



Bourne Quilters Newsletter January 2024

Happy New Year

Welcome everyone to a year packed with interesting speakers, workshop and fundays! Not to mention our Show in July!!

The committee have worked hard to put the programme together and we hope you enjoy joining in all of our activities.

Last year ended with the usual AGM and Christmas party.

We welcomed 2 new members onto the committee, Caron Moss and Lisa Harnett and we look forward to working with them.

After the usual business of the meeting, during which we paid tribute to Averil Menzies, our Founder member who sadly died earlier in the year, we enjoyed chatting over a lovely array of interesting buffet food provided by members.



As always we were treated with some lovely show and tell, including finished funday projects.



Caron showed us her 12 Days of Christmas ornaments and promised to give us details: The designer is Larissa Holland and she can be found by searching for mmmcrafts - she has a web page /blog

<https://mmmcrafts.blogspot.com/>,

webpage/blog Facebook page and Etsy shop.

Caron got her wool felt from SuesCountryCreations on Etsy and used mostly Perle Cotton size 8 for the embroidery.

Coming up

5th February 2024 Kim Edith is our speaker.

Kim uses memories and narrative in textiles to create fabric collage scrapbooks. She creates beautiful books using photographs and stitching. She will bring a small amount of her blank stitch books as well as photo paper kits for transferring photos to fabric and some printed books about the processes she uses which will be available to buy.

Sewing for the Show 24th February

Another fun day at Westbourne Parish Hall.

Sign up on Monday to spend a day in good company producing goods to sell at the show. See the Show News for more details.

4th March 2024 Mel Lewis from Sugar bowl crafts is our speaker and she will run a workshop on 5th March at ECC. Mel uses scraps to create beautiful quilts. She will bring many examples and talk to us about being creative with scraps. She will run a workshop on 5th March called the Scrappy Surgery where she will demonstrate her favourite roll technique and encourage us to build blocks of colour with confidence.



If you would like to attend the workshop, it costs £25. Bring your scrap basket, your sewing things and your lunch.

See Mel at our meeting on 5th February or email

Doughty's Day 2nd March

On 2nd March we are hosting the Doughty's Day Sale.

The money we take on the door and through the sale of refreshments provides a very useful boost to our funds. Please help by volunteering and/or making a cake if you possibly can. Doughty's reward all helpers with a 10% discount on anything they buy. There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers at the month's meeting.

Selfie Workshop

Following the show and tell by Hayling Piecemakers last year where we gazed in awe at their fantastic selfies quilt, Bourne Quilters decided that faces would be a great project for our upcoming quilt show. It didn't take much to persuade Jane and Barbara to help us achieve this by running a workshop for us.

On Saturday 20th January 20 keen BQ members arrived at Westbourne Parish Hall armed with their sewing machines and an array of skin toned fabrics eager to get started on their portraits. The first thing we needed to do was get our pencils out and using our photos or a mirror start drawing. Who knew that our eyes are actually in the middle of our head and are not much higher up! Then the fun really began. Using a skin-toned fabric as the base for our faces we cut out ever smaller pieces of fabric for our eyes, irises and pupils before either glueing or ironing them together with bondaweb and then attaching them to our faces. The noses and lips followed, and for those with short hair, ears. The hair was an opportunity to really run riot. Would it be a single piece of fabric with detail added by stitching? Or maybe individual strands of fabric appliqued? Scraps covered with netting, curly or straight, highlights or streaks - there were endless possibilities. The more artistic amongst us were able to be very creative with their glasses, earrings, necklaces, jewellery and any other accessories they could embellish their portraits with.

By the end of the workshop, many of the selfies were well on their way to being finished and some were already very recognisable. It was a fantastic day all round and we look forward to seeing the completed portraits. Thanks once again to Jane and Barbara from Hayling Piecemakers for their assistance and encouragement. We look forward to seeing the results at the Show in July!



MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Thanks to everyone who have paid their membership. To those who have not remembered.....membership is now overdue. Please pay by BACS, cheque or cash as soon as possible OR confirm to Rita that you are not intending to renew. The membership renewal form is at the bottom of this newsletter.

If you have any concerns please contact Rita Duncan - rita.duncan@btinternet.com or 07743 362001 Thank you

If you have joined since August 2023 please get in touch with Rita who will advise you about your membership

Bourne Quilters Library

The eagle eyed amongst you may have spotted the boxes of books that appear at our monthly meetings. They are often tucked away in the corner and some of you may have missed them or wondered what they are. They are the Bourne Quilters Library. Whilst many of us will have collected a number of books, patterns and other resources ourselves, sometimes you don't have exactly what you are looking for. As we all know, there is a lot of information available online and Facebook, Pinterest and YouTube can all be really useful. However this is not for everyone and sometimes a book works best. The library contains a selection of books on different techniques which are useful if you are trying something new or need a refresher or update. There are also books for inspiration with sometimes unusual uses of fabrics that might prompt you to finally make a start on that project that you always wanted to make.

To borrow a book, simply take the card from inside the front cover and write your name and the date you are borrowing the book and then put the card in the card index file. When you return the book, retrieve the card from the box and add the date you are returning the book and replace the card inside the front cover. There are no restrictions on how long you can borrow the book for as we know that projects can sometimes take longer than you think, but we would ask that you return the book once you have finished with it so that others may borrow it (Hangs head in shame as I admit to having a book for a year, but in my defence I did make 2 things from it). If you are not sure about borrowing a book just ask one of the committee.

If you do make something and have used one of the books for inspiration or to use a technique, please bring your finished piece to show and tell and let others know you found the library useful.

We also have a selection of quilting based novels by Jennifer Chiaverini which quite a few members have borrowed and enjoyed.

ITS SHOWTIME – Our quilt show is this year!
Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July 2024



Charity Quilt
The charity quilt will be quilted this month and then the binding put on. It will be on show at the Monday February 5th meeting so you can see progress so far. This year we are raising money for Tuppeny Barn in Southbourne and the CEO will be coming to our meeting to talk about what they do.

Lucky dip/Sales Table/Books/Bags
If you have anything for the Lucky dip, sales table, UFO's, books etc please keep them til March when we will start to collect them at the meetings. The Community Centre have kindly arranged some storage space for us. Also we will store things in our homes but for now it would be helpful if you could keep hold of them and then we will collect from March onwards.

Quilts for the show
We will start the process of registration of quilts for the show in May (this isn't about collecting them but about registering that you have quilts to show). In April at our sewing evening there will be instructions for how to put a sleeve on your quilt if one is needed for display.

Publicity
Getting the word out about the show is vital to it being successful. We are visited by lots of people who are not quilters but are just interested or having a day out. We have our trusty list of related quilting/textile groups but if you know of one or a local publication you can recommend do please let me, or one of the committee know.

Sales table sewing together – Saturday 24th February 2024 - ROLL UP! ROLL UP! SIGN UP!
It's the first time we have done it but as everyone gave such positive feedback about sewing together we thought we would try a sewing day for the sales table.

We are planning to have about 8 projects that people can join in and sew in small groups of about 4 people. Samples will be on display at the February meeting. We are planning the following: Toilet bag/work bag; Fabric Flowers; Shopping tote; Pin cushion and scrap bag; Key fob; Glass cases; Phone bag; Storage basket; Make up bag.

Some of the projects will take longer than others. Any specialist supplies BQ will supply and we will have some stash you can choose material from if you don't want to bring your one. A list of requirements will be available at the February meeting .

If you haven't already, sign up at the February meeting. If you have already please say which project you would like to start with making on the day. During the day we are planning that you will be able to have a demo of all the projects and be able to take home the requirements list and any instructions.

We are asking for £5 to cover room hire/refreshments and of course the demos and take home requirements/instructions. You are very welcome to bring your own projects and/or choose from our 8 to 10 projects.

Ideas or questions?
It's definitely a team effort so if you have any ideas/question don't hesitate to get in touch with Karen karen.lillingtonQ@btinternet.com 07886796857 or you can speak to any committee member.

De-Stash Sale

Hayling Island Piecemakers are holding a CRAFTING DE-STASH SALE

On Saturday 17 February from 10am to 1pm

At the URC Main Hall, Mengham, Hayling Island

FABRIC - YARN - HABERDASHERY - NOTIONS - BEADS - PAPER-CRAFTS and MORE

If you like sewing, knitting and other crafts, come along!

Refreshments available

Free entry

To book a table please email Kerry: kerry@xtc.co.uk

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

February 5th	Kim Edith Fusing scrapbooking with textile arts to create fabric memory books
February 24 th (Saturday)	Sewing day at Westbourne 10 to 4
March 2	Doughty's Day
March 4th	Mel Lewis from Sugarbowl crafts Using Scraps
March 5 th (Tuesday)	Workshop Scrapy 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 22 nd (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 3 rd (Tuesday)	Joy Harber workshop Log Cabin at ECC 10 to 4
October 7th	Kate L'Amie - local textile artist - talking about her work
October 8 th (Tuesday)	Kate L'Amie workshop at ECC 10 to 4
November 4th	Christmas sewing
December 2nd	AGM and party

Bourne Stitchers Dates

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