



# OAST POST

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### TODAY'S MEETING is our Open Meeting

The afternoon session will start at about 1.30pm

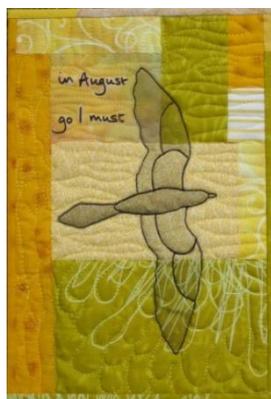
Thank you to today's Hostesses:  
**Quay and Martello**

### The morning speaker will be Rosie James Topic: 'Stitch Draw – Drawing in Embroidery'

Rosie James is an artist working mostly in textiles. Her work explores the use of the sewing machine as a tool for drawing. Rosie uses screen printing as well as machine stitching and applique to create layers of imagery. She uses transparent fabric and leaves loose threads, thus revealing, and celebrating, the process of sewing. Rosie is teaching the January 2019 workshop so members will have the opportunity to try her ideas and techniques for themselves.



### The afternoon speaker will be Judith Barker Topic: 'From the Sublime to... stacks of quilts old and new'



Like many quilters, Judith began by making traditional bed quilts, but gradually shifted to making more abstract wall pieces. She has always been fascinated by the ancient past, mythology and archaeology, and this often provides starting points for her work. Recently she has been making pieces inspired by folk arts, with vibrant colour and fantastic birds and flowers and this is the subject of her Sunday workshop. She has taught patchwork and quilting for many years, including

City & Guilds, her work has won awards in the UK and abroad, and she is a qualified quilt judge. Judith is a long time member of The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles, is a contemporary quilter but with deep knowledge and experience of our traditional roots and history.

### Judith's workshop is Folk Art Applique



There are three vacancies for the workshop. Judith is currently cutting down on teaching commitments so now is your chance to learn from her. Speak to Anne Wood at the workshop table during afternoon tea break. You will be creating your own design working on a smallish piece, by hand or machine, no more than 12 x 16 inches, so you don't need huge pieces of fabric.

Date: **23 September**

Venue: **Chartham VH, Station Road, CT4 7JA**

Time: **10.00am – 4.00pm**

### PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR THE AGM

The next meeting will be the AGM and due to circumstances beyond our control will be on

**Saturday 8 December at 2.30pm**

(doors open at 2.00pm)

At this meeting there will be a vote for a new Vice Chairman and the Treasurer.

We also require a Workshop Organiser. Please see Liz for a job description as this will help you decide whether or not you can volunteer for this very important post.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Thanet Quilters

Date: **Tuesday 2 October**,  
Time: **7.00pm for a 7.30pm start**.  
Venue: **Church House, Kent Gardens, Birchington, CT7 9RS**  
Speaker: Mandy Munroe - My Adventures with Quilts

### Doughty's Roadshow

Date: **Sunday 7 October**  
Venue: **Manston Sports & Social Club, Daigor Lane, off High Street, Manston CT12 5BY**  
Time: **10.30am - 2.30pm**

### Knitting and Stitching Show

Date: **11 October - 14 October**  
Times: Thurs 10.00am – 5.30pm, Fri 10.00am – 7.00pm, Sat 10.00am – 5.30pm, Sun 10.00am – 5.00pm  
Venue: **Alexandra Palace, London, N22 7AY**

### UFO day

The next UFO day will be **Saturday 3 November**  
Venue: **Lower Hardres Village Hall**  
Time: **10.00am – 4.00pm**  
The cost is a mere £5.00 to attend. You'll need to bring a packed lunch but tea and coffee are provided. For further information please contact Ingrid Hudson on 01303 230117 or email: [raffles.leoville@btinternet.com](mailto:raffles.leoville@btinternet.com)

### Autumn Quilt Festival

Date: **Friday 9 and Saturday 10 November**  
Time: **10:00am - 4:00pm**  
Venue: **Kent Showground, Detling ME14 3JF**

### The next Committee Meeting

will be **7.00pm on Monday 19 November** at the Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre CT1 3XE.

### Thanet Quilters Christmas Fair

Date: **24 November 2018**  
Time: **10.00am - 2.00pm**  
Venue: **Church House, Kent Gardens, Birchington CT7 9RS**

### Oast at the Shows

A request... If you have, or if you know of an Oast member's quilt that is going to be displayed at a show, and you/they are happy for the quilt to be posted on Facebook, the website and in Oast Post, please would you send a jpeg photo and the label information to the following people:

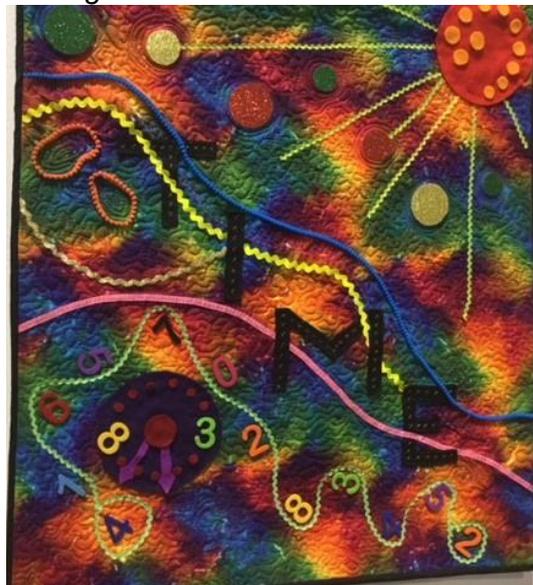
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### Young Oast

We are so pleased! We entered our quilt into the Festival of Quilts Young Oast competition this year. The theme for the competition quilts was *Stitching through Time*. We started our quilt in January and finished it in July just in time for the competition. Every Young Oast member made a contribution to the group quilt which we named *Stitching Through Garden Time*



There were 10 entries in our group and we are very pleased to announce that we received a "Highly Commended" award. Also Fiona Pilcher, a Young Oast member, entered her own quilt in the competition which she named *Stitching Through Time*.



There were eight entries in her group (age 5 – 9) and Fiona received a second place award. Well done to every Young Oast member. Our next meeting will be on **Saturday 17 November** at Etchinghill Village Hall 10.00am – 3.00pm. For further details please contact Christine Duke on 01797 363948

### A Polite request

Please go quietly if you have to leave the meeting early. Thank you

### Oast Showcase 2020

At the September committee meeting it was agreed that the Showcase will take place in 2020. This will of course require a lot of organising and in order to do that well, many helpers. Please if you would like to be involved in any way, no matter how small, do speak to Liz Coleman who will be delighted to utilise your offer.

The challenge for the showcase is 20"x20". Note that's inches. Any quilt of three layers but no larger than 20 inches square. More details will follow in the coming months.

### Oast Quilters' Programme 2019

*(further details and updates on the website)*

Saturday 26 January – Corners (no visitors)

Sunday 27 January - Rosie James' Stitch Draw workshop

Saturday 9 March – Talk - Sara Cook: Bojagi Korean Textiles. Sunday 10 March – Sara Cook's Bojagi Korean Textiles workshop

Sunday 7 April – in house workshop with Marianne Drawater: Happy Villages

Saturday 4 May – Janet Bottomley: Talk - Liberated and Improvisational Quilting

Sunday 5 May – Janet Bottomley's Liberated and Improvisational Quilting workshop

Saturday 8 June in house workshop with Judi Kirk: Hever Stars quilt

Saturday 20 July – Talk - Angela Daymond: Colour My World

Sunday 21 July – Angela Daymond's Slow, Slow, Stitch, Stitch, Slow workshop

Saturday 21 September – Open Day AM speaker: Liz Trenow: The Forgotten Seamstress and the Joy of Silk

PM speaker: Jan Hazzard: Scintillating Scraps

Sunday 22 September – Jan Hazzard's Scrap Logs workshop,  
Saturday 7 December - AGM

### For Sale

Monica Beale is retiring from quilting, so has the following for sale:

1. Janome New Home My Excel 23x Computer Equipped Sewing Machine (one of the original Janome's) - complete with accessories including walking foot. Recently serviced. £100 ono.

2. Elna 6004 Sewing Machine complete with accessories including walking foot. Recently serviced. £100 ono.

3. Light Box £10.00 ono.

Telephone 01304 363201 Mobile 07986 217628

### The Members Page.....

on the Oast website has been updated and includes pictures of all the Oast members entries for the Festival of Quilts.



Thank you to all the Oast Members who have already kindly donated wonderful quilts and blankets to Project Linus. We really appreciate your support and the organisations to whom we pass on your donations are thankful too. Project Linus is a volunteer organisation which aims to provide comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatised, or otherwise in need through gifts of quilts and blankets. We currently distribute to Special Care Baby Units and Children's wards in Kent hospitals as well as a range of children's charitable and voluntary organisations including Women's Refuges and Young Carers.

At the moment we are being asked for lots of different items and we hope that you might be able to help:

Imago, the Young Carers' Association, has asked us to supply 120 quilts for 11 to 14 year olds for their festival this October. They don't need to be single bed size - a lap quilt is just as good. Do you have any quilts that are ready to go, or almost finished? We have some stock but not enough for this order.

QEQM have asked for orange knitted baby hats and cannula mitts. If you would like to knit some of these, we can send you the patterns.

All of the hospitals need more incubator quilts - these are made from two fat quarters in baby colours, with wadding simply enveloped, and then stitched on top along the edges. They have also asked for laundry bags made from one fat quarter folded lengthwise and finished with a gathered top and ribbon.

Any help you can give to this good cause will be greatly appreciated.



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## Library

The library team would like to do a complete audit of all the books currently available. Please ensure that all library books are returned by the December meeting. If you are not able to bring them yourself, please ask a friend to return them on your behalf.

The library team also request that care is taking when transporting the books in the same bag as water bottles, as some books have been water damaged.

## A Quilter's Pilgrimage to Wales

The Welsh Quilt Centre was opened in 2009 in the Town Hall, Lampeter, as a private museum to exhibit curated selections from Jen Jones' quilt collection. The running of the centre has been funded by admission fees and sales from the shop and is staffed by volunteers. It is a wonderful resource so it is very sad that after this year's exhibition finishes in November 2018 the centre will close for good. One of the reasons for closure is the lack of footfall and unless you live in the immediate area, you have to make a determined effort to visit Lampeter as it is not easy to do so on public transport. Hence Liz and Diana's Pilgrimage by car from Kent!

Jen Jones herself introduced Liz and Diana to the rooms to view. There were quilts hanging on the walls of the stair well



and, supplementary to the main room of quilts, there was a smaller room containing a large number of exquisite samplers.

The quilts on display in the main chamber constituted a curated selection from all the past exhibitions at the Quilt Centre including a selection for 2018.

The way they were grouped together into bays, with some hung on the walls and partitions and always something spectacular on a bed, was superb. In the centre of the room, suspended from the ceiling were four of Kaffe Fasset's quilts,



with a further on a raised table. It was good to be able to see the backs of those flying in the air.



It is almost impossible to state a favourite, but Liz was particularly struck by the tree of life quilt. A whole piece of cloth had been purchased from India and immaculately quilted by the daughter of a wealthy family in 1810 and there it was, hanging there without any extra protection.



A key, distinctive feature of Welsh quilts is that there is a central, circular quilting pattern which is then enhanced with other patterns of choice radiating from this.



Sometimes the quilting entirely ignores the patchworked elements! If you are at all able to visit this little gem of a place then do so before 10 November 2018.

Welsh Quilt Centre, Lampeter SA48 7BB  
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[www.jen-jones.com/about/welsh-quilt-centre](http://www.jen-jones.com/about/welsh-quilt-centre)