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TODAY'S OPEN MEETING

Hostesses: *Canterbury Quilters and Barn Owls*

Traders:

Creative Quilting, Daisy Chain Design, Love Tobie, Rainham Sewing Centre and karrydotcom.

There will be one member's table (for Lyn Browne)

The morning's speaker is:

Donna Thornal – 'What is Modern Quilting?'
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

Afternoon Speaker

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

Timings

As you will already know, we opened the door at around **10.00am** today. There will be plenty of time for coffee, browsing the Library and shopping before our Chairman, Margaret Walter starts the day with announcements etc. at **10.45am**. We expect to be breaking for lunch at or around **12 noon**. The afternoon session will start at about **1.30pm**, when we will be presenting cheques (of £2,000 each) to our three charities (EKUBS, CLAPA and Headway) after our very successful Oast Showcase this summer. The afternoon's speaker, Jenny Rayment, will start at about **2.00pm**.

Further announcements (if any) and the raffle, followed by Show and Tell will be at about **3.15pm** (although this might be a smidge later) and the close of the day will be at about **4.00pm – 4.30pm**. Please be aware that we will probably need to stack the chairs (please listen for announcements) and if people could stay a little longer to help tidy up it would be really, very helpful indeed.

If you haven't brought anything to eat, the nearest facilities are the Sainsbury's on Old Dover Road by the St Lawrence Cricket Ground or the Friends of the Hospital Shop in the 1937 building at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital (ask Liz Coleman about a short cut into the hospital!) Alternatively the Gate Inn at the confluence of Old and New Dover Roads (on the way out of Canterbury) provides a good pub lunch – but please let them know that you have to be back before 1.30pm.

Membership

It's that time of the year again! Membership fees are due. Group Representatives should have (or should collect today) the form for their group. Independent Members should collect a form each today to renew their membership. Please make sure that you remember to complete and submit the forms with payment by **31 October LATEST**. It would be very much appreciated if Group Representatives could submit one cheque to cover the cost of all their members. The membership fee remains at £15.00. Visitors may attend twice in one year at a cost of £2.00 each meeting, but the cost to a visitor of the Open Meeting is £6.00 (there is no reduction for half a day). Please also note that we cannot take payments via a BACS facility.

Workshop on Sunday 25 September

Sadly a number of people are unable to attend the workshop so there are a few spare places if you would like to attend. Please contact Lyn Brown today and see the website for the requisites.

Young Oast

Unfortunately our July meeting clashed, with the Oast meeting but we met with various adjustments to times to enable those who wanted to go to the Oast meeting. It was one of the hottest days but our venue has lots of doors to open and a pleasant outdoor space so we all survived. We made beach bags and it was interesting how from one basic pattern so many variations were produced.

Congratulations to Christine Duke's granddaughter, Fiona, who achieved Highly Commended in the Festival of Quilts at Birmingham; we are all delighted for her. The work wasn't done at Young Oast but we had a preview at our meeting and hoped for success for her. Didn't she do well?

Our next meeting is on Saturday 19 November at Etchinghill Village Hall, from 10.00am to 3.00pm. We have room for a few more members so round up your daughters/granddaughters/nieces etc. and come and join us.

Young Oast are contemplating buying some wood blocks for fabric painting, but would welcome the loan of blocks from members – we must have loads of these between us all! They need them ideally for their next meeting on 19 November.

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



Traders - reminder

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. It has been agreed that from 2017 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.

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.

Job share

Is there anyone who would like to 'job share' the Workshop Organiser post? It has been recognised that it can be rather tying for one person, especially when there are workshops over two or three days. This would involve hosting the speaker at the workshop and could potentially be shared amongst several people. For more information, please contact Lyn Browne.

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

Thanet Quilters' Programme

Tuesday 4 October: Speaker Jenny 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-2.30am

Saturday 26 November: Christmas Fair.
Proceeds to JDRF.

For more information contact Carol James
Telephone: 01843 279680

Email: carol@carolannejames.co.uk

For Sale

Brother KH860 punchcard knitting machine plus various carriages, accessories, extras and books. £150. Please speak to Cathy Parsons-Smith on 01580 893763.

Daisy's Dodges!

Have you (too!) got Windows 10 on your computer and have you been having trouble getting your PDF quilting patterns to print out at the correct size? Daisy Rudnick has kindly shared this amazing link:

<http://cheekycognoscenti.blogspot.co.uk/2016/07/quilters-using-windows-10-read-this.html?m=1>

....and also she's found a set of terrific You Tube explanations for setting in and fixing zips:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbo3kYorPCVQ33YS6ua5QBA>

Ann's Advice (a ruler review)

For those contemplating free machine quilting with the use of a ruler foot and rulers, I can heartily recommend the "Fine Line" Clarity Ruler Foot by www.accentsindesign.com. Made of clear polycarbonate, it will fit standard universal low, medium and high shank domestic sewing machines. If your machine can use standard feet, this foot will fit. For those that have Bernina machines the low shank will work with the Bernina Shank Adaptor that fits their machine. Bernina 700 and 800 series machines can utilise the medium shank foot. Unfortunately, domestic machines that have certain proprietary shanks or slant shanks like older Singer models and some of the new Husqvarna and Pfaff domestic machines have proprietary shanks that will not accommodate this ruler foot.

The adjustable shank attachment of the foot is standard universal fit with the ankle (or toe) 1/2" in diameter. The needle position should be centre when in its lowest position. This will give you 1/4" from the left or the right side of the ruler or template. Most rulers and templates on the market (including accentsindesign) are incremented by 1/4", so in keeping with that measurement it is easy to determine your stitching width.

An added bonus is that being clear this foot will allow you to switch from ruler to free machine quilting without having to change the foot!

At \$24-30 (dependant on model required) this foot also works out so much cheaper than the metal varieties that have previously been available. The only downside being the cost of postage from the US (and maybe customs). However, I have been touch with the company, who have agreed to

minimise this if there are a few who would like to make a collective order - it's a case of 1 or 6+ costing the same postage.

There are now quite a few videos on line that show this foot in action both for ruler and free machine quilting work.

I do have a foot with me today (and a ruler) if anyone is interested and would like to check them out - I'll be at the entry table at teatime. I'll also bring them to the AGM and am available on 01795 425066 if I can offer any further help or information.

Ann Wood

The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles

Upcoming Quilters' Guild events to which all are welcome are the **Guild Birthday Party** at Aldington Village Hall TN25 7EE on Saturday 15 October.

There will be a fun Linus sewing project in the morning with fabrics provided and in the afternoon Ann Mole will share her work with us. What with birthday cake, the famous raffle and Show and Tell from attendees it promises to be a good day out. £5 members; £7.50 non-members.

We are running a **Modern Log Cabin workshop** on two separate days, the first at Kingston Barn, Kingston CT4 6JB on Wednesday 16 November and **alternatively** at Littlebourne War Memorial Hall on Monday 28 November, This is a group workshop working from the Guild's Modern Quilt Group's sample and notes. A fun technique day with good company and pooling our knowledge quilter style. Check out the sample today. £10 members; £15 non-members.

Payment to Mary Cunningsworth 49 The Crescent, Canterbury, CT2 7AW 01227453460 mary@cunningsworth.fsnet.co.uk or Judi Kirk (details on Oast programme).

For members in the West of Kent?

The East Sussex Area Day on is on 29 October at Wannocik (stet) Hall in Polegate with Alicia Merrett and Andrea Ashwell as speakers. Traders and raffle. Refreshments and tombola too. Guild members £14. Non-members £21. Associated workshops are Andrea's wholecloth machine trapunto on the 28 October in Berwick Village Hall and Alicia's Interpreting Klee and Kandinsky on 30 October also in Berwick village hall. Both £36 for members and £54 for non-members. Details from allston.towers@btinternet.com



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**Abbey Patchers
Christmas Craft Fair**

Old Schools Hall

Church Road

Minster CT12 4BX

Saturday 12th November 2016

9.00am – 1.00pm

**Gifts, Crafts, Tombola,
Refreshments**