

Bourne Quilters Newsletter



March 2025

Chat from the Chair

It's been a busy month for Bourne Quilters, there was a talk and workshop from Alison Hulme and also a really informative mini workshop at Bourne stitchers that Sue Rhodes ran – read more below. This has set the scene for an excellent standard for 2025 and I am confident that the workshops and talks we have planned will continue in the same vein.

There has long been interest in Bourne Quilters running coach trips. We are starting with a trip to Lady Sew and Sew in Henley-on-Thames. As someone helpfully said it falls between our two Doughtys sales day so if you are worried about running out between March and October a trip in June will fill that gap.

Thank you to those who have said they can help with refreshments at our meetings – we could do with just a few more volunteers so those helping are not called on too often. It really is a case of many hands make light work and as one volunteer said it's a great way of getting to know members. It was something I did when I first joined and they are undoubtedly right.

Finally we would love to have your contributions to the newsletter so if you go somewhere relating to stitching and want to share it, read a book or just have something that you think will be of interest to members please send it to Chris @ busybarrells@gmail.com the deadline for the next newsletter is Friday 29th March.

Happy spring stitching with best wishes

February Meeting and Workshop - Alison Hulme

<https://alisonhulmetextiles.com/>

Alison Hulme came to talk about her Life in stitches. It was a great talk that was both entertaining and moving as she talked through her own struggle with alcohol and how her recovery led her into textiles. Her talk covered from her early cross stitching to then developing her textile art while undertaking her city and guilds and then her degree. She is passionate about using printing techniques in creating her textiles and also making sure her love of nature shines through – nature in a different form was her husband as a nude that was used in one of her college pieces!!





The next day Alison ran an fantastic screen printing workshop. She took us through the techniques required to produce printed fabrics and pointing out the pitfalls (which didn't stop some of us making the obvious mistakes!) before letting us loose on all her dyes and screens! The resources she provided were amazing! We were all very busy and focused throughout the day but it was also a lot of fun, largely due to Alison's very individual sense of humour! The results were fabulous and all very different.



People who attended the workshop - please bring your work from the day to this month's meeting. It would be lovely to lay it all out for everyone to see.



Show and Tell

Once again we were reminded what a talented bunch Bourne Quilters are with a very varied show and tell.



Beginners Mini Workshop - Introduction to Patchwork

Nine eager stitchers arrived at Westbourne Parish Hall for the latest in our series of mini workshops. Sue Rhodes had been persuaded to share her knowledge and run an introduction to patchwork session. This was aimed at many of our newer members who had expressed an interest in learning more about the basic skills needed to enjoy our craft. Sue introduced

some of the tools used such as the many rotary cutters, rulers and cutting mats available. She also spoke about fabric choices and colours as well as needles and threads. Everyone then had the chance to put this into practice and cut out the fabric for our first block of the month. By the end of the session everyone was more confident in their choice of fabric, how to use the rotary cutters safely and sew an accurate quarter inch seam. Everyone really enjoyed the session and learnt something new. We look forward to seeing how the skills had been put to use when people bring their blocks to show and tell at the next meeting.



Coming Up

3rd March Meeting - Graham Parker

This month we welcome Graham Parker from Southampton.

Graham and Janice will have a small sales table - please bring cash.

Graham writes: *Slightly mad, slightly bad, appalling dress sense but occasionally good at University Challenge, all qualities that lead to a man's view and approach to quilting. If I dress like this by choice my quilts must surely be suspect, but hey ho, it's the involvement in my own idiosyncratic form of accessible art that drives me. It's hopeful they have universal appeal, but I make them lovingly, caress them often then fold them away and move on to the next one knowing there is achievement in my life no matter how arcane, but more than that, I make them for me as a lock-myself-away get away.*

My good friend Janice and I call ourselves Dartington Dyers as we have a small studio in Southampton where we dye fabric and create small sundries which we sell at my group visits and talks, at hopefully modest prices. Please visit our table at my talk with you. We can only accept cash (as we are not big or clever enough for card machines).

I may have a deprecating view on my work, but please do join me and scrutinise a man's view of the fabric world and leave contented that your own quilts have never looked better.

Sewing for Others Funday - Incubator quilts

Our next Funday is at Westbourne Parish Hall on Saturday 5th April. We will be making incubator quilts for the maternity wards at QA hospital. Lis Dawson has found some lovely pattern ideas, some of which are pictured below. People attending the funday will be sent the requirements in advance and they are available on our website, on the Sewing for Others page.



7th April - In house Sewing Evening

Lisa has prepared a delightful Easter Egg decoration in 2 sizes for anyone who would like to make one. all you need to bring with you are: paper scissors, basic sewing kit, felt, embroidery threads and ribbons in various colours plus any beads or embellishments you would like to add. As always you are welcome to bring your own sewing if you prefer.

Next mini workshop - Tuesday 24h April

The next mini workshop will be held on 22nd April. This will be an introduction to needle turn hand stitched appliqué. Robina Richter will show a technique for stitching fabric shapes onto a background including curves, points and fussy cutting that she has used to great effect on some of her beautiful quilts. Please sign up at the next meeting if you would like to join in.



Bourne Quilters Coach Trip to Lady Sew and Sew Saturday 28th June

Over the last year or so we have had suggestions from members about Bourne Quilters running coach trips. It's a great idea and we would like to kick this off with a trip to Lady Sew and Sew in Henley-on-Thames. <https://ladysewandsew.co.uk>

In case you don't know Lady Sew and Sew is Europe's biggest patchwork and quilting shop, major stockists of designers including the Kaffe Fassett Collective, Anna Maria Horner and Tula Pink, and also have huge ranges of wadding, blenders and anything else you could need. I am told they have in excess of 15000 rolls of material that covers a number of crafts. They also sell yarns and are stockist for Rowan and many other wools.

Their warehouse is equipped for group visits, they only take one at a time so we will be the only group there, we will have a dedicated room to relax in when tired of shopping, leave your belongings safe and free tea and coffee all day. You just need to take a packed lunch.
<https://ladysewandsew.co.uk/about-lady-sew-and-sew/coach-party-visits/>

Bits and Pieces

Meeting refreshments

Thank you to the members who have volunteered to help with refreshments at our monthly meetings. We need a few more volunteers to share the job. This will mean that no one is called upon too often. It's not an onerous task, it just means getting to the meeting at about 6.30 to put the kettles on and sort the trolley with mugs etc ready for people to help themselves as they want a cuppa. All the supplies are kept in our cupboard and I will ensure that milk and biscuits are there. then it takes about 10-15 minutes to wash up and put away at the end of the meeting. Maybe you can help prepare but not wash up or vice versus?

Do get in touch or speak to me at the next meeting. Chris - busybarrells@gmail.com

Block of the Month

How did your first block go?

Instructions for block 2, 'Woven' are attached to this email.

Wadding

Wadding (90ins wide) is always available to buy at our meetings.

We will replenish supplies at Doughty's this weekend and we're expecting the price to increase slightly as we have held the current price for 5 years and have, up till now, absorbed rises in price. We'd like to make this a self service operation so if you are happy to measure your own wadding, or ask another member to help, please do so and give the correct money to Rita.

Bourne Quilters Destash Sale

As mentioned in last month's newsletter we are planning to have a destash sale at some of our meetings. It will be an opportunity to sell some of your surplus fabrics etc. (I'm told there is such a thing!!) We will start in April and plan more sales into our programme. Details of how this will work. Will be in next month's newsletter.

Thank you

Vicki Longland has asked me to thank members who supported the destash sale in Chichester advertised in last month's newsletter. The sale raised a grand total of £2626.40 to be donated to charity in memory of deceased member, Margaret Mould.

Sewing machine for sale

When member Caron Moss died in August, in her newly furnished sewing room was a brand new sewing machine which hadn't been taken out of it's box! The executors of Caron's estate were very specific that they wanted Bourne Quilters to sell the machine and use the money to benefit our membership. The machine is a Singer 8500Q Modern Quilter and it retails for around £899.



Follow the link below for more details about the machine and what it can do.
<https://www.singerco.co.uk/8500Q-Modern-Quilter.html>

It is the committee's intention to offer this machine for sale to **members** in a silent auction.

How will it work?

If you are interested in buying the machine, send a bid by email to Chris: busybarrells@gmail.com by 17th April.

All bids will be acknowledged by email. Please contact me if you do not receive notification in 48 hours.

A reserve price has been set. If this is not reached all bidders will be invited to make a second bid. In the event of there being 2 or more identical bids in top place, those people will be invited to revise their bids.

The winner will be notified by email and the result will appear in April's newsletter.

Bidding is open to members only.

Wittering Quilters Charity Workshop Day

Wittering Quilters are running a charity workshop day on 26th April. If you are interested in attending details are opposite, including a booking form. Pictured below are the items you can make on this day. If you want and further information I am sure Vicki Longland will be able to help you.



WITTERING QUILTERS CHARITY WORKSHOP DAY
APRIL 26th 2025

As last year the 2025 charity workshop day is to be held at the Downview Hall, Stocks Lane, PO20 8NS. We will have 4 classes running (see below), a raffle, Lucky dip and sales table. There will be cakes which we will ask you to donate a small sum to as these are made by our members, and there will be tea and coffees made by our wonderful helpers, Tony and Peter.

The money made from the day will be given to the charity of the year, this to be decided upon.

CLASSES:	1. Felt Leaf Wreath	Tutor: Gwen Ryan	Hand sewing
	2. Swedish Huck Embroidery	Tutor: Sue Drew	Hand sewing
	3. Oven Gloves	Tutor: Chris Parkes	Machine
	4. Sewing Block	Tutor: Vicki Longland	Machine

Please complete the form available and come along to enjoy a really great day, also remember to bring your lunch.

Thank you, and look forward to seeing you on the day.

WORKSHOP DAY – BOOKING FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TEL. NO:

1st CHOICE (class no): 2nd CHOICE (class no):

FEE - £20. Please enclose Cash/Cheque payable to Wittering Quilters with S.A.E

To: Chris Millner, 17 Solent Road, East Wittering, Chichester, PO20 8DJ.

Should you need any further information please ring on 01243 670641

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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

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 Sandie on: sandie72003@yahoo.co.uk so that Bourne Quilters can send a card. We would rather be told twice than not at all.

BQ has wadding for sale at the Monday meetings at a very reasonable price. It is available in multiples of half a metre.

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Bourne Quilters Programme 2025

1st March	Doughty's	Fabric Sale
3rd March	Graham Parker	My Journey in Quilting
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

	Evening meetings
	Workshops and Fundays

Bourne Stitchers Dates 2005

		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