



Bourne Quilters Newsletter March 2024

Chat from the Chair

Our newsletter continues to develop. Caron, one of our new committee members has offered to take over compiling the newsletter - much to my relief(!) and so she will be adding her own touches. The newsletter is usually composed of pieces written by different committee members but if you have anything you think the members would be interested in please let us know and we'd be glad to include it.

Members often tell me how much they enjoy our newsletter and I'm so happy to hear this, especially from members who are not able to get to as many meetings as they used to. Don't forget our offer, on the Last Page, to help you find a lift to meetings if it is difficult for you.

As we are moving forward in our plans for the show we are aware that we may need temporary storage space for sale items etc. If you could offer to look after a couple of boxes for a while please contact Karen who is worried about being snowed under!

Meeting Report 4th February

We had a great talk from Kim Edith from Stitchbook Studio in Portsmouth. Kim fuses scrapbooking with textiles art. Her art journey started with an Illustration degree which then developed into textile art as she felt she wanted to use the wealth of family photos and memorabilia that she had.



Kim talked about the method that she uses to get her photos onto textiles and then embellishes them, she makes bound books and ring bound books as well as larger projects like wall hangings. She was keen to say that her techniques across all the textile art is accessible to both beginners and those more experienced in crafting. While it might feel a big project to start she was reassuring in talking about starting with a plan and working from there.

Find out more at her website

<https://www.stitchbookstudio.com/what-is-stitchbooking>

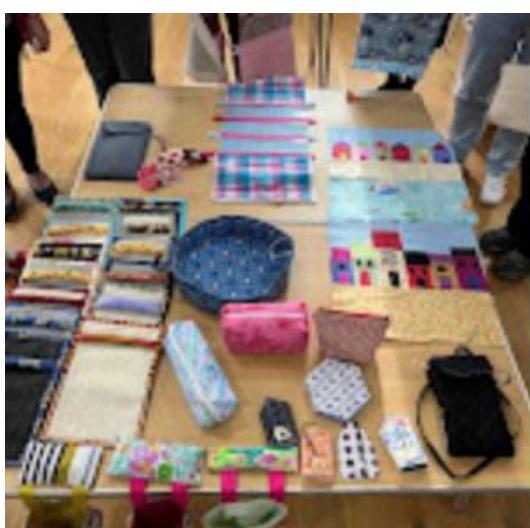
Show and Tell

It was great to see so many finished Selfies from our workshop earlier in the month, along with a great variety of other projects undertaken by our members.



Sewing for the Show Fun Day 24th February

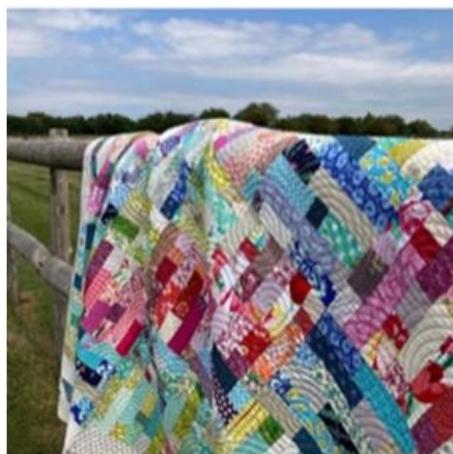
This was a new style of workshop for Bourne Quilters, we had 8 projects - some long and some shorter - all of which were ideas for the sales table for the show. It came about as I, for one, have never been sure what to make. The day had a lovely hubbub to it and when members popped into visit they said what a lovely atmosphere there was. Many thanks for the members who lead a particular make. The groups were small which meant there was plenty of time for chat making it a very sociable day.



Coming Up.....

Monday 4th March - Mel Lewis from Sugar Bowl Crafts

Mel will bring many examples of her work and talk to us about how she uses scraps to create beautiful quilts. Then on **Tuesday 5th March** she will be running a workshop called Scrappy Time where she will demonstrate her favourite roll technique and encourage us to build blocks of colour with confidence. Places are limited now.



Monday 1st April - Sewing Evening

We have planned to share a variety of skills and techniques at the meeting and invite you also to bring your own sewing. It's a good time to relax and enjoy sewing in the company of like-minded people. In addition, Frances will talk us through the new and updated website, and we are hoping to discuss charity nominations with members.

Breaking News - Additional Workshop - Fabric Flowers

Saturday 20th April Westbourne Parish Hall 10-4pm

It's great that we are able to put on an additional workshop thanks to Alyson Griffiths. Alyson is going to lead us in making fabric flowers. These are a larger version of the flowers that were being made at the sewing for the show fun day. Sign up open from 4th March - cost £25. A complete list of requirements will be sent closer to the time, but from chatting to Alyson a good bunch of flowers can be made from a set of fat quarters or equivalent fabric. The workshop will make it possible for you to make one flower, but once you have the technique it can become a bit compulsive and flowers can then be made simultaneously to grow your bouquet quickly.



Quilter's Guild Area 3 Regional Day

Saturday 16th March, 10am - 4pm, Swanmore Village Hall, New Road, Southampton SO32 2PF

The speakers are Jackie Dimmock and Jennie Rayment. Jennie will be running a workshop on Sunday - '3D and Hexagonal Happenings'

Cost for the day is £19 for members and £22.50 for non-members.

Tickets available from Geraldine Lewis: treasurer_reg3@quiltersguild.org.uk

IT'S SHOW TIME

Bourne Quilters Quilt Show - Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th July

The countdown is **5 months** to the Quilt Show. While it takes a bit of organising, the show is good fun, and an opportunity to show all of our creativeness in the past 2 years. Up to now the activity has been largely on getting the background preparation done and then over the coming months things will start to get busier as we start to bring together all the parts that will make the weekend work. This will be things like getting the quilts ready, volunteers for the weekend, preparing our sales table.



Over the past two years we have had lots of workshops and it will be great to showcase the things you have made.

Also don't forget the **End Wall Challenge** your **Selfie** - if you weren't able to come to the workshop there will be a session on how we went about them at the April meeting.

The Chair's challenge this year is a **3D Tea Party**. I'm thinking of making something Willow Pattern, but it means I will be searching for blue and white!

What are you thinking of making?



If you're a newer member and are wondering about things like making a sash, how we hang the quilts, what you need to do about labelling your quilts etc - this will be included in the April meeting and followed up in subsequent meetings.

In the meantime, if you have any ideas or questions about the show don't hesitate to ask either myself (Karen) or one of the committee.

Sad News

Gerry Craddock, a much loved, long standing and loyal member of Bourne Quilters, has nursed her husband Rob for some years as his health has deteriorated. Sadly, Rob passed away on Saturday 17th March. We send our condolences to Gerry and her family at this very sad time. Rob's funeral will take place at 10am on Friday 15th March at The Oaks Crematorium. Gerry has said there is no dress code and requests no flowers but donations to Dementia charities would be appreciated.

2025 Program

We are in the process of gathering ideas for our 2025 program - if you have any recommendations for talks or workshops that you have seen or attended elsewhere, please let Lisa know on: lisa.hartnett@outlook.com

PAT testing

It is an insurance requirement of the venues we use for fundays and workshops that all electrical equipment used is regularly PAT tested (Portable Appliance Test).

To help our members comply with this requirement we have arranged for an electrician to carry out these tests on Tuesday 9th April, 9.30 to 11.30 at Westbourne Parish Hall. Cost is £2.50 per item, payable directly to the electrician. Please bring along any sewing machines, irons, extension leads etc that you would want to use at Emsworth or Westbourne to be checked. Each item only takes a few minutes to be checked. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat while you wait.

If you have difficulty getting your appliances to the hall on that day, please contact one of the committee and we will do what we can to help.

Raising money for Local Charities

As you can see from Karen's Show Time page, preparations for the show in July are well underway. In the past we have always been proud to present the proceeds to local charities.

Traditionally the proceeds from the quilt are presented to one local charity of the Chair's choice and the rest of the proceeds; door, sales and refreshments are shared between local charities nominated by members.

If you know of any charities in the local area who are working with local people and would appreciate our support, please let Karen or Chris know. Maybe you or a family member has a personal involvement with a charity? We would like nominations by the end of March so that the charities can be contacted and involved in publicising the show.

This year the charity chosen by Karen and Chris for the quilt raffle is Tuppenny Barn at Emsworth.

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 07886 796857

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 Website: www.bournequilters.com

Bourne Quilters Programme 2024

Also on our website: www.bournequilters.com

March 4th	Mel Lewis from Sugar Bowl Crafts
March 5th (Tuesday)	Workshop - Scrappy Time Emsworth 10am-4pm
April 1st	Sewing evening
April 9th (Tuesday)	PAT Testing Westbourne 9:30-11:30
April 20th (Saturday)	Flower Workshop Emsworth 10am-4pm
May 6th	Meon Valley Quilters Show and Tell
June 3rd	Samantha Boot -The Perfection of Imperfection
June 22nd (Saturday)	Workshop - Samantha Boot Westbourne 10am-4pm
July 1st	Show Preparation
July 27th and 28th	BQ Quilt Show
August 5th	Jackie Dimmock Part 2 - The Good, the Bad and the Downright Ugly
September 2nd	Joy Harper - An Obsession with Log Cabin
September 3rd (Tuesday)	Workshop - Joy Harper Log Cabin Emsworth 10am-4pm
October 7th	Kate L'Amie - local textile artist
October 8th (Tuesday)	Workshop - Kate L'Amie Emsworth 10am-4pm
November 4th	Christmas Sewing
December 2nd	AGM and Party

Bourne Stitchers Dates

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