

# Bourne Quilters Newsletter



**June 2025**

## Greetings from the Chair

As summer approaches I can hardly believe we are almost halfway through the year!! While summer often sends us out to the garden the longer days also give an opportunity for stitching. A couple of weeks ago I went to the Malvern Quilt show, I have never been before and I loved that it is not too big and felt very welcoming. There was a great display of quilts and one of particular note won prizes for hand quilting, appliqué and design. Nevertheless it also made me reflect on what a talented lot we are at Bourne Quilters, the show and tell that everyone contributes to at our meetings makes it easy to see. I also thought about our own quilt show and felt we could easily put on an equivalent display with our wonderful textiles. So happy stitching and enjoy your creative side while you cut and stitch and enjoy making beautiful things.

## Coming Up

### 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.



### July Meeting

Join us for a special Show & Tell with a twist as members Alice and Maria share their inspiring experience completing the Master Quilter course!

In this lively and personal presentation, they'll guide us through their favourite modules from historical quilts and hand quilting, to modern techniques, and precision piecing and the making of their final Master Quilts. With stories, samples, and honest reflections, this talk is a celebration of learning, creativity, and the joy of stitching.

### Trip to Lady Sew And Sew

The trip is now fully booked. Everyone registered will receive an email with all the details from Lisa on 13th June, 2 weeks before. Looking forward to a great day out.

## Last month's meeting



Karen Crookes from Sunflower Stitches took us on her creative journey starting with bobbin lace making and a trip to Bruges through to running a fabric shop and having stalls at 'Ally Pally' and FOQ. Along this journey she has tried her hand at a number of different crafts including embroidery, fabric books and designing her own blocks and quilts. She dreamed of opening a fabric shop but soon realised that you need more than 6 bolts of fabric. Along the way she learnt that you can't please everyone and it is important to sell what you like. It is a challenge to make sample quilts to showcase fabric whilst it is still current as many people will want to replicate the display pieces. She now has her very popular sugar and spice quilt available as a book.



## Show and Tell

Here is a selection from this month's show and tell photos. Thank you to everyone who brings their work along to continue to inspire us!



## Lost and Found



Found, at our recent funday making baby quilts in Westbourne Hall, foot D which may be from a Janome, or maybe not!! If you have mislaid one please contact Rita, [rita.duncan@btinternet.com](mailto:rita.duncan@btinternet.com)

We also have in the cupboard at Emsworth a basket containing pieces of felt and fabric which we believe was left behind after the Easter sewing evening in April. If this sounds familiar and you think it may belong to you please ask one of the committee at the next meeting.

## Cot Quilts

On May 9th Lis presented a collection of cot quilts, lovingly made by members of Bourne Quilters, to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Queen Alexandra Hospital. They were received by Neonatal Consultant, Dr Kate Graham-Evans (right) and Charity Team Lead, Jill Humby (centre). Kate and Jill asked Lis to convey their grateful thanks to everyone involved.

We have also been advised that the unit is short of the larger incubator covers and would very much appreciate more of these. They need to be 27ins by 33ins with colourful tops and dark backings, to help keep the light out. So if you have time to make a slightly larger quilt the unit will be very grateful.



## Village Green & Textiles Group

Are pleased to announce that

**Jennie Rayment**

will be giving her talk

**Fantastical Fiddles with Folded Fabric and More!!**

on

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

at

**Hedgecroft, Bracken Lane, Yateley**

**GU46 6JW**

Doors open 7:15 pm for a 7:45 start

All visitors welcome. Cost is £5.

Please email [yqquilters@gmail.com](mailto:yqquilters@gmail.com) to book your seat  
and receive details on how to send your payment.

(Payment on the door accepted, but please book to secure your seat)

## Solent Stitchers Exhibition

Solent Stitchers are holding an exhibition of their work

Saturday 12th July, 10.00 - 4.00

Admission is £2 (under 15's free).

We have refreshments, a sales table, tote bag sales table, and a lovely quilt to raffle (there are also two very nice bags as 2nd and 3rd prizes).

This is a cash only event.

There is a small carpark around the corner from the Village Hall but there is also a very large, free car park attached to the Titchfield Community Centre with an easily found walkway through to the Village Hall.



## Young Quilters

We now have 8 sewing machines that are on loan from Region 3 Quilters Guild. They can be lent out and used around the region but are stored in Emsworth Community Centre where they have kindly made some extra space for a cupboard for us. Our workshops continue to be well attended. Our May workshop was led by Ellie where the Young Quilters made a messenger bag. There was the usual buzz in the room and its possible to see how much our Young Quilters are developing their skills. Our next workshop is the 14th June which will be led by Wendda and we will be making a 9 patch cushion cover. If you would like to help in the workshops and join the mailing list please email [youngquilters@bournequilters.com](mailto:youngquilters@bournequilters.com)

We have 2 workshops per term. You don't need to help every time.

## Workshops at Fontwell Community Centre

One of our members, Gill Riordan will be teaching a series of 3 workshops this summer at Fontwell Community Centre

### WORKSHOP 1

BEADED BEETLE. Traditional goldwork techniques.

Saturday July 12th. 10-4 pm

All materials supplied, please bring a small embroidery hoop max. 8ins and your normal sewing kit and small sharp scissors. I can provide both if you need. No experience necessary.

Bring your own lunch but hot drinks provided.

Cost £40



### WORKSHOP 2

Saturday 2nd August 10-3pm

You will rotate around 3 groups discovering the amazing add-ons you can create with a hot air gun and a soldering iron and painting your own embroidery backgrounds on Bondaweb. All of these give samples that you may not have seen before and which may become favourites.

No experience necessary and all materials supplied. Nothing to bring except your lunch

Cost £35



### WORKSHOP 3

TRANSFER DYING

Saturday 30th August 10-3pm

Transfer dying is a simple way of colouring fabric which is washable after ironing and (almost) mess free. The colour is painted onto paper, left to dry and then ironed on to fabric. This gives beautiful unique feature pieces for bags, patchwork items and books. For those who feel artistically challenged all you need is a simple photocopy of the design you want. I will have some suitable ones to use and colour in on that. No experience necessary, nothing to bring but your lunch. Hot drinks will be provided.

Cost £35

All workshops can be booked by emailing [gillriordan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gillriordan@yahoo.co.uk)

BACS details will be sent and booking will be confirmed when BACS payment has been received.



## De-Stash Sale in Aid of the Rowan's Hospice

Rita would like to thank everyone who made cakes and helped in any way setting up and on the day of her de-stash sale. And also a big thank you to everyone who came and supported the event in memory of her friend, Frances. The sale raised a staggering £1062, in addition to the (almost) £500 raised from pre sales, including two sewing machines.

Most of the remains from the sale were taken to the Rowans Craft Shop at Havant but the larger pieces of quilting weight fabric will be available to you again on the de-stash table at our next meeting.

Well done Rita, I'm sure your Frances's family are very grateful!

## Bourne Quilters De-Stash Table

We have now had a destash table at our last 2 meetings. There have been a small number of items for sale but it has been a great opportunity to recycle things that others may find useful for their stash. If you have things that you want to sell at one of our meetings then use the attached form - at the moment we are limiting each person to 5 items at each meeting. It's really important that you do complete a form so that your items can be traced and when you sell something the money can be paid out to you.



Alice is organising this coffee morning for Quilter's Guild Region 3. Non-Guild members are also welcome. If you plan to come just let Alice know via the email in the advert.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

<b>2nd June</b>	Elizabeth Saunders	My Journey and Rag Quilts
<b>6th June</b>	Elizabeth Saunders	Workshop
<b>7th July</b>	Alice and Maria	Becoming Master Quilters
<b>4th August</b>	Summer Evening	In House
<b>1st September</b>	Christine Green	Bust the rules and get creative
<b>2nd September</b>	Christine Green	Workshop
<b>6th October</b>	Show and Tell	TBA
<b>25th October</b>	Doughty's	Fabric Sale
<b>3rd November</b>	Christmas sewing evening	In House
<b>15th November</b>	Christmas Funday	In House
<b>1st December</b>	AGM and Christmas Party	In House

	Evening meetings
	Workshops and Fundays

## Bourne Stitchers Dates 2005

		June 3rd, 17th
July 1st, 15th, 29th	August 12th, 26th	September 9th, 23rd
October 7th, 21st	November 4th, 18th	December 2nd, 16th, 30th