



Bourne Quilters Newsletter

April 2024

Chat from the Chair

Huge thanks to Caron, one of our new committee members for taking on the lion's share of the work involved in producing this newsletter!

Thanks also to Frances who has been working really hard to update our website. She is going to talk us through the website at this month's meeting so that you can see how useful it is and how easy to navigate.

And finally, thanks to everyone who made cakes and came to help at the Doughty's Road Show. It was a lovely day and many of us have lighter purses and larger stashes as a result! All those lovely fabrics were just too hard to resist!!

Meeting Report 4th March



The hall was packed as over 50 Bourne Quilters turned up to hear Mel Lewis from Sugar Bowl Crafts describe how she turned scraps into the wonderful and colourful quilts that she brought with her. By sorting into colours and using pieces as small as 1" x 2", the scraps were built up into strips and then blocks to make fabric from leftovers.

This approach was very versatile and could be used to produce a wide variety of quilt blocks and patterns.



The use of scraps was not limited to the front as offcuts from the front as well as slightly larger pieces could be used for the backing as well. The resulting backing was almost as intricate as the front. Mel also described how she used smaller pieces to make crumb blocks which were cleverly used as borders in some of her quilts.



There were also quilts with hand sewn needle turn applique blocks which was an excellent way of using fussy cuts from interesting fabrics. There was something to interest both the hand and machine sewer. At the end of her talk members were very keen to go and have a closer look at the quilts on display and

think about how they might use their scraps in a different way.

Show and Tell



After the recent 'sew for the show' day we saw a selection of the wonderful items that had been made including tote bags, flowers and wash bags. We look forward to seeing more of these at future meetings and feel sure that the sales table will be groaning under the weight of all the offerings.

Scrappy Workshop 5th March 2024

The day after Mel Lewis's scrappy quilt talk, 16 quilters turned up at Emsworth Community Centre to try out for ourselves her method for dealing with scraps.

Handfuls of fabric were pulled from our stashes and sorted into colours until it was obvious which colours we had a lot of. There followed a frenzy of pressing cutting and



sewing to produce a jelly roll in our selected colour. These were then sub-cut into strips which were joined to make square blocks which we could then use in a quilt.



After lunch we moved on to crumb quilting which was another new skill for many of us. Working with tiny and odd shaped pieces, we watched as colourful fabric emerged before our eyes as if by magic. Only the tiniest left over scraps made it to the bins as almost everything was used.



It was very liberating to finally get rid of fabric without feeling guilty for wasting it as we knew that we had used as much as was possible.



This was a really interesting and useful workshop and opened our eyes to just how useful scraps could be rather than just leftover bits of fabric with no purpose.

We hope to get Mel back to run a mini workshop on making hand pieced needle turn applique blocks in the future.



Coming Up.....

Monday 1st April - Sewing Evening

We have a variety of skills and techniques that could be part of the evening, including "how to make a quilt sleeve", sash making, mitred corners and joining binding strips. And you can bring your own sewing - it's a great 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 - check out the new layout here: www.bournequilters.com

We will also be asking for ideas of local charities that we could support through some of the Show proceeds, so please let the committee know if you have any suggestions of any local charities, who are working with local people and would appreciate our support. We would like to contact charities in advance of the show so that they can be contacted and involved in publicising the show.

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 quicker.



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.harnett@outlook.com

Jennie Rayment Workshop



We have been contacted by Shirley Quilters as they have spaces available at their upcoming Jennie Rayment Scrappy Zappy Do Workshop

Scrabble in your fabric stash and fish out oddments of material! A most excellent way to combine a series of coloured scraps or memorable materials into an attractive hanging/table runner/small quilt. Design from Jennie's book 'Foldy Rolly Patchwork Pzzazz'.

The requirements for the workshop can be found at <https://www.jennierayment.com/node/422>

The workshop is on 11 April 2024, 10am-4 pm at St Boniface Church Hall, 413 Shirley Rd SO15 3JD. The cost is £30 for non-members

Contact Susan susanjwilson63@gmail.com.

A £5 deposit is required with full payment due by 21 March.

IT'S SHOW TIME

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

What do you need to know or want to know about the show?

I do appreciate every 2 years means memories fade and we have had lots of new members - so here are some **Q and A's** that have recently been asked.

Q-Where does the show take place ?

A- Bourne Quilters take over the whole of Emsworth Community Centre for the whole weekend of 27th and 28th July

Q-What is the process for getting our quilts on display leading up to the show?

A-At the **April** meeting we will give instructions for putting a sleeve on your quilt if one will be needed. Starting in **May** you will be asked to 'register' the quilts you want to display. You will be given numbers for your quilt(s) and the necessary paperwork so we can keep track of everyone's precious quilts. On **Weds 24th July** there will be a drop-off session at the Centre ready for the show weekend. All quilts are covered by our insurance.

Q-What's the plan for setting up the show?

A-On **Fri 26th July** we have access to the centre and it's our set up day. It's a busy day, but it is possible to get it set up in one day!

We will have a show plan on display at future meetings so you can see what we plan to put where.

Q-I would like to help how can I get involved?

A-Leading up to the show we'll have sign-up sheets for helpers for things like refreshments, supervising during the show days, helping to run a stall etc. You don't have to be there all the time and there is a timetable to make sure people also get time to enjoy the show.

Q-What are the "**Chairman's Challenge**" and "**End Wall Project**".

A -Traditionally the Chair and/or Committee sets a challenge to the BQ members for a display at the show. This year we thought a 3D display of a **Cuppa and Cake** would be fun.

The End Wall Project is for all BQ members to participate in and this year we will have a **Selfie Wall** - inspired by Hayling Piecemakers. In the April meeting we will go through what we learned at the recent Selfie Workshop so that everyone can contribute a selfie panel for the show if they want.

Q-Who are we raising money for?

A -We use the show to sell raffle tickets for a Quilt made by BQ members. This year the money from the raffle quilt is going to Tuppenny Barn in Southbourne. Non-raffle funds raised will also support other local charities - as nominated by BQ members. So if you have a cause close to your heart please let one of the committee know.

Any other questions? If you want to know anything else please ask - I'm sure there will be others who are thinking the same question.

What am I going to do with all these ?

Have you ever had to buy 100 beads just to use 5 in a project?

Do you have 200 brass D rings and only needed 4?

One of the BQ members has suggested that we develop a store of those small items and accessories that we individually might have an excess of. We could hold these as a store at BQ and if someone only needs 2 beads for a project, they could dip in to the store for a small contribution to BQ funds.

We are not asking for all your spares; we are just talking about when you may have had to buy many more of an item than you wanted and you know you will never use them all.

Is this something you would be interested in supporting? Let us know what you think.

PAT testing-April 9th

It's an insurance requirement of our funday and workshop venues, 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.

Borrow Bag Sewing Workshop

We have been invited to sew and socialise at a Borrow Bag Sewing Workshop on Saturday 6th April, 10am-3pm.

The meeting will be at the Community Kettle in Cosham, 62 High Street Portsmouth PO6 3AJ

HannahCooper will be there, as a member of the Final Straw Foundation team, to answer any questions you may have.

Alternatively, if you'd like to just drop off any finished bags you may have, or pick up some more fabric or labels please feel free to pop in at any point during the day.

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

April 1st	Sewing evening
April 9 th (Tuesday)	PAT Testing Westbourne 9:30-11:30
April 20 th (Saturday)	Flower Workshop Emsworth 10am-4pm
May 6th	Meon Valley Quilters Show and Tell
June 3rd	Samantha Boot -The Perfection of Imperfection
June 22 nd (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 3 rd (Tuesday)	Workshop - Joy Harper Log Cabin Emsworth 10am-4pm
October 7th	Kate L'Amie - local textile artist
October 8 th (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