

Bourne Quilters Newsletter



September 2025

Greetings from the chair

Welcome to another full newsletter. Bourne Quilters seems to be going from strength to strength with lots happening. Its all down to a fab membership and great committee who share a very lovely interest in quilting and dare I say, all things textiles!! For those of you who were at the August meeting there was a buzz in the room that was inspirational and I would like to say a personal thank you to our 4 members who shared their skill and knowledge with us all, I felt very lucky to sit in on 2 of the 4 demonstrations as I usually find it hard to do this.

Coming up

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. This workshop is now full and all participants should have received the requirements list.

October Meeting

On 6th October we welcome quilting friends from Farnham Quilters. Farnham Quilters is a small, friendly group that offers members a varied programme of sewing days, talks and demonstrations where guests and new members are always made welcome. At each meeting they look forward to seeing and finding inspiration from the new quilts, bags and hangings completed by members. These usually end up on show in our room at the Farnham Maltings Quilt Show. Members of the group donate many quilts to Project Linus UK, and during the last two years have taken part in making a quilt for the Farnham Lions Advent Calendar Raffle. Recently we handed over a box of "Hearts for the Hospice" to Phyllis Tuckwell in Farnham.

Doughty's Day - Saturday 25th October

Once again we are hosting the Doughty's Road Show at Emsworth Community Centre on 25th October. This is always a great day, the perfect opportunity to find just the right fabrics for your next project, or, if you prefer, just come and stroke the lovely fabrics all day.

Participation by our members is what helps to make the day a success. Please volunteer some time to help set up, put away at the end or just keeping fabrics in order during the day. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting. If you can't make the meeting but would like to help please email Chris: busybarrells@gmail.com

Contributions of home made cakes are also very welcome. Bourne quilters are renowned for their wonderful refreshments!!

Christmas Funday - Saturday 1st November

Our Christmas funday will be held at Westbourne Parish Hall on Saturday 1st November.

Apologies for the change of date from 15th as was advertised. This clashes with the Quilters' Guild Region 2 Regional Day.

Our funday is a very popular event. There will be a choice of 4 workshops, with 10 spaces on each. Sign up sheets and samples of the 4 projects will be available at the September and October meetings. Sign up early to get your first choice.



Cost of the day is £15 which includes lunch and refreshments all day.

Coach Trip to Alexandra Palace 9th October 2025

Bourne quilters is organising a coach trip to the Knit and Stitch show at Alexandra Palace.

OUTWARD: Depart: Emsworth Square 8am Arrive: Alexandra Palace 11am

RETURN: Depart Alexandra Palace 4pm Arrive Emsworth Square 7pm

Anticipated journey time best estimate is 3 hours but this does of course depend on traffic.

The timing should allow 5 hours at the show.

COST: £45 including entrance ticket.

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE:

email: events@bournequilters.com

Put in the Subject line of the email 'Knit and Stitch'

HOW TO PAY: Payment is due by 23rd September preferably by BACS to:

Bourne Quilters Sort code 20-69-34 Account 40594628

****Important:** Please use payment reference 'Knit and Stitch'

TERMS OF BOOKING AND CONFIRMATION OF PLACE:

1. Your place and ticket is reserved by sending an email and making payment as above.
2. You will be sent confirmation of your place and ticket by the 24th September at the latest, or before, if the 39 places are filled before the 24th September
3. Once you have been sent confirmation of your place and ticket on or before the 24th September a refund cannot be given
4. If you are unable to go you may make private arrangements to pass/sell your place and ticket on to someone else.
5. If for any reason, prior to you receiving the confirmation email, the trip cannot go ahead i.e. insufficient numbers to fill coach; you will receive a full refund.

I hope the above makes sense, any questions please do ask. Just to explain we have some leeway before we have to confirm the tickets and coach and you will see in the terms above that if we cannot run the trip due to lack of numbers you will receive a full refund. Once you have received confirmation this means the trip will be going ahead as we have sufficient numbers and a refund cannot be given.

See the link below for more information about this show and how to book.

https://www.knitandstitchshow.co.uk/london/ga/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22917532265&gbraid=0AAAAADQKTEpW9ML9pS2cbEPjJcpNZHSd8

August meeting

Last months meeting was well attended, the four demonstration stations and the shop, Thistle, worked out very well. Our wonderful group of refreshments ladies who normally do the teas swopped rolls and kept us topped up with Pimms and Strawberries. Some of the strawberries were dipped in chocolate - thanks to Chris Barrell for that delicious treat.

Glennis' card holder was a great success and several people went off with Xmas ideas for the grand children just learning to play cards and elderly relatives who find it hard to hold a lot of cards. A big thank you to Glennis for giving your time and sharing a great idea.

Valerie and Lyn showed us a clever technique with jelly rolls or long thin strips. I noticed several people sitting there for most of the evening and Sandie Key already has a beautiful bag to show for the excellent tuition. Thanks to both the ladies for good ideas and clear instructions.

Sue Rhodes had several groups of ladies all looking confused after the Block of the Month was sent out, but after several Pimms and a clear and precise demo, it all clicked and we are expecting the best points and corners when the block of the month quilts are put on show. Thank you Sue, for taking the time to show us a different and unusual technique.

Robina had a team of ladies who sat quietly but attentively, eyes agog in wonderment at the magic Robina produced with a few tucks and tiny stitches. We all hope to achieve this level of perfection - thank you Robina for this brilliant demo.

With so many positive comments and good feed back, we feel this could be repeated next year in a similar format using the great talent in our group.

Show and Tell

As ever, BQ members have been very productive. This month we were treated to a selection of quilts, bags, cushions and hats as well as the ongoing block of the month. There are too many photos to include in the newsletter, but you can see more on the dedicated page on our website:

<https://bournequilters.com/show-and-tell/>



PAT testing

Please see previous article in our May newsletter.

Having completed her training and testing the kit owned by Bourne Quilters, Gill is now ready to start PAT testing members machines, irons and extension leads as required.

Your first opportunity will be at Bourne stitchers on Tuesday 9th September. There will be a sign up sheet at the September meeting. We will be restricting numbers at first until we find out how long it takes.

The plan is to hold a session every few weeks and possibly at other times for people who cannot get to the Tuesday sessions.

There will be a small charge of £2 per item to cover the cost and maintenance of the equipment bought by the group.

Don't forget that it is an insurance requirement of the venues we use for workshops and fundays that all electrical equipment is tested annually.

Hints and Tips

At our recent committee meeting conversation turned to discussion about using metallic thread and we realised that although many of us know a lot, none of us knew everything. So, without trying to teach all of us grandmothers to suck eggs, Karen and Sandie have put together a list of hints that they have gleaned along the way - something may be new to you:

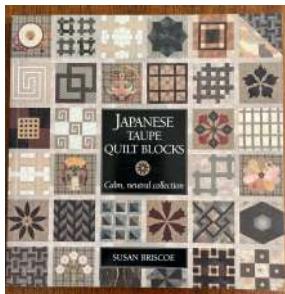
Metallic thread is made of several layers, it usually has a synthetic core wrapped in a metallic foil, therefore it tends to split.

While metallic thread gives a beautiful shiny effect to sewing projects. It is prone to fraying, which is why adjustments maybe needed to the sewing machine. Metallic thread has a memory and has a curl when coming off a horizontal spool, so you will get loops coming off.

- Use a vertical spool, the thread comes off in a straight line.
- Use a good quality thread and a NEW metallic needle, which has a bigger eye to take metallic thread.
- Use a thread stand for support and a vertical spool to help the thread unwind evenly. This is particularly important due to the way the thread is twisted in its manufacture as laying on its side can cause kinking or twisting of the thread and make it prone to breaking.
- If you don't have a thread stand placing the reel of thread in a mug helps as it is then able to bounce and unravel freely.
- Have the thread further way from your machine and higher - eg at the end of a table on a box or pile of books - the further the spool is from the tension wheel, the more chance it has to untwist..
- Use a spool cap larger than the reel. The cotton reel has a rough edge and can be sharp. The spool cap is smooth.
- Reduce the top tension (metallic thread is stiff and thicker than standard cotton) less tension is required than standard thread.
- Increase stitch length, which helps the thread to sit flatter without loops.
- Slow your speed down to prevent snags and breaks. Thread can unwind smoothly, and is able to go through the eye of the needle smoothly.
- Do not use your thread cutter and needle threader, metallic thread will blunt your needle threader and cutter.
- Bobbin - using normal thread in bobbin in matching colour, prevents fraying or breaking under tension. If you do need to use metallic thread in the bobbin wind slowly, this prevents stretching and snapping.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Japanese Taupe Quilted Blocks by Susan Briscoe



Some of you may have heard about Susan Briscoe, a textile designer and teacher who specialises in Japanese textile design. Her interest grew from being an English teacher in Japan. She is often seen at Quilt shows where she sells her kits, books and, in particular, sashiko work. This book offers a contrast to the traditional blue and white/cream of sashiko and shows how blocks can be made in Japanese taupe fabrics. Japanese authenticity is added by giving the traditional Japanese name to the block. Instructions and designs are given for 6 blocks. Also ways in which blocks can be mixed and matched are explored.

New Embroidery Group Exhibition **ALL STITCHED UP** Oxmarket Contemporary Chichester

St Andrew's Court, off East Street, Chichester, PO19 1YH

01243 779103



newembroiderygroup.com 16 – 28 September 2025 oxmarket.org

Monday Closed

Tuesday – Saturday 10.00 to 16.30

Sunday 12.00 to 16.00

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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

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
1st November	Christmas Funday	In House
1st December	AGM and Christmas Party	In House



Evening meetings

Workshops and Fundays

Bourne Stitchers Dates 2005

October 7th, 21st

November 4th, 18th

September 9th, 23rd

December 2nd, 16th, 30th