

# Bourne Quilters Newsletter



**November 2025**

## Greetings from the Chair

Welcome to the Bourne Quilters November newsletter. As we head into the festive season there is lots going on and I hope that it will not be too early for you to start talking Christmas! Our Christmas funday is on Saturday so photos to follow in the December newsletter. There is a Christmas make at the November meeting so I hope this helps in getting us in the mood for Christmas creations.

Happy stitching

Best wishes Karen

## Coming up 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 (a fat quarter will be plenty!) 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.

## December Meeting Bourne Quilters AGM

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Bourne Quilters AGM and Christmas Party on 1st December. The agenda and papers will be circulated mid November. As in previous years we will have a bring and share supper and Christmas games!! If you are coming please bring a small plate of food to share. We will supply some alcoholic mulled wine and a non-alcoholic option. There will also be the launch of next year's programme. So come prepared to be wowed as Mel and Lisa and the committee have put together a great programme of talks and workshops.

The AGM is the time when, officially committee members who are retiring stand down and new members join the committee. This year we have vacancies for new members and we would love to talk to anyone who is interested in joining us. The committee is a very friendly, welcoming group who work hard together to put on an amazing programme of events. Karen would love to hear from anyone who is interested, email: [members@bournequilters.com](mailto:members@bournequilters.com)

## Membership

Membership subscriptions will become due at our AGM on December 1st.

- If you are currently a member, you wish to renew and none of your contact details have changed, please pay £30 for your 2026 membership, preferably via Bank transfer to :

Account Name: Bourne Quilters

Sort Code: 20-69-34

Account Number: 40594628

- Please put MEMBERSHIP26 in the reference, the bank will pass your name with the payment.
- If you prefer to deal in cash, please pay your subscription to Rita Duncan or Gill Adams at either the November or December meeting. Card payment processing will also be available.
- You can also pay by cheque which should be made payable to Bourne Quilters. Cheques can be mailed to Rita Duncan, Bourne Quilters, 9 Lindens Close, Emsworth PO10 7PY.
- If your contact details have changed, please pay your subscription as above and fill in a renewal form with your new contact details. There will be some forms available from Gill at the meetings and a copy is attached with this email. The form can be emailed to [members@bournequilters.com](mailto:members@bournequilters.com) or hard copies passed to Gill at a meeting.
- If you are currently a member and will NOT be renewing your membership for 2026, please send an email to [members@bournequilters.com](mailto:members@bournequilters.com) to say that you will not be renewing as we have several people waiting to join the group.

## October Meeting

It's always nice to look at other people's quilts and this month we were in for a treat as the lovely ladies from Farnham Quilters brought along a box of delights to share with us. These shows inspire us to finish our UFOs, realise what patterns will set off that 'special' fabric that we've been saving, or simply drool over the finished quilts.

There was a wide range of exquisite work, from small wall hangings through to enormous full size bed quilts. They included a magnificent hand quilted whole cloth quilt at which most of us gasped in amazement. One wag in the audience commented that they'd want to be buried in that as they'd take it with them when they went. There were log cabins, storm at sea, half square triangles, improv houses, baby quilts, samplers and just about every style you could imagine. There were limited colour ranges with only 2 or 3 colours right through to the scrappy quilts containing every colour possible. There was also a very fetching blue and yellow quilt in BQ colours.

And best of all we could get a good close up look at them at the end of their show. Thank you once again for an inspiring evening.





## Show and Tell

As usual there was a variety of items shared by our own members. Some are pictured here, to see more please visit the show and Tell page on our website: <https://bournequilters.com/show-and-tell/>



## Doughty's Day

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who gave up their time on Saturday to help at Doughty's fabric sale. As is usually the case, the large number of volunteers made the huge task of setting up and clearing away the show seem easy! Matthew was extremely grateful and he told me that thanks to all of you 'Super Stars', Emsworth is one of the easiest shows he does! In return he is very generous to Bourne Quilters and that is why we can offer our members wadding at such bargain priced! Thanks also for the cakes, which were very much enjoyed by our visitors. And there was enough left over to treat the Young Quilters next day!

## Block of the Month

Last month the projected plan for the block of the month said that we would be quilting the blocks this month, then joining them and binding the quilt next year. Unfortunately, due to a change in circumstances we have had to change this plan and we will now be quilting in January. There will be a mini-workshop at Westbourne, date to be confirmed.



## PAT Testing

It was quite sobering when the Emsworth Community Centre suffered a fire earlier in the year. The investigation into the cause is still ongoing nevertheless it highlighted the responsibility that we have to make sure we are not contributing any risk when we use a venue. We are required as part of our hire agreement to have electrical equipment that is used in any meeting or workshop PAT tested. Can I ask you therefore, to make an effort to come to one of the sessions that we put on. If you are having trouble as they are in the day please email [members@bournequilters.com](mailto:members@bournequilters.com) so we can plan sessions when they are most needed. Next PAT testing session: 10 to 11.45, Tuesday 18th November at Westbourne Parish Hall.

## Meon Valley Quilters Sow and Tell

Saturday 8th November, 2pm to 4pm

We are going to Meon Valley Quilters on Saturday 8th November to give a show and tell. Please can you bring any quilts that we can take to share to the Monday 3rd November meeting. If you can attach a few words about them, and your name, it will really help. If you aren't coming to the Monday meeting or would prefer to drop elsewhere or have them collected please let me know Karen Lillington on 07886796857

## Parking at Emsworth Community Centre

It's great to report that the work to repair the fire damage at Emsworth Community Centre is starting. This will impact on parking at the centre. There will be NO ROUTINE PARKING or TURNING available directly in front of the centre. Parking will be available behind the fire station, which, as we all know, it is quite limited. Other options for parking are:

Palmers Road Car Park, behind Tesco Express. Charges 8am to 6pm. Free on Sundays & Public Holidays.

Bridge Road – behind the centre and is free but you now cannot cut through and will need to walk all the way round.

If you are concerned about walking back to the car park in the dark reach out to someone in the meeting and arrange to walk back with them or speak to one of the committee.

There may be some disabled parking but this could not confirm until the building work had started.

## Coach Trips

The last coach trip to Ally Pally was a great day out. Lots of fun and lots of purchases made.

The coach ran well and on time so we were very lucky. We will run a trip next year all things being equal. Here are some pictures of the amazing displays that were there.



WHATS UP NEXT? - Some research has highlighted a great opportunity to visit the American Museum and see a special exhibition of Gees Bend Quilts that is on between February 2026 and June 2026 so watch this space as something will come out in the new year.

## Cot Quilts

The last time we delivered cot quilts to QA hospital we were told that they have enough for the time being and this left us with a rather large bag of cot quilts with no home to go to. Fortunately we found a contact who is a midwife at Southampton General and they were absolutely thrilled to receive them! So thank you to everyone who made cot quilts and incubator covers. It is good to know that they are appreciated.



## Lift needed

We have member who doesn't have access to a car to get to the Monday meetings. She lives in postcode PO7, Denmead. If you are able to help please email [members@bournequilters.com](mailto:members@bournequilters.com) so we can put you in touch with each other.

**CRAFT SALE**  
Westhampnett  
Village Hall  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov  
10am - 2pm

  
**Cake decorating Tools**  
Cake Tins  
Moulds and Cutters  
Backdrops  
Cake Stands  
much more...  
Large variety of model kits  
aircraft, tanks etc...  
Ladies clothing  
Bric a brac

**Quilting Essentials**  
Brand new fat quarters  
Fat bundles  
Jelly rolls  
Cutting mats  
Tools and sundries

**Beading**  
Huge variety of beads  
Tools and sundries  
for beading

Tables available -  
contact Amy on 07825 954704

**CASH ONLY**

## 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 through [members@bournequilters.com](mailto:members@bournequilters.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 know through [members@bournequilters.com](mailto:members@bournequilters.com) 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

The committee can now be contacted through the Bourne Quilters email addresses which are now fully operational.

For anything related to workshops or events please use: [events@bournequilters.com](mailto:events@bournequilters.com)

and for any other communication please use [members@bournequilters.com](mailto:members@bournequilters.com)

We can still be reached by phone:

Karen (Chair) 07886 796857

Gill (Membership queries) 07940892916

Chris (Newsletter) 07585 558916

## Bourne Quilters Programme 2025

<b>3rd November</b>	Christmas sewing evening	In House
<b>1st December</b>	AGM and Christmas Party	In House

## Bourne Stitchers Dates 2005

December 2nd, 16th, 30th