

Bourne Quilters Newsletter



August 2025

Greetings from the chair

At about the same time you receive this newsletter the Quilt show will be going on at the NEC. If you are able to go this year do please have a lovely time, and I am sure you will come back with inspiration in your stitching and perhaps, a few items that you will incorporate in your textile creations. If you are not at the NEC this year, then I hope you have a lovely time at home stitching and enjoying the lovely summer that we have been blessed with this year.
Happy stitching

Coming up 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!



September meeting

On Monday 1st September we will be joined by Christine Green who will present her talk: Bust the Rules and Get Creative. Christine has been patchworking since she was a child and has made numerous quilts over the years, some for herself, some as commissions. She has a very creative and liberating approach to patchworking, throwing out most of the rules, recycling wherever possible and creating unique pieces. She references her influences, including Gees Bend and Japanese Boro and explains some of the different techniques she uses.



On Tuesday 2nd Christine will be teaching us about the Kawandi method of patchwork which has a unique construction starting with a base, and applying patches of fabric that start from the outside edge and work inwards to the centre. Running stitch is used to hold the patches in place and the edges of each patch are folded in.

Mini Westbourne Workshop

The next mini workshop will be on slow stitching on Tuesday 7th September at Westbourne. This is an opportunity to experience how relaxing hand sewing can be. More details and a sign up sheet will be available at the next evening meeting.

July Meeting

On 7th July we were delighted that two of our members, Alice and Maria, shared with us their journey to becoming master quilters. It had taken them 2 years to complete a series of 15 modules on different techniques as well as producing their final quilt and they recently received their awards.



When they started they thought that each module would require about 10 hours of work, which they felt would be achievable. However, this proved to be a serious underestimate of the time needed. For each module they produced a very comprehensive notebook (if you could call it that) which detailed all their work as well as producing a 'journal' quilt demonstrating the technique. If anyone has ever worked on a mini quilt it doesn't take long to discover that 10 hours doesn't get you very far. Some of the modules would take 30-40 hours which is a lot to fit in to very

busy lives. Despite this, our 2 stitchers persevered and could be found sewing at all hours and whenever they could fit in a few minutes to spend on their projects. The modules were diverse and covered topics such as colour and design, whole quilts, piecing, finishing and everything you ever need to know about patchwork and quilting.

By the end of their course Maria 'was glad it's over' and Alice said of her final quilt 'I'm not sure that I like it'. They had forged friendships with other people who came along to the meeting to show their support and let us see their quilts too. The feedback that they have given on the course is being considered by QGBI and will be used to shape future courses.

Alice and Maria's quilts, not only their final masterpieces but also all of their journal quilts, have shown us how richly they deserve their title of Master Quilters and we thank them for sharing this with us and inspiring us. We are very proud that they are BQ members!!



Show and Tell

Bourne Quilters Members are so productive that there isn't room 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 this dedicated webpage where we can see more examples of everyone's work.

Have a look here: <https://bournequilters.com/show-and-tell>

Westbourne Hall for workshops and Bourne Stitchers

Over the past months a few members have asked us to consider using other halls due to access and parking issues at Westbourne, particularly when we have large all-day workshops. I just want to let you know that the committee have taken on board your concerns. Additionally, the fire at Emsworth also led us to consider the use of other venues (should we not be able to return to the centre).

The good news is that Westbourne Hall have completed the purchase of the field behind the hall and created access from the field to the hall. They have also cleared the access at the gate which was a bit tight. All of this will greatly improve parking and access to the hall. We are really pleased

that this has happened as we have a long relationship with the hall. Andrew, who is the caretaker is extremely helpful in putting out tables and helping to clear up which we are very grateful for. They have also given special rates when we have been stitching for others. We are therefore not planning to consider other halls as we feel these improvements will address the concerns that have been raised.

Sadly, the playgroup is closing, although there is always the possibility that another will open, but in the meantime it will make access for meetings there easier.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Karen Lillington 07886795857

Workshops at Fontwell Community Centre

The last of Gill Riordan's series of 3 workshops at Fontwell Community Centre is:

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

This workshop 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.



Quilting Modern A new book for the library

I hope you found, as I did, the talk that Maria and Alice gave us was inspiring. I was blown away by the accuracy and design of Alices quilts but also Marias modern take on quilting. If you are interested in modern quilting, we have a new book in the library this month.

Draw, Sew, Trim Applique workshop by Katalin Horvath

Hosted by Shirley Quilters

St James Methodist Church, St James Rd Shirley, SO15 5HE

2 October 2025, 10am - 4 pm

This workshop will introduce the 'Draw, Sew, Trim (DST) technique, a quick and easy, but accurate applique method developed by Katalin.



DST reduces the marking, cutting and ironing process of applique, allowing great accuracy as the drawn lines are followed exactly, like with foundation paper piecing. This technique facilitates the use of delicate, furry, transparent fabrics or leather, which are difficult or impossible to fuse or iron. DST has a range of applications including:

- marking your design through
- Applique
- cutwork designs
- stained glass patterns
- Trapunto
- free motion embroidery
- collage quilts



Project options include Chakra mandalas (egs right) suitable for beginners and flowers (egs left) for intermediate quilters. These can be used to make a cushion, wall hanging or drum bag. More information about the DST technique can be found at <https://www.dream-quilt.com/> and on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GhcDipxtxM&list=PLDduy9I6NEJsXBIVIPi9aCGSwi@Ju2OkJ>
Cost £25 per person for members of Shirley Quilters, £35. for non-members There are 15 places.
Contact Susan at shirleyquilterssoton@gmail.com to register.
Deadline to register 14 August.



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

Contacts

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

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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.

We are very pleased that we are able to maintain the bargain prices of:

80/20 - £10/metre Bamboo - £11/metre

Bourne Quilters Programme 2025-1

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

	August 12th, 26th	September 9th, 23rd
October 7th, 21st	November 4th, 18th	December 2nd, 16th, 30th