



Bourne Quilters Newsletter

October 2024

Chat from the Chair

Welcome to the Bourne Quilters October newsletter.

I hope you're all enjoyed the lovely September sunshine! What a treat after all cloud and rain we've had this summer!

I'm afraid I've been experiencing technical problems, so this newsletter doesn't have the usual array of colourful photos. Apologies for that, hopefully normal service will be resumed next month!

There's still lots of news and information about future events, with booking details provided.

I'm afraid I will miss Kate L'Aime's talk and workshop because I will be on holiday. But I will be at the Quilters' Guild Region 3 Day in Portchester on Saturday 5th October, so I hope maybe I'll see some guild members there.

Meeting Report 2nd September

The community centre hall was full on Monday as we welcomed Joy Harber and her quilts. Joy took us through her textile and quilting journey starting with the knitted pieces completed when she was at university. Whilst her sampler quilts were lovely and something that resonated with many of us, the highlights of the



evening were the variety of log cabin quilts which she has exhibited not only at Festival of Quilts, but also in the USA. Hence the title of her talk 'An Obsession with Log Cabin'. There were the very small ones where the centre blocks were 1/4" and as they were passed round, we admired the skill required to produce them. What really made us gasp in amazement were the effects achieved when these tiny blocks were used in full sized quilts. We

could see how the choice and placement of colours and fabrics produces an array of designs, especially when combined with courthouse steps and pineapple blocks. These had been designed carefully and the effects were stunning. The amount of work involved in producing these was incredible and the completed quilts contained over 40,000 pieces and had used 15,000m of thread. These were truly awe-inspiring quilts and some of us were lucky enough to have the opportunity to learn how to make these blocks at the workshop the following day even if we wouldn't manage a full sized quilt.

Takeaway comment from the evening - "If you haven't got a flat design wall, get a new house!" :)

If you would like to see more of Joy's work she is on instagram as patchworkjoy

Show and Tell

Show and Tell never disappoints as BQ members show how productive and imaginative they are. Diana modelled a quilted patchwork jacket. The record placemats attracted a lot of interest. There were some beautiful bags and quilts as well. Please do bring along your makes to share with other members as we really love to see all the different styles and skills used and it often inspires the rest of us to finally finish our work rather than add to our UFO pile.

Log Cabin Workshop

After Joy's inspiring talk, sixteen BQ members arrived at the community centre to learn how to make the lovely small log cabin blocks. Joy emphasised



the importance of accurate cutting, sewing and pressing when making such small pieces. Armed with sharp cutting blades and new pointy needles we approached the task with enthusiasm. We chose our fabrics and carefully cut the 3/4" strips that we would need and approached our machines. Before starting our sewing, we tested out stitch length and seam allowances on a receipt as the paper wouldn't stretch. Then we were off, gradually building up our blocks. By

the end of the session we all had completed enough small blocks to make an exquisite small quilt. Time will tell if we ever manage enough to make a full-size quilt, It was a really fun day and we all enjoyed learning a new technique.

Coming Up.....

Monday 7th October

Kate L'Amie is a local artist. She uses free-motion embroidery and experiments with other textile techniques to create pieces with dynamic and expressive movement, as well as colourful 3D beach huts. Kate will share her journey into stitching birds and the techniques she uses, illustrating the talk with a range of her stitched work.

Tuesday 8th October Workshop at ECC from 10 to 4pm £25

Use your sewing machine for free-motion embroidery scenes inspired by Chichester Harbour. We will layer up linens and cottons to create a background, before adding texture depth and detail with free-motion embroidery. At this time of year there is plenty to inspire, with seed heads and late flowers along the coast as well as the return of winter waders and wildfowl. By the end of the workshop, you will have created an artwork or two that you can hang, frame or use as a panel for a cushion or similar. Feel free to bring along any photos you may feel inspired by - whether in Chichester Harbour or another section of coastline. Fabrics and threads will be provided, but if you have something particular that you wish to incorporate bring that too.

Spaces are available at the moment. Please contact Mel on melaielambton@hotmail.com if you are interested.

Tuesday 22nd October Bourne Stitchers workshop making rope bowls with Wendda. This is already full.

Saturday 2nd November Christmas fun day.

This is a very popular event. There are spaces to make Christmas pockets and the Rudolph table runner. Please sign up at the October meeting. £15 which includes lunch.

Monday 5th November Christmas sewing night.



We have a delightful project for you; these cute gnomes made with scraps of Christmas fabric, felt and bondaweb make great gift tags, decorations, place names or anything else you feel inspired to do! Alternatively, bring your own sewing along, it's a great opportunity to chat with like-minded people.

Tuesday 19th November Bourne Stitchers workshop with Mel Lewis.
Hand sewing using needle turn applique and gingham. Helping to get crisp applique corners and edges.

Monday 2nd December AGM and Christmas party

Young Quilters

It's full steam ahead for the inaugural meeting of the Bourne/Emsworth Young Quilters. This meeting will be held at Emsworth Community Centre on the afternoon of Saturday 26th October. If you would like to bring a child, for whom you can be responsible, please contact Karen on karen.lillington@btinternet.com. The planned project has a Halloween theme.

If you have previously put your name down to help, Karen will be in touch and if you have since thought you would like to help then drop her a line. Please be assured that helping once does not commit you to help every time.

Other news.....

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Chichester Regional Day
Saturday 16th November 2024
Chichester College
9:30am—4:30pm

3 speakers
Sarah Ashford—The Rajah Quilt
Sasha Knot-Fancy—Bosal products
Trish Grammer—Shweshwe African fabrics
Coffee and cake Light lunches
Giant raffle including £100 Bernina token
Lots of work on display.
Young Quilters
Taster workshops (sign in on arrival)
Traders stall with over 20 traders selling books, fabrics, haberdashery, vintage, rulers, templates beads and more
Early bird Tickets £15/22 non members
After Sept 30th £18/25
Entrance to Traders & Displays ONLY 11.00am onwards £2
Apply to Gill Riordan on gillriordan@yahoo.co.uk
Payable by BACS or cheque

Mini Quilt Competition

Calling all textile artists, embroiderers, needleworkers and anyone interested in sewing! Are you a keen stitcher? Want to try your hand at creating a mini quilt? RSPB Pagham Harbour invite you to take part in their Mini Quilt Competition.

For full details scan the QR code or alternatively visit:
<https://events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour>

Date 21 September 2024 - 21 March 2025

Cost £7.50 per entry / quilt

Find out more
rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour

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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

Bits and Bobs and Supplies

We have started a repository for those pieces of hardware we use for bags etc where we have to buy 50 and only need two!! If you have an excess of 'D' rings, buckles, beads etc and could spare a few please bring them in.

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Bourne Quilters Website: www.bournequilters.com

Bourne Quilters Programme 2024

Also on our website: www.bournequilters.com

October 7th	Kate L'Amie - local textile artist
October 8th (Tuesday)	Workshop - Kate L'Amie Emsworth 10am-4pm
November 2nd (Saturday)	Christmas Fun Day
November 4th	Christmas Sewing
December 2nd	AGM and Party

Bourne Stitchers Dates 2024

8th, 22nd October

5th, 19th November

3rd, 17th December