and demonstrates the art and beauty of longarm machine quilting at many shows and conferences. He is an ambassador for Coats Crafts/Rowan/FreeSpirit Fabrics and a regular in-store demonstrator at John Lewis stores around the British Isles. His first book, 'Sew Fabulous' was published by Orion in August 2014.

Workshops

Stuart's workshop is 'Free Motion Quilting for the Terrified'. At the time of writing there is one place available on the Sunday workshop and eleven on Monday. Please see Lyn Browne if you are interested in attending. The workshop requirements are on our website (see above), but please note that you will need some black fabric. One of today's traders will have a supply.

Bursaries

A reminder - bursary winners from 2014 will be providing presentations of how they spent their money as part of today's Show and Tell. Items will be displayed on quilt stands for you to admire.

The Library

The Committee is shocked to report that over 50 loans are outstanding, that is, that have been borrowed for longer than two meetings. This is not fair on other members who may also be seeking to borrow the book(s). All books should be returned the following meeting and if you are unable to attend the following meeting you should ask a friend to bring the item(s) instead. If the situation does not improve rapidly the Committee will have to impose sanctions and potential methods for dealing with this are to be discussed further. Any sanctions are likely to be brought in by the January 2017 meeting. If you have any problems or suggestions, please contact Julie Morgan at: jamorgan650@gmail.com

New purchases for the library are; 'The Fenland Book of Kantha Stitching' by Angela Daymond and 'Liberty Love' by Alexia Marcelle Abegg



Please don't drink your tea or coffee near the Traders' stalls!!

Young Oast

Our first meeting of 2016 for Young Oast was on Saturday 27 February. It was bitterly cold but we were warm indoors enjoying our day sewing. We worked on a pattern for a multi-pocketed accessory bag and were well on the way to finishing by the afternoon when Brenda Chalkley introduced the children to hand quilting.

They all have sewing machines and love using them but we thought it would be good to introduce them to the delights of hand stitching. Brenda showed them how to transfer a design, how to start, work with the correct size needle and finish correctly. They all enjoyed the session and hopefully will incorporate their new found knowledge into their work.

We hope to have lots of Young Oasters' work for the Showcase.

New members are always welcome; we have lots of space now so bring along your daughter, granddaughter, niece etc. and have an enjoyable day (boys also very welcome).

Barbara Thorburn.

email: barbarathorburn@btinternet.com

The 2016 Challenge reminder

The Challenge topic for this year, as nominated by Lyn Browne last year's winner, is 'Birthday'. This has been selected in mind of the thirtieth birthday of Oast and relevant anniversaries of Aldington Quilters, Shakespeare and HM the Queen's ninetieth birthday.

Project Linus

Project Linus will have a table at today's meeting and, as ever, welcome quilts for donation to children in need of a hug. The contact details for the Project Linus representative, Sandra Anderson are: sandraanderson11@btinternet.com telephone 01227 375429, mobile 07889321788

REMINDER - Special Oast Workshops

Sarah Fielke

16, 17 and 18 July 2016

These classes are in addition to our usual programme, so there is no Saturday talk prior to the classes.

PLEASE SEE OAST POST Vol. 18, No 1 for further details.

Dates for Next Year's Oast Quilters' Meetings

January 28, March 11, May 6, July 22,
September 28 (morning and afternoon),
December 2 (AGM).

Aldington Corner Quilters

30th Birthday Exhibition

SEE THEIR RAFFLE QUILT ON DISPLAY TODAY

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 April 2016

Aldington Village Hall, Aldington. TN25 7EE

Saturday: 9.30am – 5.30pm

Sunday 9.30am 4.30pm

Admission £3.00. Light refreshments available, disabled access and ample parking.

We are raffling a quilt to raise funds for Pregnancy Sickness Support (Hyperemesis)

For further details contact Julie Coney at

quirkyjules@gmail.com.

The next UFO day will be on Saturday 16

November 2016

Lower Hardres Village Hall

10.00am – 4.00pm

For further information please contact Ingrid Hudson on 01303 230117 or email: raffles.leoville@btinternet.com Ingrid is already booking UFO dates for 2017

Trips to Quilt Shows 2016 with Carol James/Sandra Anderson

Pick up points: Wheatsheaf Bus Stop, Northdown Park Road, Birchington - The Square Bus Stop, Holiday Inn car park – Sainsbury's, Reeves Way, Chestfield, Whitstable.

Two day trips:

Malvern: 20 - 21 May 2016, visiting Doughty's new warehouse en route.

Festival of Quilts 13 - 14 August 2016

Day trips

Olympia Knitting & Stitch Saturday 5 March 2016

Sandown National Quilt Show Saturday 18 June 2016

Knitting & Stitch- Alexander Palace. Sunday 9 October 2016

Please contact Carol James, 10 St Mary's Avenue, Margate. CT9 3TN

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carol@carolannejames.co.uk

or Sandra James on 07889321788

Oast's Finances

The Treasurer reported a balance of £4159.01 in the reserve account and (after recent transactions) there is £10,407.18 in the current account.

Thanet Quilters' Programme

National Quilting Day: Saturday 2 April,
10.00am to 4.00pm, at Manston Sports and
Social Club, Daigor Lane, Manston Kent CT12
5BG for Juvenile Diabetic Research Fund
(JDRF). Making items for the sales table at our
Christmas Fair. Some patterns will be provided
but attendees are asked to bring their own ideas
with them.

Tuesday 7 June: Speaker; Abbie Anne
Searle; talk "Quilt Plunderings!!!"

Workshop - Pile and Plunder - on Wednesday 8
June. Venue - Our Lady & St Benedict R C
Church, Minnis Rd, Birchington-on-Sea,
Birchington CT7 9SF Cost £25.

Saturday 31 July: trip to Lady Sew &
Saw's (their last day of sale so lots of bargains!!)
Contact Cath Moss birchymoss@hotmail.co.uk
Cost £15

Summer Workshops

All proceeds to our charity, JDRF

1. Cathy Northcutt, Saturday 2 July, Book
Covers.
2. Carol James, date TBA. Ruched Flower
Bouquet Arrangement.
3. Margaret Harrison, Saturday 3 September.
Stained Glass Applique.

Venue for workshops; Our Lady & St Benedict
RC Church, Birchington.

Tuesday 4 October: Speaker Jennie Rayment.
Workshop - Scrip Bag - Wednesday 5 October
Venue - Our Lady & St Benedict RC Church,
Birchington. Cost £25

Saturday 8 October: Doughty's Road Show at
Manston Sports & Social Club. 10.30am to
2.30am

Saturday 26 November. Xmas Fair. Proceeds
to JDRF

For more information contact Carol James
Telephone: 01843 279680
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Demonstrating at Oast Showcase

Would you be prepared to demonstrate your
favourite technique to the general public (some of
whom may not be quilters)? Each session will be
timed for about 20 minutes. Your reward? The
satisfaction of sharing your wisdom – and a
voucher for a hot drink and a piece of cake!
Please contact Sheila Stojavljevic at:
sheila47kent@yahoo.co.uk

The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles Trunk Show with Sarah Fielke

Saturday 16 July 2016

Chartham Village Hall. Doors opening at 6.00pm.

We expect the evening to finish by 9.30pm
The Quilters' Guild is delighted to be hosting an
evening with Sarah Fielke, Australian co-author of
the Material Obsession books. The cost is £5.00
for Guild members and £7.50 for non-members.
Tickets can be obtained from either Judi Kirk or
Mary Cunningsworth on a first-come, first-served
basis. Please bring a fat quarter with you if you
wish to be eligible for a door prize. Any Oast
members who are attending the Saturday
workshop are welcome to buy a ticket and stay for
the evening event. We plan to take orders for fish
and chips!

*Advice from 1949 The Singer Company; Singer Sewing
Book © - To Sew Successfully, by Mary
Boon Picken:*

Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what
you are going to do...never approach with a sigh or
lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when
indifference predominates. Never try to sew with a sink
full of dirty dishes or beds unmade. When there are
urgent house-keeping chores, do these first so your
mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew, make
yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress.
Keep a little bag full of French chalk near your sewing
machine to dust your fingers at intervals.
Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on. If
you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or
your husband will come home, and you will not look
neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.

...with thanks to Marion Fox.

A source of Welsh Flannel for your Welsh-style quilts:

Raymond and Diane Jones, the owners of Melin Teifi,
served their apprenticeship in Cambrian Mills (now the
Museum of the Welsh Woollen Industry) and worked
there for a period of 18 years. Events took a dramatic
turn in 1982 following the closure of Cambrian Mills
Felindre Ltd. Rather than seek employment in another
industry, they decided to establish Melin Teifi, a
woollen mill employing three people, in a workshop on
the small industrial estate in Henllan, situated on the
north bank of the Teifi about a mile from the museum.
However, Melin Teifi took up accommodation in the
museum in 1984 and the Mill, although an independent
commercial venture, is an integral part of the museum's
interpretive exhibition, Melin Teifi concentrates upon
the production of flannel, tweed, blanket, quilts, shawls,
also commissions, Welsh costumes, flannel shirts,
smocks etc. (£16.00 a metre) <http://www.melinteifi.com>

As recommended (and visited) by Liz Coleman and
Diana Baldwin!



For All Things Sewing

KarryDotCom is pleased to announce the arrival of the new
Husqvarna Viking DESIGNER EPIC™ sewing, quilting and embroidery machine
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www.KarryDot.com



ROAD SHOW COMING TO OAST!

Sunday 17 April 2016 from 10.30 am to 2.30pm

At

Petham Village Hall, CT4 5RD

Free entrance. Refreshments available

Please bring your friends!

You don't have to be an Oast member to come to the Road Show



OAST SHOWCASE

3-6 JUNE 2016

Friday – Sunday

3 – 5 June 2016

10.00am – 5.00pm Friday and Saturday. 10.00am – 4.00pm Sunday

The Simon Langton School for Boys, Nackington Road, Canterbury CT4 7AU

Nominated Charities: Headway, Cleft Lip and Palate Association (CLAPA) and East Kent Unit for
Breast Screening (EKUBS)