

Bourne Quilters Newsletter



October 2025

Greetings from the chair

It seems that summer is really over! The weather has turned and I know a lot of us are talking about (if you haven't already) putting the heating on!. A couple of weekends ago I was in the Alsace at the European Patchwork Expo and the temperatures were 25 degrees and then turned overnight to 10 degrees. It surely signalled the end of the festival and the end of the summer. The quilts and textile art are arranged over 4 villages in a total of 14 churches, halls and sports areas with contributors from all over the world. I heard a few English voices but quilting is very much alive in Europe and around the world too!

Coming up

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.

November meeting



Our November meeting will be our Christmas sewing evening. This year our project is an English Paper Pieced Christmas Tree. We will provide packs of the pre-cut shapes, you just need to bring a small piece of Christmas fabric and any trims you would like to add. You are, of course, welcome to bring your own sewing if you prefer. Any spare packs of shapes will be sold for £1 each.

Doughty's Day - Saturday 25th October

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help at the Doughty's Road Show at Emsworth Community Centre on 25th October. If you didn't manage to sign up last month the sheets will be there again at this month's meeting. Please come along if you can. It's always a fun day! If you can't make the meeting but would like to help please email Chris: busybarrells@gmail.com Offers of home made cakes are particularly welcome. Bourne quilters are renowned for their wonderful refreshments so we have a reputation to keep up!!

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.

There are still spaces available on the projects pictured below. Sign up on Monday, or email events@bournequilters.com

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



Coach Trip to Alexandra Palace 9th October 2025

The coach is now full but there is a waiting list for places if you're still interested.

From now we will not be able to refund you should you not be able to go, we do have a very small waiting list and will try to help if you can no longer go and want to sell your place on.

It's great that we have been able to fill the coach, to do so we have added a second pick up and drop off in Petersfield.

Everyone booked on the trip should have received an email giving full details of pick-ups etc. If you haven't received this email please contact Mel: events@bournequilters.com

Looking forward to a great day out!

New Members Evening

If you have joined Bourne Quilters in the last year you should have got an email inviting you to our new members evening. If for any reason you haven't received this please contact: members@bournequilters.com

Every year, in the autumn we hold a new members welcome evening. We do appreciate that some of you may have joined considerably earlier in the year but by doing this once a year we hope to make sure everyone who has joined gets a chance to meet other new members and some of the committee and to ask any questions they may have. Lastly and most importantly, we want to welcome you to Bourne Quilters.

This year we are holding our welcome evening on Monday 20th October 7pm to 9pm at Westbourne Parish Hall. Please note the parking arrangements for us is to park in the field behind - the entrance is to the right side the hall as you face it. You can then enter the hall from the field at the back but someone will be there to guide you if you are not sure.

September meeting

On 1st September we welcomed Christine Green who encouraged us to 'Bust the rules and get creative'. She took us on a fantastic journey through her career; working for the BBC in graphic design, making velvet scarves, and into the world of patchwork and quilting. Influenced by the Gee's Bend Quilts

which were made using fabrics from old clothes, and recycled materials, and inspired by the Japanese arts of boro and kawandi, Christine is very keen on improvised quilting using every bit of whatever fabric is available including seams, shirt plackets and buttonholes; making the quilts very tactile. She found all of this a really fun way of enjoying the fabrics and the process. For her, the creative process is as much about the accidents that happen in improv piecing as well as the clever use of colour.

Christine showed us some examples of her work including a still in progress EPP hexagon quilt - 'every quilter should have one of these', made from shirts, and from velvet embellished with hand sewing. We could all also admire the trousers that she was wearing which demonstrated how you could turn boro work into wearable art.



Christine is also a cat lover and an accomplished cut paper artist and produces a range of cards.



Kawandi Workshop



On 2nd September 16 BQ sewers arrived at Emsworth Community Centre laden with bags of colourful fabric, wadding and backing ready to be introduced to Kawandi by Christine Green. She explained that this is a traditional hand stitched quilting technique that involves layering and hand sewing fabric scraps onto a base fabric with folded edges, overlapped and secured with running stitches. The corners are embellished with small fabric triangles or "phulas" giving a very distinctive feel.

The first challenge was to choose our fabric. Christine

recommended limiting this to approx 6 fabrics given the size of our finished pieces. With these decisions made we could start and over the course of the day our pieces started to come together. By packing up time most of us had made good progress, although it might take Caroline a bit longer to finish hers as she had opted to use a much larger base!

Everyone enjoyed the day and could see how versatile this technique could be both as a way of using up our scraps and as an example of relaxing slow stitching.



Show and Tell

This month's Show and Tell gave us some idea of what a multi-talented group of people Bourne quilters are!

In addition to the beautiful quilts that Frances and Karen shared with us, we were treated to leather handbag, book binding and a bag and unicorn from Alice - keen to fill her time and flex her 'other' sewing muscles now she's finished her master Quilter course!

More photos on the website.



PAT testing

Our next PAT testing opportunity will be at the Tuesday Stitchers morning, 21st October, 10am to 11.45 at Westbourne Parish Hall. All welcome, bring along some sewing or just stay for a coffee while you wait.

Don't forget, it is a requirement of the venues we use that machines are PAT tested annually.

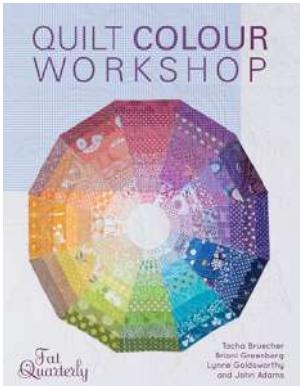
Quilting on a frame

Bourne quilters are now proud owners of 2 quilting frames that will make it possible for us to hand quilt together in much the same way as would have been done by early quilters. Hand quilting in a frame is officially on the list of threatened skills. The project to acquire a frame was kicked off by a post from Maria when the opportunity to quilt in this way and as a community project was highlighted to her during the master quilters course. The general vision is that we could work together over time at hand quilting a quilt. **COULD YOU HELP?** We need a few members who are interested in helping move this forward. The idea is that we would have a small group to help with ideas about how, what and when so we can get this started.

If you are interested please email members@bournequilters.com with Hand quilting in the subject line so we can get a planning group off the ground and kick off this great project.

Book of the month – Quilt Colour Workshop

Other than choosing a range of light, medium and dark contrasting fabrics its always been a bit of mystery to me as to how to go about choosing fabrics. I have tended to err on the side of choosing from a range, then in part the designer has done the hard work for me.



This book is a useful guide that shares some of the secrets of using colour in quilting; about colour theory, and how to use it in the context of quilting. There are some practical projects from quilts and cushions, to wall hangings, table runners and bags. The book has six colour-themed sections with block ideas for every colour theory combination. There are also instructions for a colour wheel quilt that would be a fun and alternative way to scrap bust.

If you use one of the books in the library we would love to know what you thought of it, and if you made anything from it. You don't need to write anything, just have a word with me (Karen) and I'll put into writing your thoughts into writing.

We are also looking to invest in the library – if you have a book that you think would be worth us buying then please let one of the committee know.

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

Contacts

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

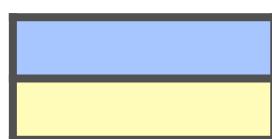
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Bourne Quilters Programme 2025

6th October	Show and Tell	Farnham Quilters
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

December 2nd, 16th, 30th