

Bourne Quilters Newsletter



January 2025

Chat from the Chair

Happy New Year and welcome to Bourne Quilters first newsletter of 2025. I hope you all had a lovely break over the Christmas and New Year and like me found some time for some 'me time' in your sewing space.

There is a fantastic year ahead for Bourne Quilters, great speakers and workshops. In February we will launch our nine block Block of the Month (scrap) quilt that will be great way to build new skills and refresh old ones.

Don't forget Bourne Stitchers, it would be great to see you on alternate Tuesdays at Westbourne where you can bring your own stitching and sew, knit or simply just chat. We also have further mini workshops planned for some of these Tuesdays and a Sewing for Others fun day making cot quilts.

I'm looking forward to being your Chair for Bourne Quilters and to an exciting 2025 ahead and I hope you are too.

Karen Lillington



January's meeting

This month we welcome Ann Taylor who will talk about her lifelong interest in textiles. She will also bring a selection of her work and have a small sales table. Don't forget to bring some cash!

If you visited the Meon Valley show in October you will have seen Ann's very interesting display and demonstration. I'm sure her talk will be fascinating. Ann has very kindly rearranged her date from later in the year to help with the knock-on problem caused when our October speaker was unavailable.

February

In February we welcome Alison Hulme whose talk is entitled, My Life in Stitches.

Alison will also run a workshop on the next day where we will have fun using Thermafax screens, jellie plates, and stencils to print on fabric. Sign up sheet will be available this month.

Mini Workshops

The next mini workshop is on 11th February and will be an introduction to patchwork. This will cover some of the basic skills such as accurate cutting and piecing. This will be ideal for those new to the art or have taught themselves and would like some encouragement. Sign up at this month's meeting.

Block of the Month (BOM)

Look out next month, February, for the first of our BOM blocks.

Each month, for 9 months we will introduce a new block, with instructions to complete.

The first block will be very simple and gradually they will become a little more intricate - but nothing too taxing! This is an ideal project for beginners and also one we hope everyone can enjoy.

The last meeting of 2024

The December BQ meeting was our AGM. Chris presented her last report of activities before stepping down as Chair and handing the reins to Karen for the next couple of years. Rita presented the very healthy treasurer's report showing that Bourne Quilters are thriving.

Kathy stepped down from the committee after a number of years and was presented with a small memento as a thank you for all her hard work. Gill Adams has joined the committee and was welcomed.

The show quilt raffle was drawn. First prize was the Garlic Knot quilt, The show raffle quilt compiled of blocks made by our members. The lucky second



prize winner was with us at the meeting and took his prize home with a big smile. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Tuppenny Barn.

Donations were made to charities suggested by BQ members. Representatives from Rowans Hospice, Positively Parkinsons, The New Blendworth Centre and Emsworth Community Centre were there to collect their cheques.

Christmas Show and Tell

Everyone has been busy with their Christmas makes. There were gnomes and wreaths from the sewing funday, table runners and advent calendars. We also saw rope bowls from our mini workshop





Young Quilters

In December we held our second Young Quilters workshop making a Christmas gnome. Nine young quilters came to the workshop and 2 who couldn't attend had kits to make at home. The buzz in the room was fantastic, lots of chat as everyone went about stitching their gnomes.



Successful workshops wouldn't be possible without the 1-2-1 help that Bourne Quilters members provide. This also means we are able to offer as many places as we do. Many thanks to everyone who supports the workshops. At the outset we didn't want it to become onerous for the few so its

great to have so many helpers who can dip in and out according to their availability. Talking to some of the YQ Mums I am told that Santa may well deliver sewing equipment in his sleigh to some of our Young Quilters as quite a few have the bug!

Going forward I am planning to hold 2 workshops a term and am currently planning the next one for 1st February when we will be making a Ladybird Pin cushion. In a later workshop this can be attached to a thread catcher.

I will post about the confirmed date on our website and Facebook page and I have a separate mailing list for people who have said they would like to volunteer, if you would like to be added to this list please let me know.

Karen Lillington

The Last Page....

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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Bourne Quilters Programme 2025

6th January	Ann Taylor	Stitch in Colour
3rd February	Alison Hulme	My life in Stitches
4th February	Alison Hulme	Workshop
3rd March	Graham Parker	My Journey in Quilting
1st March	Doughty's	Fabric Sale
5th April	Cot quilts	Funday
7th April	Easter sewing evening	In House
5th May	Harriet Riddell	INSTITCHYOU talk
2nd June	Elizabeth Saunders	My Journey and Rag Quilts
6th June	Elizabeth Saunders	Workshop
7th July	Alice and Maria	Becoming Master Quilters
4th August	Summer Evening	In House
1st September	Christine Green	Bust the rules and get creative
2nd September	Christine Green	Workshop
6th October	Show and Tell	TBA
25th October	Doughty's	Fabric Sale
3rd November	Christmas sewing evening	In House
15th November	Christmas Funday	In House
1st December	AGM and Christmas Party	In House

Bourne Stitches Dates 2005

January 14, 28th	February 11th, 25th	March 11th, 25th
April 8th, 22nd	May 6th, 20th	June 3rd, 17th
July 1st, 15th, 29th	August 12th, 26th	September 9th, 23rd
October 7th, 21st	November 4th, 18th	December 2nd, 16th, 30th