



Bourne Quilters Newsletter

June 2025

Greetings from the Chair

Welcome to this month's newsletter. We have had some lovely feedback on the newsletter, and I know that many of you enjoy getting it and staying in touch with everything going on through it. If you would like to contribute, have anything you would like to share; a visit or workshop you have attended, we would love to include it. If you don't feel you can write it yourself, we can talk about it and put it into words for you so don't be shy!

We have just run our first coach trip which was to Lady Sew and Sew. Read more about this in the newsletter. The committee are keen to arrange more trips so if you have any ideas please share your ideas with one of the committee.

Our Monday meetings, and the Tuesday Stitchers, are going from strength to strength and the enthusiasm and participation that you all contribute to everything that Bourne Quilters puts on is fantastic, so thank you.

Coming up

July Meeting

On Sunday 29th June, BQ members Alice and Maria graduated as Master Quilters!!

Join us on Monday for a special Show & Tell with a twist as they 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.

August Meeting

In August we are having a Strawberry and Pims Evening. A social evening with a twist! In addition to seasonal refreshments we will have a variety of fun and informative activities for you to try; Glenis is going to demonstrate how to make a card holder, Robina will demonstrate needle turn appliqué, Dawn will show us how to make a jelly roll rug, Donna will talk about looking after our sewing machines and Sue will demonstrate the August block of the month. Something for everyone!



Last Month's Meeting

On 2nd June, Elizabeth Saunders took us through her textile journey and introduced us to her take on rag quilting. Working with some of her own dyed and printed fabrics, the results were interesting and varied. Adding appliqué into the mix introduced yet another dimension. We saw how some of the more traditional blocks that we might be familiar with looked when joined as a rag quilt instead of using sashing. The back of the quilts were just as interesting as the front. Each section was quilted separately before joining, producing an effect that wasn't seen with the usual style of piecing. Then the entire quilt was quilted. This is a technique that is relatively simple to do on a domestic machine as it eliminates the need to manipulate a large quilt through a small throat. At the end of the talk, the members flocked to the tables to look more closely at the quilts that Elizabeth had shown us.



Show and Tell

Bourne Quilters Members are so productive that there isn't room here in our newsletter to include pictures of all the lovely items that are brought to our monthly meetings for show and tell. So we now have a dedicated page on our website: <https://bournequilters.com/show-and-tell/> where you can see more examples of everyone's work. We plan to update this regularly. Thank you Frances and Gill. Here is a small selection of last month's photos.



Rag Quilt Workshop 6th June



On 6th June a dozen BQ members arrived at ECC for a rag quilting workshop led by Elizabeth Saunders who had given a talk the previous Monday.

Once we had settled in we practiced on a small sample piece to introduce us to the technique used. Then we moved on to our main piece - a small rag block that could be used for a cushion or a bag. Everyone made good progress and a few brave souls were even able to experiment with simple appliqué and some more advanced techniques including circles. By the end of the afternoon, everyone had finished their blocks and were eager to show them off.

Trip to Lady Sew and Sew

At 8.30 last Saturday 30 members and friends boarded the coach in Emsworth Square and made our way, via Basingstoke to Lady Sew and Sew in Henley. Most of us hadn't been there before and were absolutely wowed at the huge variety of fabrics available. Reactions varied between those who dashed around like 'a child in a sweet shop' and those who were paralysed like 'rabbits in the headlights'! The whole day was so much fun, sharing each other's excitement over purchases as well as indulging our own 'need' to own some of the beautiful products available. The staff were great; friendly, welcoming and incredibly helpful. Tea and coffee were available all day but the glass of Prosecco was the icing on the cake! We're all now asking, "Where are we going next?"



Crafty Nomad Workshop – Shirley Quilters

I went along to the workshop run for Shirley Quilters by the Crafty Nomad. It was a fun workshop and Jo aka the Crafty Nomad was a great teacher. We did some stripped curved piecing, you may remember a Christmas project I did a couple of years ago that used this but it's always good to learn from someone else as there are tips to pick up. We then experimented with the Drunkard's Path – I have never made this so it was a steep learning curve and the reason why I went. Jo had some paper templates that she is allowed to use from Papper Sax Sten who make the templates and sell in the UK through <https://modernquiltclub.co.uk/product-category/rulers-and-templates>. These were so much easier as it allows an extra seam allowance to allow you to line things up and end up with the right size. I didn't come away with a finished product but that wasn't my aim, I just wanted to improve my curved piecing and learn the Drunkard's Path. I can highly recommend the Crafty Nomad <https://www.thecraftynomad.co.uk/>
Here are a couple of pictures of her creation which I am hoping to get to grips with.

Karen



Bourne Quilters resources – templates

Did you know that Bourne Quilters have a box of templates that you can borrow. We have been remiss in keeping them in people's minds. Some of them are the freebies we get from magazines but there are some by Creative Grids and other recognised makes too. We will make sure they are out on the workshop sign up table this month and over the next few months. As time allows, we will put a list of them on the website <https://bournequilters.com/> Often we only use a template once so it's a good way to share resources and save expense!

Bourne Quilters email – a change is coming

Last month we announced the events@bournequilters.com email and tested it on our circulation list. We know that all members received the email which is great. This newsletter will be the last one that comes from Chris's own email. From next month we will be using members@bournequilters.com to circulate newsletters and other correspondence that is not directly associated with a workshop or young quilters. Our emails will be:
members@bournequilters.com - for general contacts, queries, membership.
events@bournequilters.com – for workshops, trips, information or booking.
youngquilters@bournequilters.com – for anything relating to Bourne Young Quilters

Bourne Young Quilters Workshop 14th June – 9 Patch Cushion

In June Bourne Young Quilters had a great time making a 9-patch cushion. Thank you to Wendda who cut out the 144 required 6-inch squares in a great choice of colours and fabrics. While we have made many projects, this was the first test using a 1/4" foot (which were kindly donated free of charge by Janome). All the practice in previous workshop in stitching straight lines came into play and the results were fantastic.



FOR SALE - Horn Sewing Cabinet £40

This must be one of the early ones as it appears to be in solid wood. Lift mechanism in good working order as are the accessory boxes etc. The outside cabinet is perfectly usable but for a refresh could be sanded and rewaxed or painted.

Length when closed 97cms

Depth 46 cms

Height 77cms

Length when open 156 cms

Size of machine opening 48cms x 29 cms

Contact Karen Lillington on 07886796857 if you are interested or would like to come and have a look



Scrap fabrics and threads

Do you wonder about what to do with the tiny scraps that are left from a project, all the trimmings and scrap threads? Julie

Manwaring has the answer - bring all your scraps to the next BQ meeting and Julie will collect them up for The Rowans who are able to turn the waste into cash.

Thanks Julie!



Quilting Holidays

I recently received an email with the following information which may interest some people. I'd be grateful if you could share details of our wonderful **Japan Quilt Tour 2025** with your fellow members, see: <https://www.japanjourneys.com/japan-quilt-tour>

As you'll see, we are joined by Judi Mendelssohn on this tour who will lead several mini workshops. We also take part in a lovely Shibori dyeing class and there are many fantastic opportunities for fabric shopping as well as attending the superb World Quilt Festival in Yokohama. We've also been arranging Quilt Cruises for the last few years so I'd also like to share details of our **Quilt Cruise 2026** to Norway in search of the Northern Lights, see: <https://www.japanjourneys.com/quilters-cruise-2026>

This cruise sails from Portsmouth and on sea days Judi will lead quilt workshops aboard.

More news and events

Solent Stitches Exhibition

Solent Stitches 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



**New Forest Quilt
Group**

Sapphire Exhibition

Arnewood School, Gore Road, New Milton BH25 6RS

14 – 16 August 2025

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th : 10.00 – 16.00

Saturday 16th : 10.00 – 15.00

Admission £3 under 12's free

Free Parking on site

Quilt Display

Hand-crafted gifts, Traders Hall, Tombola,

Quilt and Cushion Raffle, Sewing Tips,

Refreshments with home-made cakes

Supporting Linus, Quilts for Care Leavers and MacMillan Hospice, Christchurch



Are pleased to announce that

Jennie Rayment

will be giving her talk

Fantastical Fiddles with Folded Fabric and More!!

on

Tuesday 17th 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 yquilters@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)

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 BACS

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



Contacts

Until the new email addresses are fully operational we can still be reached by emailing or phoning:

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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 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

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 Stitches Dates 2005

July 1st, 15th, 29th

August 12th, 26th

September 9th, 23rd

October 7th, 21st

November 4th, 18th

December 2nd, 16th, 30th