

Bourne Quilters Newsletter



November 2024

Chat from the Chair

Welcome to the new style newsletter!

I finally got fed up of fighting with my old lap top and decided to treat myself to a new iPad and keyboard! So this month is very much about finding out how it works!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Doughty's sale on Saturday. It was a great success, Matthew was very grateful for the help and our funds were boosted by a very healthy £450!

We also had the inaugural meeting of Emsworth Young Quilters, which was a huge success, largely thanks to the hard work and determination of Karen and Ellie. Well done. I'm sure the youngsters are all looking forward to the next session.

The Community Centre is very busy on Monday evenings and this means that car parking is very difficult. Members would be wise to park in the car park across the road behind Tesco. There is a very well lit pathway through, by the side of the church, bringing you out immediately opposite the community centre. Car sharing where possible is always a good idea.

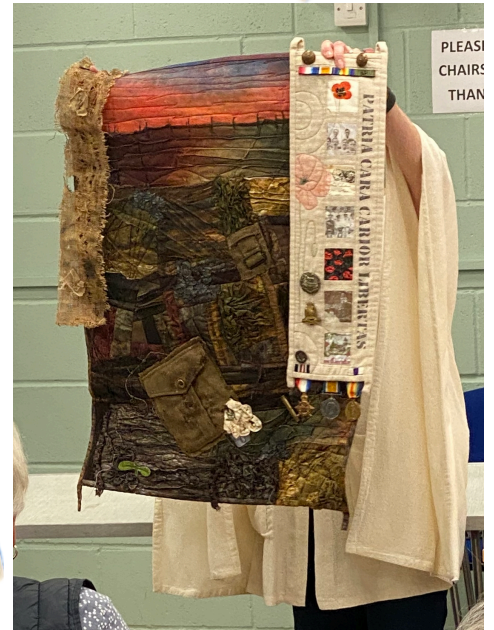
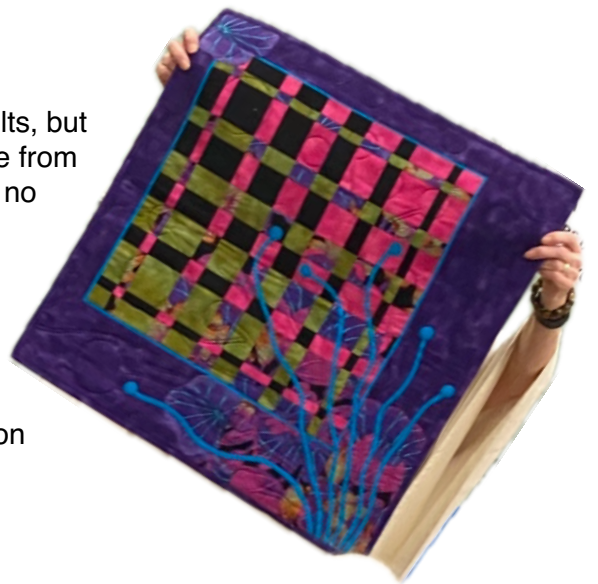
Meeting report - 7th October



Unfortunately, Kate L'Aime, the speaker that we had arranged for this meeting was unable to attend due to an accident. However, Glennis Lee, one of our members, stepped into the breach at short notice and provided us with a wonderful treat as she showed us some of her fantastic work. We were entranced by the

variety of quilts that we were shown. Her use of colourful fabrics and particularly how they were made to 'pop' by the use of black fabric was inspiring so hopefully we will see some of this reflected in future show and tell sessions. The most unusual medium included in a quilt must be the barbed wire in a stunning hanging. There were many stories and tales about the various techniques used, in particular the 6 minute circle which actually took 40 minutes the first time it was tried. I think that we can all empathise with that feeling when trying new techniques. As the evening

progressed many people admired not just the front of the quilts, but the backing fabrics used. Glennis had sourced many of these from that well known Swedish store and we all regretted that they no longer carried such a wide range of useful fabrics. Having to resort to duvet covers now for backings has not dampened her enthusiasm for using unusual fabrics and tea-towels featured in some interesting items. The whole evening was a delight and has provided us with a lot of inspiration for future projects. I won't be able to look at tea towels in quite the same way again. I took so many photos that the battery on my phone died before the end.



Show and Tell



Stitchers Mini Workshops

This month saw BQ hold our first 'mini workshop' at Westbourne. We were very fortunate to have Wendda give up her time to show a group of keen stitchers how to make rope bowls. The sewers twisted and pinned their rope into submission until they had produced a small practice bowl. Then it was on to wrapping the rope with fabric to make the real deal. As this was a mini workshop, there wasn't enough time to finish them, but there was enough time to start them and to ask any questions before it was time to pack up. Everyone enjoyed the session and the format and we will run more of these mini workshops in the future. The next one has been arranged for 19th November when Mel Lewis will be showing us some appliqué techniques. Look out for the sign up sheet at the November meeting or contact Mel Lambton for more information



Young Quilters Workshop 26th October



After much planning and fact finding Bourne Quilters supported the first Emsworth Young Quilters workshop. 15 young and youngish quilters, aged 6 to 15 became textile artists and Halloween appliqué pictures with pumpkins and bats!! There was a fantastic buzz around the room and the 6 to 11 year olds had individual support from our members. The one to one support made such a difference as it

meant that by the end of the session they had all completed a picture and some had learnt to thread the machine and moved onto playing with the stitch patterns on the machine. There were 3 teenagers who extended their picture by adding spider's webs, stitching their name or completing a design that used the pieces creatively. Thank you to all who supported them.

Here is some of the feedback we have received.....

My granddaughter loved it – thank you

‘F’ really really enjoyed it and was so proud of what had achieved

‘N’ & ‘M’ had the most fantastic time



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We are planning our next workshop for the 7th December. It will have a Christmas theme to it. To make it possible for the young quilter to take home a completed piece of work much of the prep is done in advance, this helps the workshop run more smoothly and also means fabric/items are cut out accurately. Help is needed from 1.30pm and we should be finished by about 5pm. If you think you could help email or text me on karen.lillington@btinternet.com 07886796857. I will then keep in touch as plans develop. As we said at one of our meetings helping once doesn't mean you are committed to always helping as many hands make light work.

Coming up.....

November 2nd is our Christmas Fun day. You should all have received the requirements for the item you have chosen to make. There will be soup and bread and cheese and lots of cake. It promises to be a lovely day!



November 4th is our Christmas sewing evening. This is for members only. The only requirements are scraps of Christmas fabric and bondaweb! This is a fun project which has a variety of uses. They could be Christmas place names, tree decorations or gift tags.

December 2nd is our AGM and Christmas party, again, members only. Please bring a small plate of food to share. We will provide mulled wine and soft drinks.

Cot Quilts

Over the last few years members of Bourne Quilters have been generously giving their time to make cot quilts and incubator covers for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at QA hospital. Recently there was a plea on Facebook for the incubator covers but some members were confused as they were not asking for the size we had previously made. Lis has kindly clarified this with QA and as the regulations have now changed they need incubator covers (dark backed) to be 27" x 33", smaller than we used to make.

If you have made any baby cot quilts for NICU at QA hospital could you please bring them along to the next BQ meeting so that we can arrange for them to be taken there. If you need a label, there will be some available.

The committee are planning a sewing day next year when we will be raiding our stashes and using simple patterns to make quilts for the NICU. This will be perfect for our less experienced quilters!

Notions for bags

A while ago the suggestion of having a supply of bag notions (buckles: magnetic catches; D-rings etc) that members can purchase singularly rather than having to buy a packed of 50 for one back from an on line retailer!! We were kindly donated some notions to start this off and apologies it has taken so much time but we now have a box with dividers and its stocked with some spares. Not a full set but if you have a few at home you can spare to add to the box it would be great. Given they will all be donated if you want to purchase one a suggested amount of 20p per piece would be great and we will use this money to keep it stocked or fill gaps.

Shirley Quilters

day out

On Tuesday 26 November 2024

Departing St Boniface Church
at 8.00am return at approx. 6pm

Trip includes:

Visit to Midsomer Quilting in Chilcompton

- To see the 12x12 exhibition,
- Visit their shop
- Opportunity to buy lunch at the Holy Cow (or bring your own)
- Visit the American museum in Bath
- With an optional textile or curious about quilts guided tour

Subsidised cost for Shirley Quilters including return coach, American museum entry and guided tour is £35 (£30 without tour).

Cost for non-members is £45 (£40 without guided tour)

Contact Susan at shirleyquilterssoton@gmail.com to sign up

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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Bourne Quilters Programme 2024

Also on our website: www.bournequilters.com

November 2nd (Saturday) Christmas Fun Day

November 4th Christmas Sewing

December 2nd AGM and Party

Bourne Stitchers Dates 2024

5th, 19th November, 3rd, 17th December