



Bourne Quilters Newsletter

May 2025

Chat from the Chair

Welcome to the May edition of the Bourne Quilters' Newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading it, including a write up of last month's meeting and what to expect this month when we have a talk from Karen Crookes of Sunflower Stitches. (Apologies we got her name wrong in April's newsletter.) I have to declare my interest in Karen's work as I am currently working on her block of the month that comes with her book Sugar and Spice.

Our first coach trip is practically sold out which is great and Lisa will be giving you the information that you will need for the trip.

We are really lucky that Gill Adams has taken the training for PAT testing so we will be able to do this in house. Look out for dates and how it will work. In the meantime I look forward to seeing you at the May meeting.

Coming Up....

May Meeting

This month we welcome Karen Crookes 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 so don't forget to bring cash with you!



June Meeting and Workshop



On 2nd June Elizabeth Saunders will be giving us a talk - My Textile Journey and Rag Quilts, and on Friday 6th June a workshop - Rough Edged Quilts. Elizabeth is a textile artist, working with paint, print, collage and stitch. Her work is often inspired by her own memories, developing new ideas that work with the changing times, and creating elements of recycling in her work. She left a 32 year career in nursing to develop her work in textiles.

She will be exhibiting in the Friends Garden in Emsworth, on the Arts Trail on the 3rd & 4th April

Previously at Bourne Quilters..... Easter Sewing Evening

We had a wonderful turn out for the April meeting and the Fun Easter Sewing evening.

Once the Easter egg and bunny templates were handed out there was a gentle 'hummm' as the creative work started. The egg decorations came together beautifully and the Easter Bunnies all had a their own special characters.

The use of the water soluble stabilizer was an interesting and new technique for many. Thank you too, to those that brought their own sewing projects and joined in. There is something special about sitting and sewing in a group. A big thank you to Sue Rhodes for the clear and informative demonstration of the latest Block of the Month. After watching Sue, I feel confident to give this square a go and hope my centre looks as good as her's!



Show and Tell



Mini Workshop - Appliqué

On Tuesday 22nd April, BQ held the latest in their series of mini workshops at Westbourne Parish Hall. Our talented member Robina introduced the enthusiastic group to hand sewn needle turn appliqué using freezer paper. After watching the demonstrations it was heads down as everyone concentrated on their own attempts. By the end of the session a good start had been made on the pansies and everyone said that they had really enjoyed learning a new technique. We look forward to seeing the finished flowers. For those who were unable to attend this class, Robina will be demonstrating this again at our summer sewing evening later this year.



Bourne Quilters De-stash

Last month we held our first de-stash table sale. It went very well. In order to help it run smoothly it's really important that you remember to complete a form. This way your sold or not sold items can be tracked and you will be sure of getting any money that you are due. You might not think it matters for one or two items but this multiplied by two or three people make it easy to lose track of what's been sold and what belongs to whom. A form is attached with the newsletter and will shortly also be on the website.

Caron's Sewing Machine

I'm pleased to announce that Amanda Mackenzie placed the winning bid for Caron's sewing machine! Thank you to everyone who put in bids and I hope that Amanda is able to spend many happy hours playing with her new toy!

Young Quilters Workshop 14th June

Young quilters is going well - we have a regular number of children who are really enjoying the sessions. By the time you read this we will have had May's session where Ellie has prepared a messenger bag for everyone to make.

On 14th June Wendda is leading a session making a 9 patch cushion and we need helpers for this session. What makes the sessions so good for the children is the 1-2-1 support that they get from their helper. Many hands make light work and having lots of helpers to call on means that when some people are on holiday or just can't make it due to other commitments, children don't miss out on this support.

What is needed as a Young Quilters' Helper? It takes 3.5 hours of your time on a Saturday afternoon. When we have planned a workshop (about 2 a term) I will email out asking if you are available. If you are, then on the day your help is needed 30 mins before the workshop to get everything set up and then a short while to clear away after. The workshop is 2.5 hours. You will be sent what the project is, it is usually all prepared and cut out as this makes best use of the time. The aim is for the Young Quilter to go home with a finished project. We have a number of sewing machines that are available for the young quilter to use, or if you prefer you can bring your own. If you feel able to go on the mailing list to be asked if you can help please email me on youngquilters@bournequilters.com

For Sale Adverts in the Newsletter

If you have something sewing related for sale and would like to advertise it in the newsletter, email your item with the information that you want to have included to Chris, busybarrells@gmail.com - please keep as brief as possible due to space limitations, do include a picture if you want.

Copy date for any item in the newsletter is the last Monday of the month

Bourne Quilters Specific Emails

At the moment we use our personal emails for Bourne Quilters. This does mean that emails can get lost in amongst all our normal emails and also it also causes problems if someone is away or ill when communications need to be sent out. We have started by introducing a Young Quilters specific email which is youngquilters@bournequilters.com. This has proved to be successful and has launched without a hitch.

In May we are going to roll out new emails for both general email and also workshops. The general email will be members@bournequilters.com. The email for trips/workshop and things you have to book will be events@bournequilters.com. Once they are up and running we will send out introductory emails so look out for them in your inbox.

PAT testing

PAT testing, or Portable Appliance Testing, is a visual and electrical inspection of portable electrical equipment and appliances to ensure they are safe to use. It is not a legal requirement, but it is a recommended practice to comply with electrical safety obligation and is often an insurance requirement.

A PAT test typically involves a visual inspection, followed by electrical tests using a PAT tester. The legislation around PAT testing seems to be rather vague but it is a requirement for the insurance of the buildings we use for our workshops etc that all sewing machines, irons and extension leads are PAT tested.

In the past BQ has organised a PAT testing session each year but this has been inadequate to meet the needs of all of our members. In the future we will be able to offer in-house PAT testing to our members and we hope that this will be more flexible so that everyone can comply with the requirements. Our intention is to first check all the BQ equipment and we will then start to test members machines, irons and extension leads as required.

Trip to Lady Sew and Sew

We have had a great response to our trip to Lady Sew and Sew on the 28th June 2025 and have one seat left.

We shall send out all the details including contact numbers for Lisa Harnett and Mel Lambton next month. Please feel free to contact them should you have any questions.

Bourne Quilters Membership Waiting List

For many years the committee has felt that it has been unnecessary to run a waiting list and new members have been welcomed to join at any time.

We now have 94 members who are all very keen, and turn up regularly for meetings, which is wonderful and creates a great atmosphere. The committee now feel that our meetings are at capacity and in order to prioritise the comfort and safety of current members we need to re-introduce the waiting list.

Guests will be welcome at meetings where we have a speaker, for a fee of £5 but will only be able to attend three times as a guest.

DE-STASH SALE IN AID OF ROWANS HOSPICE

~ SATURDAY 17th MAY

~10AM – 2PM

~ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH HALL WESTBOURNE PO10 8UL

Sale of sewing equipment, cotton fabric and fat ¼'s, upholstery fabric, curtain lining, books/magazines and haberdashery. Donation table for patterns.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

PLEASE NOTE - CASH ONLY

Curved Piecing technique workshop

by the Crafty Nomad

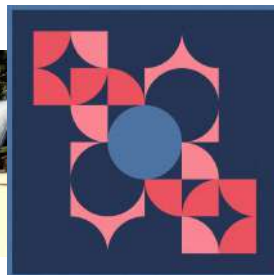
At Shirley quilters

St Boniface Church Hall, 413 Shirley Rd, SO15 3JD

5 June, 10am – 4 pm

This workshop will be a technique-based class to introduce you to curved piecing by sewing the curved Drunkard's Path block. The workshop will also include a demonstration of improv curves which you can then practise.

There will be an option to apply this learning to make the Topsy Petals cushion cover or a Modern curved pieced quilt / wall hanging.



Cost £40 per person for members of Shirley Quilters, to include a copy of the pattern of your choosing. Non-members £55. There will be 20 places.

Contact Susan at shirleyquilterssoton@gmail.com to register

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

Bourne Quilters Programme 2025

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| 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

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| | 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 |