



Bourne Quilters Newsletter December 2023

AGM Monday 4th December

Our December meeting is our AGM.

For those who are new to Bourne Quilters, this is a very informal affair, with a brief resume of the year's activities, presentation of the finances and the launching of our Show Quilt. After this we will have light, seasonal refreshments and a chance to chat to lots of likeminded people. Please bring a SMALL plate of food to share.

And.... there's a small gift for everyone who attends.

It is also the time when we like to welcome the new committee members who have expressed an interest in joining the committee. Over the last two years we have been very fortunate in welcoming several new members and the committee is a fantastic team of friendly, committed people, working hard to make sure Bourne Quilters continues to build on its success.

Bourne Stitchers

All members are very welcome to bring your sewing (or whatever else you do with a needle!) along to Westbourne Hall on alternate Tuesday mornings. This is a very informal event where people just relax, sew, chat, exchange ideas and drink coffee/tea! The last Stitchers for this year is Tuesday 5th December. Next year's dates are included in the diary at the end of the newsletter.

Membership Renewal - December

Just a reminder that your membership renewal is due in December.

Your membership form is attached. Please complete this form and bring it to the December meeting with your payment. If you choose to pay by BACS - our preferred option - we still need your form so that we can be sure we have your correct contact details and that you are aware of our publicity and GDPR guidance.

If you have joined since August 2023 please get in touch with Rita who will advise you about your membership: rita.duncan@btinternet.com

Christmas Funday

This year's funday took place on 4th November at Westbourne Parish Hall and was very well attended. There were 4 workshop options - Reusable Christmas Crackers, Redwork Decorations, Yoyo Christmas Trees and Curved Pieced Tablemats. Once everyone had set up their sewing stations and sorted out their tea and coffee the fun began. The morning started with measuring, drawing, pressing and cutting then flew by to the gentle whirr of sewing machines for some and concentrated hand sewing for others. After a productive morning a lunch of hearty warming soup and bread was served up whilst everyone had a lovely catch up chat and wracked their collective brains to solve Chris's fiendish puzzles. Then it was back to work, with a break for tea and cake until the afternoon drew to a close. Everyone gathered together for a photo and to proudly show off their achievements before taking their pieces home to put the finishing touches to their masterpieces. A great day was had by all. Many thanks to the project demonstrators for their time, the kitchen volunteers for keeping everyone fed and watered (and clearing up as well), the cake donators, Kathy's husband Andrew for putting out the tables and everyone who turned up to make it such a great day. Looking forward to the next one!



BQ Meeting 6th November

The meeting on 6th November was a sewing evening and 40 members attended. Everyone was offered the chance to make a Christmas bauble using a polystyrene ball as a base and scraps of fabric. Mel did a great job showing everyone how it was done. The enthusiastic makers used a variety of implements such as craft knives, scissors and rotary cutters to score the balls before securing their fabric in place. As is often the case, some people swapped fabric with each other, as we all know that everyone else has far more interesting fabric than our own. The judicious use of a few well-placed pins and some ribbons finished them off neatly. A few people brought their own projects to work on. However, some of these were tempted by the baubles and worked on those instead.

A few keen members took advantage of the offer to purchase more polystyrene balls to make more baubles at home. It proved to be another successful making evening.



Show and Tell

There were plenty of lovely examples of the items that were started at the Christmas Funday the previous Saturday. We were treated to displays of Christmas crackers and Redwork decorations. Gerry had some fun santas that she had made some time ago, but were a good example of what else could be made using the yoyos. If you wanted to see something different by way of Christmas decorations, Lisa has a magnificent stag's head that drew many Oohs and Aahs of appreciation. Wennda showed us examples of some of the bags that she was going to make for our Craft Show. Lesley reminded us that as well as making for ourselves we can also make for others and showed us some of her 'borrow bags'.



Does anyone have the craft knife that was borrowed at last our meeting used for making the baubles? If so please can you return to Caroline Gadd at our next meeting

Coming Up

Faces Workshop - Just a few spaces left at this workshop, lead by members of Hayling Piecemakers on Saturday 20th January at Westbourne Parish Hall 10-4

Sewing Saturday - Saturday 24th February, 10-4 at Westburne. A relaxed day of sewing for the show. Bring your own projects or join in with one, or more of the projects we will have on offer.

See Mel for more details of these events and to book a place

The Last page.....

If at any time you are aware of another member who has been bereaved, is ill, in hospital, or just needs cheering up then please contact Kathy on:

patchworkbear@gmail.com 07909 692559 or 01243 373545 so that Bourne

Quilters can send a card. We would rather be told twice than not at all.

If you would like to come to our Monday meetings but find it hard to get there please let a member of the committee know, it's not a promise as it would depend on where you live and who is passing but several members who come along have said they would be prepared to pick up and drop off if needed. Let Karen know on karen.lillington@btinternet.com or 07886796857

*BQ has **wadding** for sale at the Monday meetings at a very reasonable price*

It is available in multiples of half a metre.

Price: 80/20 - £10/metre Bamboo - £11/metre

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The diary of events for 2024 is listed below and is also available on the website.

Website: <https://bournequilters.com/> Members area:2151

Bourne Quilters Programme 2024

January 1st New Years Day. Meeting cancelled.

January 20th (Saturday) Self portrait workshop at Westbourne 10 to 4

February 5th Kim Edith -fusing scrapbooking with textile arts to create fabric memory books

February 24th (Saturday) sewing day at Westbourne 10 to 4

March 4th Mel Lewis from Sugarbowl crafts -using scraps

March 5th (Tuesday) workshop Scrappy surgery at ECC 10 to 4

April 1st Sewing evening

May 6th Meon Valley Quilters show and tell

June 3rd Samantha Boot the perfection of imperfection

June 22nd (Saturday) workshop Samantha Boot at Westbourne 10 to 4

July 1st Show preparation

SHOW- 27th and 28th July 2024

August 5th Jackie Dimmock Part 2 The good, the bad and the downright funny

September 2nd Joy Harber an obsession with log cabin

September 3rd (Tuesday) Joy Harber workshop -log cabin at ECC 10 to 4

October 7th Kate L'Amie -local textile artist - talking about her work

October 8th (Tuesday) Kate L'Amie workshop at ECC 10 to 4

November 4th Christmas sewing

December 2nd AGM and party

Bourne Stitchers Dates

2nd, 16th, 30th January 13th, 27th February 12th, 26th March

9th, 23rd, April 7th, 21st May 4th, 18th June

2nd, 16th, 30th July 13th, 27th August 10th, 24th September

8th, 22nd October 5th, 19th November 3rd, 17th December



MEMBERSHIP

Dear member

Yearly membership is due on the 4th December 2023. Please complete the details below and return to Rita either by email (rita.duncan@btinternet.com) or hardcopy at the December AGM meeting. **Please complete and return even if you do not wish to renew your membership** to allow Bourne Quilters to invite new members from the waiting list. If you have any concerns please contact me.

NAME	
ADDRESS	
POST CODE	
LANDLINE NO.	
MOBILE NO.	
EMAIL ADDRESS	

I would like to renew my membership

YES / NO

I would like to pay my £30 membership fee by the following method **Please note for ease of administration and to minimise banking expenditure bank transfer is the preferred payment method**

- 1 Bank transfer to Sort Code 20-69-34 Account Number 40594628 **EASE ENSURE YOU USE YOUR NAME IN THE REFERENCE BOX**
- 2 Cheque – Made payable to Bourne Quilters (can be mailed to Rita Duncan, Bourne Quilters, 9 Lindens Close, Emsworth PO10 7PY)
- 3 Cash
- 4 Card payments accepted at the AGM

Membership includes your agreement to Bourne Quilters holding and processing your personal data for all the purposes set out in the Bourne Quilters Data Privacy Notice. (copy available on request). If you do not agree to the Bourne Quilters Data Privacy Notice please contact Rita Duncan.

Signature/Name:

Date:

Thank you for your support and look forward to another successful year of stitching