

Bourne Quilters Newsletter



April 2025

Chat from the Chair

It's been quite a month for Emsworth Community Centre, I feel very lucky that we are able to continue to have our meetings there as the modern side of the building was not affected by the fire in the roof of the assembly rooms. The team there are working hard with the insurers to plan for the repair and we are very grateful that no one was hurt.

While it's been a bit chilly it has been rather nice to start to hear birdsong and see the daffodils. The winter months tucked up at home are a good time to sew but it also feels a bit like hibernation and with the spring around the corner it feels exciting to start new projects. Read on to find out about our last month's meeting, forthcoming coach trip, Young Quilters and everything that has been going on, and to look forward to, with Bourne Quilters in April. Don't forget that parking will be very tight at the community centre now as part of the car park is closed off so please park over the road in Palmers Road car park behind Tesco Express.

March Meeting - Graham Parker



At the meeting on March 3rd we were entertained by Graham Parker and his friend Janice as he described his journey through quilting from his first simple 9 patch block to his more recent large quilts made from fabric that they had dyed. He showed us many of the quilts that he keeps in a cupboard. There was the one with buttons which were used to cover mistakes, the block keeper that he was very proud of but had never used. Along with many of us he used to have quilt tops that he would quilt when he was good enough, but still hadn't quilted. That's a feeling that many of us can share, but perhaps we should just do it, as it's only with practice that we will ever get good enough. Graham and Janice showed us a couple of shadow quilts that they had made, inspired by some that

they had seen at our quilt show a couple of years ago. All in all it was a very entertaining and inspiring evening which should encourage us all to get on with our quilting. This could be by adopting his principle of 'I like to think that I'm working in a Coronation Street knocker factory and put my foot on the pedal' or even the middle of the week approach of 'start it on a Wednesday and finish it by Friday'!!





Show and Tell

Once again we reminded what an incredibly talented group of people our members are.

A variety of work was shared, including the results of the Alison Hume workshop in February and the first block of the month (BOM)



Coming Up - April Meeting

This month's meeting is an 'in-house' sewing evening.

No speaker but lots of time to chat, make new friends and maybe even do a bit of sewing!

Bring your own hand sewing or join in with the project Lisa has prepared, a delightful Easter Egg decoration in 2 sizes 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.

Also, for anyone who feels unsure about this month's block of the month, or would like a little refresher, Sue Rhodes will be demonstrating how to make half square triangles (HSTs).

Sue is very good at demystifying all of the wonders of patchwork and quilting so I'm sure you'll pick up tips to make the task more manageable!!
(See separate BOM instructions)



We are launching the BQ De-stash this month, so if you have anything, stitching related, that you no longer want/need and think it might be useful to others, put a price on it and bring it along. There is a form, with instructions, attached with this email, it is also available on the website. Members can sell up to 5 items at one time. You will need to:

- 1) Label each item with a price, your name, and brief description (e.g. large scissors, blue flowered material etc) this will help us match them up at the end.
 - 2) List your 5 items for sale on the form. Please list clearly and individually and make sure that numbers correspond to the labels and description you have labelled them with.
- You will receive the cash paid for your items.

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.



May Meeting

There has been a change to the programme for May's meeting (Monday May 5th). Our booked speaker Harriet Riddell from INSTITCHYOU is now unable to come but we are very lucky to have been able to book Karen Coombes from Sunflower Stitches <https://sunflowerstitches.co.uk/>. Karen has been quilting, embroidering and generally being pretty crafty for many years, she inherited a large workshop from a house move and so started up courses and selling fabric. Sunflower stitches often attend shows so you may have seen Karen at the Regional day last November or at the Maltings.

Karen will talk about her creative journey and will be bringing a pop up shop with some of her fabrics

Meeting refreshments

Thank you to the members who have volunteered to help with refreshments at our monthly meetings. We now have a group of volunteers who will make sure everything is ready for your cuppa and clear away afterwards. We are very grateful to these volunteers. If you feel you would like to join them please contact me to be added to the list. Chris - busybarrells@gmail.com

Bourne Quilters Coach Trip to Lady Sew and Sew Saturday 28th June <https://ladysewandsew.co.uk>

Last month we started taking bookings for this coach trip in June and had an amazing response with lots of members rushing to book a place on the coach. If you're interested make sure you book your place soon, either at the next meeting or by emailing Lisa; lisa.harnett@outlook.com

To confirm your place we need to receive payment in full by 8th April. The sooner the better so that we know how many places to offer to other groups.

Cost £35.00 Bank transfer is preferred, please reference Lady Sew and Sew.

Bank Details :- Bourne Quilters

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Priority booking for Bourne Quilters will be held until Tuesday 8th April. We will then open it up to friends and family and other sewing groups.

You will get a confirmation email with all the travel details and any further information you may need from Lisa.

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 cover 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 and to leave your belongings safe. Free tea and coffee is available all day. You just need to take a packed lunch.

<https://ladysewandsew.co.uk/about-lady-sew-and-sew/coach-party-visits/>

Young Quilters Saturday 29 March

It was another great workshop for Bourne Young Quilters. We had 10 stitchers making Easter and Mothering Sunday cards. As ever thank you to all the Bourne Quilters members who come along to help and are essential in making the workshop a success.

The Easter cards were made using ribbon that was stitched onto calico, it's a great way to help develop sewing machine control and stitching straight as the edge of the ribbon can be followed as a guide. Plus there is the opportunity to play with patterns on the machine and threads that are at hand to a decorative effect. Using a template the egg shape was then cut out and stuck to a hessian background and stitched on.

As Mothering Sunday was the next day it was also a great opportunity to make some cards for Mums. Its quite amazing the variety of designs that can be achieved with the same materials. The imagination of the Young Quilters, and also their clear idea of the design they want, makes working with them so easy. We told the Mums to not come in the room at the end of the workshop so we could hide the surprise from them. Although I have been told that Declan and Lily couldn't wait and Mum had an early surprise the minute they got home ❤️



Young Quilters Plans for the Summer

Young Quilters have some more workshops planned. Many thanks to those of you who have helped with the workshops and have volunteered to lead the project. It really helps.

It would be great to have a few more helpers. The number of children we can have at a workshop depends on the number of helpers we have. If you would like to help please drop me a line. It doesn't have to be every time as many hands make light work.

Here are the workshops we are planning for the summer term

May 3rd - Ellie is going to lead making a messenger bag. We have enough lining fabric but need the outer material for the bag. Do you have some medium weight denim style material you could donate to save us buying some – or some old jeans you want to use up!!

We need.

2 pieces – 30cms x 23cms (main bag)

2 pieces – 24 cms x 20 (flap)

2 pieces – 70 cms x 10cms (strap)

If you have any please can you bring to the Monday meeting on 7th April

June 14th – Wendda Knapp is going to lead a project

Depending on funds for room hire we are also thinking about another workshop in July before the school holidays start.

I am very grateful that the Region 3 day that was held in March raised money for sewing machines to be purchased for Young Quilters across the region to use so we soon hope to have a further 5 machines to use that are being purchased second hand



from another region.

Sewing machine for sale

Last month we advertised Caron's sewing machine for sale - proceeds to benefit Bourne Quilters. I'm afraid that the piece in last month's newsletter was misleading as I said that bidding would close on April 17th and the result posted in the April newsletter. This was my mistake and, of course, impossible!

The committee feel that we must stick to the advertised closing date of 17th April and we will publish the result in the May newsletter.

I have received some bids but there is still time to bid if you are interested.



Follow the link below for more details about the machine and what it can do.

<https://www.singerco.co.uk/8500Q-Modern-Quilter.html>

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 **May's** newsletter.

Bidding open to members only.

Cyber Security Talk at Emsworth Community Centre Wednesday 18th June 2025 13.00 – 14.00 in Mountford 1&2

Please reserve your space by emailing: info@emsworthcommunitycentre.org.uk

We use our computers, laptops, tablets and phones every day to keep in contact with loved ones and conduct our day to day business. Unfortunately, criminals all too often exploit us or work cleverly to hack and steal our online accounts.

This type of crime is called Cyber and Cyber-related crime, but this may better described as scams!

This crime type makes up a significant number of reported crimes each month and costs the public and UK economy substantial sums of money each day, week and year.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary (part of South East Police Cyber Crime Team) have prepared a session which will cover a number of different aspects of both online and offline scams, including protecting and securing your email accounts, social media and talking through methods the criminals can use to target us all, even without using our devices.

This awareness session aims to help keep you and your online information safer and recognise when we could be being conned, otherwise known as social engineered by criminals.

Inevitably some of these offences spill over in the wider fraud arena therefore our guest speaker will touch on some of these more in-person fraud types affecting our communities.

Basic online security need not cost anything and with a few simple tips can help keep you safer and help you to spot these offences before they develop.



A new exhibition
of textile art from

*By
Design*

Five Arrows Gallery
Exbury Gardens,
Exbury,
Southampton SO45 1AZ

05 April – 21 April

10am - 4.30pm

Entry to gardens £14

www.bydesigntextiles.co.uk
www.exbury.co.uk



CRAFTING DE-STASH SALE

Saturday 10 May
10am to 12.30pm

at URC Main Hall,
Mengham, Hayling Island

FABRIC – YARN –
HABERDASHERY –
NOTIONS – BEADS –
PAPERCRAFTS and MORE

If you like sewing, knitting and other
crafts, come along!
Refreshments available
Free entry

To book a table please email taryn@tarynsamways.co.uk

Invitation to join Hayling Island Piecemakers

The destash sale, advertised above is being held on the same weekend as the Hayling Arts Trail so they hope it will be busy!

For a fee of £10 our members are invited to take a table, or share one with a friend, to sell their goods.

The Piecemakers are also running a coach trip to the Kempton Park Quilt Show on Friday 13th June. The price, £35, includes entrance to the show and coach transport from Market Way, Havant. If you are interested in joining the Piecemakers on the trip please contact: Taryn Samways: taryn@tarynsamways.co.uk

The Last Page....

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.

We are very pleased that we are able to maintain the bargain prices of:
80/20 - £10/metre Bamboo - £11/metre

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Bourne Quilters Programme 2025

5th April	Cot quilts	Funday
7th April	Easter sewing evening	In House
22nd April	Appliqué - Robina Richter	Mini workshop
5th May	Karen Coombs	From Sunflower Stitchers
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

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