



# OAST POST

## OAST QUILTERS' NEWSLETTER

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### TODAY'S MEETING

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### THE ANNUAL 'CORNERS' MEETING

Hostesses: Orchard, Pumpkin Patchers and Trio

### Today's Traders are:

Smart Frog and Crafty Mastermind

### Choose four corners from the following:

- A **Dresden Plate, an Exercise in Design.** Vanessa Sherston-Baker
- B **Frilly Knickers not Frilly Borders.** Maggie Breakspear
- C **A Very Useful Block.** Chris Lloyd
- D **Circling Christmas.** Pauline Baker
- E **Snap Closure Purses, Pouches and Bags.** Marion Fox
- F **Two Simple Methods of Finishing a Quilt.** Louise Jessop
- G **Shadow Quilting.** Jill Dedrick
- H **Custom Iron Caddy.** Sharyn Hutchings

.....and then....

At the desk you will be given tickets for each of the corners you have chosen to attend. It is important that you attend them in the correct order, so when it is announced that everyone should attend the corner on their (for instance) white ticket, please do so. Please hand in your ticket to the demonstrator. Numbers are restricted to allow everyone to see and hear the demonstrator.

Again this year, acknowledging that some of our members struggle to hear, we have reserved some seats at the front of each seating unit for those who are hard of hearing. Please respect these and enable the members to take their seats easily.

A pack of information sheets has been produced for all the corners, so you will be able to receive the instructions even if you are unable to get to the demonstration.

### Sad News

The Committee is very sad to report that Maureen Corrigan died a very short while ago. Our thoughts go to all her family and friends at this sad time.

### Bursaries

A reminder - bursary winners from 2016 will be providing presentations of how they spent their money in March 2018. Please note that if it is at least 20 years since you received a bursary you may take a ticket at the December meeting's draw.

### The Oast Challenge

The winners of the 2017 Challenge were; 1<sup>st</sup> Gill Cannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Liz Coleman and 3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Hume.



The Challenge for 2018, as chosen by Gill Cannon, is '**Boundaries**' – interesting! We have a theme (such as this) one year and a chosen fabric the next. If this has your creative juices going, then all you need to know is that the item must be three layers, which are quilted in some fashion. The Challenge items will be shown at the December AGM and the members will vote for their favourite. A completed entry form must be submitted by 31 October.

### Members' Notes

- Members **MUST** ensure that they 'sign in' at the door at each meeting.
- Please make sure your Group Representative has collected your group's membership cards at this meeting.
- When your group hosts a meeting (check the membership card for details), please note that you are responsible for helping with **all** the clearing up and especially for putting the quilt stands back in Margaret's car.
- The Oast website is up-to-date with all the programme and workshop details.
- Oast Quilters' constitution can be read online on the website.
- We will have a practice evacuation drill during the year (on a day when the weather is nice!)
- The next Committee Meeting is at **7.00pm** on Monday 26 February 2018 at the **Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre** CT1 3XE.

### A Note for Independent Members

The names of independent members will be allocated on an alphabetical basis to those groups which are particularly small. This is so that the smaller groups can call on help when they are hostessing. It is also hoped that where a group representative sends a group email to her members regarding Oast Quilters' issues, the allocated independent members can also receive the information. Other than these two issues, the independent members will remain completely independent, renewing membership and so on as they always have. Hopefully this will have the benefit of making independent members more included and will provide them with a point of contact.

### Jelly Roll Sawtooth Star Workshop

There are vacancies on both workshop days (28 and 29 January), both at Chartham. Please see Jack Barons to book. Details are on the website.

### Young Oast

The first meeting of the year was on Saturday 20 January. Meetings take place at Etchinghill village hall from 10.00am to 3.00pm and there will be five more meetings this year. This month our young sewers made a notebook cover in the morning and started an ongoing project in the afternoon. We would like to make a request to everyone at Oast for donations of bright material suitable for children. There are vacancies if anyone has a budding quilter who would like to join us. For further details please contact Christine Duke on 01797 363948.

### Workshop Arrangements

Please note that all the workshops are itemised on one booking form. You can book all the workshops you wish to attend straight away by completing and submitting the form with **full payment**. **NB** the £5.00 deposit is no longer requested. This means that when you attend the workshop you will not need to remember to take the balance of the payment. You do not have to book everything at the beginning of the year; you can make bookings throughout the year. You will receive an email to confirm your booking. Further details can be read on the website.



### Project Linus

*Sandra Anderson, the previous Coordinator says:*

"I am very happy to be able to let you know that I have two ladies who have taken over the role of Co-ordinators for PLUK. So please keep up your good work and keep them supplied with your beautiful quilts. I would like to say a big thank you for all of the wonderful support you have given me over the last eight years in this region. I am sure you will keep up the good work and support Debbie and Pam just as well. Many thanks as well to Oast Quilters for all of their help and support." New contact details: [deborahribchester@gmail.com](mailto:deborahribchester@gmail.com) and [pam.its.only.me@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pam.its.only.me@hotmail.co.uk)

*From Marion Fox:*

A book was published last year by Juliette Leeb-du-Toit entitled "Isishweshwe - A History of the Indigenisation of Blueprint in South Africa" (available from Amazon for £63.50).

"Black South Africans have been particularly adamant that the cloth represents a salient part of their culture. Among many nostalgic affinities for the cloth was one from a friend, Liz Melville, now in England. On attending a local quilters' meeting in Canterbury, she notes she brought along a bag of Isishweshwe off cuts and tipped them onto a table. One of the women scooped up a bundle of brightly patterned scraps, held it to her face, closed her eyes, breathed in deeply and then left the room as tears streamed down her cheeks. Returning a little later, she apologised and explained that she had nursed for many years in Southern Africa (in the Eastern Cape) and the fabric for her, embodied the memories of the warmth of Africa and the women who wore the cloth." Liz Melville is a member of Canterbury Quilters.

## **Fine Cell**

*From Melinda Barry, a member of Quay Quilters and a volunteer with 'Fine Cell':*

The charity I volunteer with, Fine Cell Work, has been working with another charity, Langley House Trust, to help them set up a craft project to help women who have recently been released from prison. It basically involves setting up a social stitching group and organising a rota of volunteers to help run it. This might take a bit of time to get going at the start but once it is up and running it will be a commitment of a few hours once or twice a month. I think it would be fun, and very worthwhile, to share your skills both social and practical, with this group.

The volunteers will work with Langley House Trust to set up the stitch group at the Kent Resettlement Project, a resettlement project for adult female offenders and those at risk of offending. The project is based in Rochester, Kent.

This group would provide a fortnightly space in the Rochester area for women who have recently been released from prison to socialise, learn new skills and develop skills that will help them have structure and stability. The power of stitching is enormous and here at Fine Cell Work we see the impact that stitching has on prisoners in custody and our Open the Gate programme has been supporting ex-prisoners into further training in the textiles industry for the past 12 months. This project will not be run by Fine Cell Work, but by Langley House Trust who have many years of experience working with ex-prisoners. The group will be informal, fun and lively and we are reaching out to our networks to find out if anyone knows a stitcher who may be able to help get this group up and running.

You do not need to be an expert in any one discipline to volunteer for this group but you do need to be able to share your skills, engage with others and show what can be achieved by threading a needle and sitting down to sew and chat. The group would ideally run once a fortnight for a few hours and if enough volunteers can be recruited it could be manned on a rota system meaning you only have to donate a few hours of your time every month.

We have already found several volunteers who are keen to help out, and there are plenty of materials available, so it's just a case of finding someone who would like to make this happen. If anyone would like to explore this opportunity more, please give me a call on 07732 485147.

## **Saturday 24 February** **The next UFO day** **Lower Hardres Village Hall** **10.00am – 4.00pm**

If you would benefit from a day away from home, in the company of quilters, where you can get on with that project totally uninterrupted – then a UFO day is for you! The cost is a mere £5.00 to attend. You'll need to bring a packed lunch but tea and coffee are provided. The next meeting will be on 3 November 2018. For further information please contact Ingrid Hudson on 01303 230117 or email: [raffles.leoville@btinternet.com](mailto:raffles.leoville@btinternet.com)

## **The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles**

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

Saturday 3 March

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

The popular stash sale event is back for a further year. This is your chance to clear out quilt related items including fabric, notions, books, magazines, quilts, tops and UFO's making room to acquire more or to find bargains and source no longer available treasures. Take time in the adjoining lounge to meet up with friends and compare purchases and perhaps enjoy a slice of delicious homemade cake. If you don't have enough items to fill a table why not share one with a friend? The venue has disabled access and there is ample parking at the hall and in nearby roads. Frequent buses stop outside: 11, 43, 43A, 44, 44B and 544. To book a table contact Mary Cunningsworth 01227-453460 [mary@cunningsworth.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mary@cunningsworth.fsnet.co.uk) or Judi Kirk 01227-458553 [judi@redpen.co.uk](mailto:judi@redpen.co.uk)

**Please note that Judi Kirk's Machine Sewn  
Hexagons workshop is now full.**

### **Stamps**

Don't forget to give Christine Duke (Membership Secretary) all your saved (used!) stamps. Christine sends them to CLAPA (Cleft Lip and Palate Association) as part of their fund raising activities.

### Congratulations to Jacqui Cotterill!

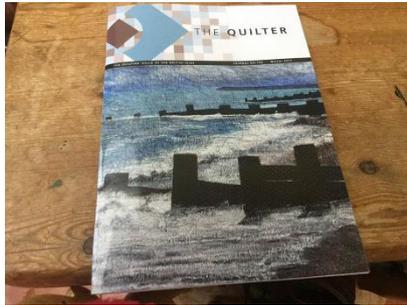
Jacqui has just heard that her Harbledown Great War Centenary quilt will be on display at the Quilters Guild exhibition at Olympia 'Knit and Stitch March 2018'.



She is really chuffed about this and hopes they don't mind the .303 bullet casing.....! We'll look forward to seeing the quilt again, Jacqui!

### And to Margaret Ramsey

...whose quilt appeared on the front cover of the latest 'The Quilter' magazine.



### Also to Tansy Martin & Maggie Breakspear

as their quilt is being used on 'Today's Quilter's' Facebook page!



### For Sale

Pfaff Creative Sensation Pro. A sewing and embroidery machine with dozens of wonderful techniques including Maxi stitches and cut work on embroidery module. Only used for 60 hours. Want to upgrade. Price £2750. For more detailed information or demonstration phone 01227 721523 or email [mharratoc@aol.com](mailto:mharratoc@aol.com) Margaret Harrison.



(n.b. generic photo – Ed.)



### Thanet Quilters Exhibition

**Saturday 30 June and 1 July 2018**

**Saturday 10am-4pm-Sunday 10am-3pm**

Minster Village Hall, Minster, Ramsgate CT12 4BU

Admission £2.00. Children Free

**Exhibition of members' work**

Refreshments and traders. Demonstrations, raffles, tombola

All proceeds to RNLI Margate

For Further info contact:

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*A message from Sylvie Pledsted:*

"I have been asked to organise a second quilt retreat as the spring one is always fully booked. At the moment I have 10 bookings for the autumn retreat with Angela Madden and have 15 places spare. It takes place from 28 to 30 September 2018. The rule for the time being is that it should be new people joining rather than participants from the spring retreat but depending how numbers are going I might have to allow some from the spring retreat to come to the autumn one as well." Sylvie reports that it is a lovely relaxing weekend; just sewing, eating and sleeping! Contact her for a booking form.

### An Evening with Kaffe Fassett

**Saturday 4 August from 7.00pm**

The Quarterhouse, Mill Bay, Folkestone CT20 1BN

The Quarterhouse is fully accessible with wheelchair seating available, please call the Box Office on 01303 760 750 if you have any access requirements or would like to book. Alternatively you can book through their website: [www.quarterhouse.co.uk](http://www.quarterhouse.co.uk)

### And finally.....

#### A message from the Chairman (i.e. me!)

1. The Committee and I would really welcome your comments on how we might improve Oast Quilters for you. The programme for both 2018 and 2019 is now set and we have tried to provide a variety of speakers and topics for everyone's taste – but we know we cannot please all the people all the time! (Sorry!) If there are speakers/topics you would like included, see me, your Group Representative or any Committee member. Similarly any suggestions for improvement will be considered.

2. Are there any volunteers who would like to edit/produce Oast Post?

3. We need someone to lead on organising Oast Showcase next year... volunteers??

Thanks – Liz Coleman