



# OAST POST

## OAST QUILTERS' NEWSLETTER

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### TODAY'S MEETING

**Hostesses:** *Pieceful Patchers and Brook Quilters*

**Traders:**

*Rose 'n' Tony, Heidi's Crafts  
and Little Lavender Patch.*

*There will be one member's table and  
Daisy Rudnick will have a table with the 'left over'  
items from the Showcase – pick up a bargain!  
Phoenix will be selling raffle tickets for their  
charity quilt*

**The speaker is:**

*Dawn Cameron-Dick  
Whose talk is:*

*'Needles and Threads, A Love Story'*

The workshop on 24 July 2016, 'New York Beauty with invisible Machine Appliqué, was fully booked at the time the newsletter was being put to bed – but listen out for an announcement for any vacancies.



**The next meeting will be our annual  
OPEN DAY**

**On**

**Saturday 24 September**

**Doors open at 10.00am, with the second  
session starting at about 1.30pm**

**Morning Speaker**

Donna Thornal – 'What is Modern Quilting?'

**Afternoon Speaker**

Jenny Rayment – 'Twiddle Away – It's Fabric  
Play'

We are sorry that the scheduled speaker, Rosemary McLavy is unable to come to the September meeting but are delighted to introduce **Donna Thornal**.

Donna is a 'Modern' quilter and has been sewing and making all her life, but about three years ago she discovered quilting and a new passion was born! Well we can all empathise with that! She was born and raised in the deep South (of the USA – South California and Florida). Donna has lived in three different countries since she left the USA in 1992 and now lives in London, where she is currently the Treasurer of the London Chapter of the Modern Quilt Guild. One of the things she really likes to do is to repurpose fabrics from around her house – including an old dog blanket. You can view some of her designs at [www.olivamariemcreate.com/quilt](http://www.olivamariemcreate.com/quilt)

The Workshop on Sunday 25 September is with Jenny Rayment and is entitled, 'Scrappy Zappy Do'. Please check with Lyn Browne if you are interested and see the Oast website for more details and a list of requirements.

### Membership

As a consequence of further interest after the recent Oast Showcase, we now have 320 members, of which 82 (25%) are independent. More who expressed interest at Showcase may still become members. To ensure a regular 'flow' of entry at each meeting, we have an official 'greeter' (Jenny Hoyle) – please listen out for her guidance.

### Treasurer's Report

There is £4149.64 in the deposit account and £9,694.87 in the current account. This includes £3,353 profit from the Showcase (which will increase as more of the Sales Table items are sold). This means that we will be in a position to give each of our nominated charities a generous donation. The membership will be consulted on the actual sum at today's meeting.

### Young Oast

Barbara Thorburn reports that Young Oast had a wonderful reception at the Oast Showcase with so many people interested in the work of the children and very appreciative of their effort. There are seven prospective new members and it is hoped to welcome them at today's meeting, 23 July (unfortunately, but unavoidably, same day as Oast) when beach bags will be made.

Dates for next year have been booked and are 25th March, 24th June, 25th November, all at Etchinghill Village Hall. New members are warmly welcome, accompanied by one adult (member of Oast Quilters) each child. Further information from Barbara on 0133 238809 or by email at [barbarthorburn@btinternet.com](mailto:barbarthorburn@btinternet.com)



### Traders

The Traders have requested that fewer traders are invited to each meeting as they are having difficulty balancing costs to attend against takings on the day. The Committee, who recognise the need for the traders to be profitable, has agreed that the number be reduced to three traders at most meetings, four at the open day and two (as usual) at the January meeting when we have Corners and are restricted on space. It was also agreed that if the traders are ready, the members will be allowed into the hall early in order to allow a greater time for shopping.

### Venue for the Meetings

The Simon Langton Boys' School is beginning to impose some restrictions and/or added costs on our use of their facilities and are now unable to put out the chairs for us (mind you, we used to have to put out chairs until relatively recently; this used to be part of the hostesses' duties). This has made us realise that we should review the options available to us, given that no location is ideal. The committee feels that the location for our meeting should ideally be in Canterbury, which is central. Our choices are likely to be restricted, but if anyone has an idea they would like us to consider, please contact Wilma Keighley, the Secretary (see her details on the programme card). We will need somewhere that can accommodate at least 200 members, has good parking and is on the flat as far as possible.

### Secretary Required

Wilma Keighley's three year stint as Secretary to Oast Quilters' Committee comes to an end at the next AGM. Would you be interested in taking on this role? Please speak to Wilma and she will explain her duties to you.

### 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.

**The next UFO day will be on  
Saturday 12 November 2016  
Lower Hardres Village Hall  
10.00am – 4.00pm**

Future dates include:  
11 February 2017  
4 November 2017

For further information please contact Ingrid Hudson on 01303 230117 or email: [raffles.leoville@btinternet.com](mailto:raffles.leoville@btinternet.com)

### Thanet Quilters' Programme

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

**Summer Workshop Saturday 3 September**  
All proceeds to our charity, JDRF  
Margaret Harrison, Stained Glass Applique.  
Venue for workshop; 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.** Christmas Fair. Proceeds to JDRF.

For more information contact Carol James  
Telephone: 01843 279680  
Email: [carol@carolannejames.co.uk](mailto:carol@carolannejames.co.uk)

**Question...** If a 'stitch in time saves nine' means that 'it is better to act or deal with problems immediately because if you wait and deal with them later, things will get worse and the problems will take longer to deal with', does this give us carte blanche to prioritise our sewing over all other things?

## Oast Showcase

- *What an amazing show! Well done everyone – lunch too – what a bonus. Can't wait for the next one!! xx*
- *Absolutely superb! Better get back and sew!*
- *Lovely quilts for a small show – better than seen at Malvern. Well done.*
- *Excellent artwork – brilliant display – terrific stalls and a lot of hard work behind the scenes – INSPIRING*
- *Excellent show! Came by chance and really enjoyed it. Quite inspired to do some myself. Thank you!*

....Just a few of the lovely comments left on our 'Talking Wall'! People reported that this was a very happy and friendly show. Friends of mine who are non-quilters especially commented on the warm welcomes they received everywhere. The demonstrations were especially appreciated (thank you to Sheila and team for all your superb organisation).

So far the Showcase has made nearly £3,353, but we expect the final total to be higher after today's meeting since Daisy has brought the remaining items from the Sales Table for you to look through and hopefully pick up a bargain! You may be interested to know that the Sales Table has already made in excess of £1,258. As you know, the profits of any Showcase are divided amongst our nominated charities which this time are, EKUBS (East Kent Unit for Breast Screening, the Cleft Lip and Palate Association (CLAPA) and Headway (charity for brain injury). Cheques will be presented at our AGM in December. We will be asking the membership how much we should be providing to each charity at today's meeting.

The Showcase Committee are having a 'wash-up' meeting (don't you just love Americanisms!) at the end of July to make a note of what went well and what we need to change next time. One of the issues we will look at is whether there were actually too many traders. On the whole we think that the location worked well for us, but no location is ideal given some of the requirements we have – a large hall, somewhere to have a café or access to refreshments, ease of access for the disabled, good security arrangements and plentiful parking – all within cost constraints. However, we are always open to other ideas – just let Liz or any committee member know.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Melville who won BOTH rosettes in the Visitors' Choice; 'the Best Quilt in Show' and also the 'Quilt I Would Most Like To Go Home With'! Her quilt is truly inspirational and utterly beautiful; entitled, 'Blues' it contains very witty blocks on the theme of blue (the one which really tickled me was the dog howling at a blue moon!). Marion Fox was the very worthy winner of the Challenge (on the theme of '30', since it is 30 years since the inception of Oast Quilters). Such a detailed and interesting design – thirty squares all very different. You could have looked at it for ages and still not seen all the intricate detail!



### A Message from the Faversham Sociable Sewing Group

After our dear friend Jean Yeoman passed away earlier this year her family gave the Faversham Sociable Sewing Group all her sewing equipment and fabrics. We have decided to use them to raise as much money as possible for Cancer Research UK. See our fundraising page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/ssfaversham> in memory of Jean Yeoman and of Ruby Poppy who is also greatly missed.

We will be running a craft stall at the Brogdale Apple Festival in October, selling items we have made from Jean's fabrics and haberdashery + some of her finished quilts. Meanwhile, various items of equipment will be sold to raise funds for Cancer Research UK, and this is the main reason I am contacting you. We are looking for buyers for the following items:

- A floor standing Grace Hoop 2 wooden 24 inch quilting hoop and stand: £150 or near offer (we believe the retail price is £320 - see [www.quiltdirect.co.uk](http://www.quiltdirect.co.uk)).
- A plastic Q snap quilting stand: £25 ono (we believe the retail price is £54).
- A portable iron and ironing board: £5.00 (for use at exhibitions, workshops, etc).

If you or anyone you know is interested in any of the above, please contact Chris Fagg at [davechrisfagg38@gmail.com](mailto:davechrisfagg38@gmail.com).

### VILLAGE TEXTILES C&G APPROVED INDEPENDENT CENTRE - KENT

New Courses starting Sept. 2016  
C&G Level 2 Certificate in Design & Craft  
\* EMBROIDERY 7716-39  
\* MACHINE EMBROIDERY 7716-45  
C&G Level 3 Certificate in Design & Craft  
\* EMBROIDERY 7716-61  
\* MACHINE EMBROIDERY 7716-67  
Please contact BARBARA INCHLEY for more information.  
Tel.: 01843 847705 or [inchley@btinternet.com](mailto:inchley@btinternet.com)

### "Textile Journeys"

*An Exhibition of work by Village Textiles students including those completing City & Guilds Stitched Textiles Embroidery and Machine Embroidery Levels 2 and 3 Certificate*

Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 July  
from 10.00 am to 5.00pm  
at

The Old School, Church Street, Minster, near.  
Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4BX  
Adult Admission £1.

Children (under 16) free

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes available.  
**'Smartfrog'** will also be attending, offering a range of textile supplies



### **For All Things Sewing**

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