



# OAST POST

## OAST QUILTERS' NEWSLETTER

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### TODAY'S MEETING

is

#### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There will be a plated tea afterwards

Hostesses: Aldington and Martello

#### Today's Traders are:

Sewing Shop, Lina Patchwork, Rainham Sewing Centre and Heidi's Craft and Fabrics

### A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Officers' Absence
2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Appointment of New Treasurer
7. Programme Co-ordinator's Report
8. Workshop Co-ordinator's Report
9. Young Oast Co-ordinator's Report
10. Quilters' Guild Area Representative's Report
11. Website Development Report
12. Showcase Report
13. Bursary Awards
14. Any Other Business
15. Date of Next AGM (1 December 2017)

We hope you will enjoy the afternoon – and the tea after the meeting. Wishing you a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year.

Oast Committee

### Traders next year

Please note that next year, at the request of the Traders, there will be fewer traders at each meeting. The hope is that the members' 'spend' will be financially beneficial to a smaller number of traders. Some traders have a long journey which is a considerable cost consideration.

### Bursaries

If you are eligible for a bursary please ensure that you collect a raffle ticket. The draw for the three bursaries of £100.00. If you are a lucky winner, you should spend the money on something which will extend your abilities in patchwork and sewing and you will be expected to give a talk and/or demonstration on the technique you learnt at the meeting in March 2018.

### The 2016 Challenge

Lyn Browne, the winner of last year's Challenge chose the theme, 'Birthday' to mark, not just the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Aldington Quilters' anniversary, Shakespeare's birthday, but our own 30<sup>th</sup> birthday (30 years since the start of Oast Quilters). The results are spectacular! Please make sure that you vote for your favourite entry – prizes are given to the first three and, of course, the winner gets to choose next year's challenge, which will be fabric-based.

### Members' Tables

Would you like to have a 'Members' Table' next year? Tables are made available to members who wish to sell off items from their stash which they no longer like or have a use for; they are not for self-employment enterprises, where you would be best to take a Traders' stand.

### Christmas Stamps

Christine Duke (Membership Secretary) asks again if you would save all the Christmas stamps you receive this year. Christine sends them to CLAPA (Cleft Lip and Palate Association) as part of their fund raising activities.

### Young Oast

We have just had our last meeting of the year and made Christmas Wreaths in fabric which was a very successful day. Fiona brought her award winning quilt to show us and we had several beach bags from the summer which have been completed.

We still have room for more members so please let me know if you have a suitable candidate. The child must have a relative who is an Oast member to stay with them all day.

Best Christmas wishes to all from Young Oast and many thanks for all you kind donations.

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### The Open Day

Oast Quilters' Committee would like to apologise to members for the problems with parking which were experienced. Regrettably this was totally beyond our control as the school had not taken into account our meeting when they also arranged a large rugby tournament on top of the usual Saturday morning swimming session. We were very grateful to members who assisted with information provision at the gate, but most especially to the security guard who was able to open an extra parking facility just for our members. In the end, we had a lovely meeting which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### Setting out tables and chairs at each meeting

A lady (non-quilter) has expressed interest in helping to set out the hall for each meeting so that members will not have to do the worst of the donkey work. She will be coming today to assess our requirements. We feel that the modest charge which is envisaged will benefit members in the long run.



### Over-locker for sale

New boxed overlock machine - 'Overlock Genie' model EL-2670 for sale £60 ono. I am at the AGM and have the machine with me.

Linda Pearce Tel 01304 361974 or  
[lindapearce55@gmail.com](mailto:lindapearce55@gmail.com)

### Advance Notification

#### **Corners Meeting – January 28 2017**

Here is the list so far of the people who have kindly volunteered to do Corners for us in January. As you can see I still have **one space** to fill. If you feel you can help please contact me, Sally Hearn, by email at [sallyanhearn@gmail.com](mailto:sallyanhearn@gmail.com).

**Louise Jessop.** We will be looking at some embroidered panels using machine couching, machine embroidery patterns and embellishing with hand stitching which makes a surface that can be made up to be used for a variety of book covers, phone cases and glasses cases amongst other things.

**Marion Fox.** The Many Uses of Freezer Paper

**Wendy Finnis.** Wearable Art. Making decorated clothing using machine and hand embroidery, patchwork and applique techniques. Please bring a notebook.

**Pauline Baker.** Folded Pentagon Flowers. The flowers can be used to embellish items like bags and cushions or made into brooches or hair decorations.

**Liz Coleman.** Dyeing with Shaving Foam. Spectacular results somewhat similar to marbling.

**Mary Cunningsworth.** TBA

**Cathy Northcutt.** TBA

*You have to make four choices. You will then collect tickets with your choices in four different colours which indicate the order in which you go to each corner. The first session will be all the white tickets – then green, red and yellow.*

**The next UFO day will be on  
Saturday 11 February 2017  
Lower Hardres Village Hall  
10.00am – 4.00pm**

The other meeting for 2017 will be on  
4 November 2017

For further information please contact Ingrid  
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### **Signing in at each Oast Meeting**

Despite constant reminders each meeting that all members should sign in as they come through the door, regrettably it appears that there are some who neglect to do this. Unfortunately there is also the suspicion that some attendees have not paid their membership or visitor fee. Apart from the fact that if this is the case, it is not fair on all those legitimate attendees, there is also the serious consideration that we are obliged to have a register in case of emergency.

This is an issue that is brought up at most Committee meetings, but since the last meeting a member has made an excellent suggestion which needs further discussion before we roll it out to the membership – however, if you have any good ideas as to how we get everyone to sign in – please let a committee member know.

### **Workshops**

You will see from the programme sheet which is available at today's meeting that there are a number of really interesting and exciting workshops during 2017. To register interest you need to complete a booking form at any time up to the Oast meeting prior to the workshop. Forms, envelopes and the 'black box' are located next to the members' notice board at each meeting. Place the completed booking form and a £5.00 non-returnable deposit in an envelope marked with the details of the relevant workshop into the box. One envelope per workshop. The requirements lists for each workshop are on the website, but if you need a paper copy, please also include an SAE. If there are more applicants than there are places then the relevant number of envelopes will be drawn at random. Full details are given in the Members' Pack.

### **New Groups**

A very warm welcome to Crafty Quilters from Rainham and to Hawkinge Quilters. Although members of these groups may well have attended Oast Quilters before, it is lovely to welcome them as members of these new-to-Oast groups.

### **Grayson Perry at the Beaney, Canterbury**

So – did you go? Darling Daughter and I were 'killing time' before we had a very posh afternoon tea (birthday treat) and while we couldn't say, 'Well, that was lovely', it made us quite thoughtful. I like to be challenged by artwork – something to take me out of my comfort zone - and it certainly did that. 'The Vanity of Small Differences', a series of six large scale tapestries, was an uncomfortable exploration of class, taste and today's society. Goodness knows what 'they' will think about these artworks in a hundred years' time – but it will probably be a better reflection than the written word. (EMC)

Last day – tomorrow - 4 December 2016!

### **Quilters' Guild Stash Sale**

Saturday 4 March 2017

10.30am-2.00pm

Littlebourne War Memorial Hall, 58 High Street,  
Littlebourne, Nr Canterbury CT4 5NP

Entry: £1 Guild members, £1.50 non-members

Tables: £7.50 + Raffle prize + cake

Refreshments and cake

Door Prizes

A chance to find bargains or source no longer available treasures. A chance too to clear out no longer wanted fabric, notions, books, magazines and other quilt related items. If you don't have enough for a table, why not share one with a friend?

To book a table contact Mary Cunningsworth  
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or Judi Kirk 01227-458553 [judi@redpen.co.uk](mailto:judi@redpen.co.uk)



### Spreading the Word!

The following appeared recently in 'Trust News', the online newsletter for all members of the East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust:

## Oast Quilters Donation

Oast Quilters, a group of over 300 quilters from across East Kent, have raised £6000 for three amazing health charities based in Kent.

EKUBS (East Kent Unit for Breast Screening), CLAPA (the Cleft Lip and Palate Association) and Headway all received £2,000 each, which was raised from the group's successful quilt exhibition, 'Oast Showcase'. However, that is not all the group have done to help the health service this year. They have created heart-shaped cushions for the breast care units across the trust, and have created twiddle quilts and aprons for dementia patients. They have also created quilts for Operation Linus who aim to provide a sense of security and comfort to sick and traumatised babies, children and teenagers using new home made patchwork quilts and blankets. Lastly, the Oast Quilters have also designed and created incubator covers, laundry bags, and other items to use with premature babies, making the environments brighter and more homely.

Well done to the quilters! Thank you for all your hard work and effort for these charities.



### **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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**Merry Christmas  
and a Happy Quilty  
New Year to all  
Oast Members!**