

OAST POST

OAST QUILTERS' NEWSLETTER

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TODAY'S MEETING:

am JEAN LITTLEJOHN & JAN BEANEY
SEEING DOUBLE

pm JANET BOLTON
MAKING PICTURES with FABRIC

Thanks to our hostesses
Blockmakers, Grove &
Pumpkin Patchers

NEXT MEETING OF OAST QUILTERS

Saturday 5th December 2009

A.G.M.

Doors open at 2.00pm

Jean and Jan are textile artists and embroidery teachers. They are also Artists in Residence at the Windsor School of Textile Art, East Berkshire College.

To date, they have written 22 books and produced 3 DVDs!

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Janet composes textile pictures using simple hand sewing techniques.

Janet has been on the Crafts Council selected index of makers since 1985. Her work is in many private collections and also in The British Council Collection, The Crafts Council Permanent Collection and the Embroiderers Guild Museum Collection.

### **REFRESHMENT CUPS**

Please remember that, although the white plastic cups your tea and coffee are served in are disposable, the brown cup holders are not.

Please put your cup holders in the box by the kitchen door, so that they are available for use next time.

### **TODAY'S MEETING**

We expect to break for lunch at approximately 11.45am today, returning at 1pm.

Our speaker is due to begin about 2pm, followed by tea, Show & Tell and finally the raffle draw.

You will be able to buy raffle tickets up to and including this afternoon's tea break.

### **NEW SYSTEM FOR INDEPENDENTS**

At the recent committee meeting a new system was agreed for hostessing our meetings. All Independent members will be allocated a meeting during the year at which they may be asked to help with hostessing. This will be the same month each year, so if you are assigned a month that's not convenient for you, please let someone on the committee know.

When it is their turn to hostess, group reps will be given the contact details for that month's Independent members. If the group needs additional help (and not all groups will), they will make arrangements with those independent members as necessary.

It is a condition of membership that contact details may be used to facilitate the running of the group. Group reps are reminded that the contact details must be used for no other purpose.

### **DRAGONFLY QUILTERS**

Thank you to everyone who visited our exhibition over the August Bank holiday weekend.

We raised lots of money for our charities, Walmer Lifeboat and The Royal Marines Bandstand, each receiving £800.

## **OAST SHOWCASE**

Liz Coleman will give members an update on preparations for the Oast Showcase, but in the meantime here's some food for thought:

### **SUPPORTED CHARITIES**

At the December meeting, members will decide which charities the Showcase will support.

If there's a charity that is close to your heart, please come prepared to "pitch" to the members, bring leaflets and/or write something for inclusion in Oast Post.

### **OAST SHOWCASE BAG TOMBOLA**

The Showcase committee have decided to run a bag tombola at the Showcase – and of course we need your help making the bags!

There will only be one winner in 10, so hopefully your wonderful creations will raise lots of money for our chosen charities. Bags can be any shape, size, design, etc.

### **SALES TABLE**

Items are already coming in for the Sales Table, which we hope to display as inspiration. It has been suggested that items under £10 sell well – impulse buy comes to mind – and items for the non-quilter (peg bags, glasses cases, covered books, etc.) are especially welcome.

Books and magazines are popular for quilters to buy, so this could be your chance to have a New Year spring clean.

Speaking of spring cleaning, we are hoping that in the New Year members will bring in fabric scraps. Dragonfly Quilters have very kindly offered to press, sort and pack these into scrap bags.

### **TRACY'S TEACOSIES**

Yes, you did read that correctly, our workshop in January will be with Tracy Aplin and we will be making tea cosies as only Tracy designs tea cosies!

If you are still puzzled, Tracy has brought in some samples to inspire you.

Tracy was asked to write a little about herself:

"I studied Fashion and Textiles at Canterbury Art College and at Jacob Kramer College, Leeds. I then worked in London for 10 years as a pattern cutter and grader in various clothing companies.

I started sewing at a very early age as my mum sewed lots of my clothes. I have always loved sewing and started making my own clothes by my early teens. Patchwork featured in my final collection at collage when I made patchwork children's clothes!!!

I sewed on the train to work every day, and lunchtimes!

Then I joined Bears Paw and meet lots of lovely ladies who introduced me to patchwork and quilting. I was hooked! After Ellen was born nearly 11 yrs ago I never did go back to work and became a full time mum - well in-between sewing!

The rest is history; I really do not have a day without sewing. I love to show people how to sew, especially children, even just to let them know what a fab skill it is as so many never get the chance to sew now.

## **YOUNG OAST**

The next meeting of Young Oast will be on 14th November when they will be 'Doing Christmas Stockings'

Please bring along Christmas fabrics  
Different decorative threads  
Some wadding just a bit bigger than a fat quarter  
Hand sewing bits  
Sewing machine  
Usual sewing bits

Don't forget a packed lunch. Tea, squash and cake provided! Ring Sandra 01227 792944 or Tracy 01304 363401 for any other info.

## **NEW SEWING GROUP**

There's a new patchwork, embroidery and craft group starting on Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup>, meeting at The Little Theatre, Herne Bay from 9.30am – 12.30pm

For more information, please ring 01227 283444

## **NEW SYSTEM FOR OAST WORKSHOPS**

A quick reminder of the new system for booking Oast workshops. If you want to book a workshop, here's what you will need to do:

Create a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the name of the class you are interested in clearly marked on the outside. Inside, put a cheque for the £5 class deposit. Please be careful with the date on your cheque, since they are only valid for 6 months, so if you are an eager-beaver you will need to post-date your cheque. Tuck in the flap on your envelope (i.e. don't seal it).

There will be a well marked container at Oast meetings where you can leave your envelope/s.

In due course your envelope will come back to you, hopefully with the class requirements list inside and confirmation that you have a place. However, if there are more applicants than places a draw will be made, so your envelope may contain a note to say that you are on the reserve list instead, in which case your cheque will be returned.

You may place envelopes in the container at any time up to and including the meeting before the one associated with the class (i.e. envelopes for a September class will be accepted up to and including the July meeting), but you are encouraged to get your envelopes in early, because if we know that there is a lot of interest in a class we can try to arrange additional places.

Please note that putting an envelope into the container is an expression of interest, not the reservation of a workshop place.

If you need to come with a friend (because one of you doesn't drive for example) please put a note in the envelope and include a deposit for each of you. Similarly, please include a note if you are only able to attend on a Sunday (because you work, etc.) or any other relevant information.

This system will begin with Tracy Aplin's Teacosy class which takes place in January. If you have your chequebook handy I'll have some envelopes with me today and there will (hopefully) be a container at the back of the hall. It will also be fine for you to bring your envelope to the December meeting.

The new system is inevitably something of a work in progress, but hopefully it will work well and save members having to queue up to book places. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me.

Judi Kirk

## **QUILTERS' GUILD 30<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Come and celebrate the Guild's Birthday at Aldington Village Hall, The Corner, Roman Road, Aldington TN25 7EE on Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>

Workshop with Caryl Baldwin making Fabric Postcards (*bring your sewing machine, suitable fabrics & ribbons, usual sewing kit*), Birthday cake, "Show and Tell", Raffle, Fat Quarter Game.

Bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. Cost £5.00 members, £7.50 non-members

Further details from Ruth Pascoe 01304 368 725 or email [ruthpascoe10@googlemail.com](mailto:ruthpascoe10@googlemail.com)

## THANET QUILTERS

Thanet Quilters will be holding their quarterly meeting at Church House, Kent Gardens, Birchington on Tuesday 6th October 2009. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. The speaker will be Dawn Cameron-Dick talking on a "One woman quilt show". A trader will be present plus library, show & tell, raffle and refreshments. Admission £2 - all visitors are welcome.

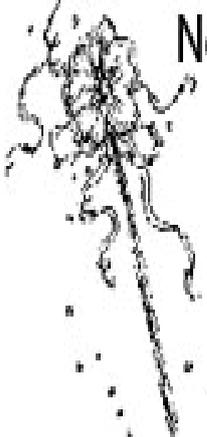
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## TRIP TO CHILFORD

Shirley Ryall is organising a trip to the Chilford Quilting Exhibition on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November**, leaving Sainsburys, Whitstable at 8.30am.

The cost is £20.50 which includes exhibition entrance and driver's tip. Please contact Shirley on 01227 794522 for more information or to book places.

*The Fabric Fairy*



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## LINUS IN EAST KENT

A huge thank you to everyone who has given such generous support to me over the past three years – I realised when I moved to East Kent that there had been difficulties relating to Project Linus but I am hoping by now that these have been well and truly put to rest.....

**Some 200 local children and teenagers** have already been provided with these wonderful comforters (popularly known as "Big Hugs") and no doubt many more youngsters will benefit – with your help. I can provide all that you need to make a quilt (fabric & wadding) – whether you are an individual or a group. Quilts have been distributed, for example, to Social Services and 'By the Bridge' (the latter having taken 100 for children who have suffered neglect and abuse and are going into foster care).

If you would like to help do please get in touch – AND, more importantly, do you know of a youngster or an organisation who you feel would benefit from these gorgeous quilts?

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