

Bourne Quilters Newsletter



December 2025

Greetings from the Chair

I can't believe that this is December's newsletter and we are just round the corner from Christmas. How time flies!! It has been a busy year for Bourne Quilters and my first as chair, next year will be an exciting one too, as we work towards our show in July 2026 and, of course, enjoy the brilliant programme that has been planned by Mel and Lisa.

I am busy making poinsettias and Christmas decorations all at the last minute. I hope you are also enjoying your stitching while the weather allows us to stay inside without feeling guilty.

Have a lovely Christmas and a very happy new year to you.

Karen

Coming up

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 will be sent out with this newsletter. There will be a box for returned library books but no library books to loan and no de-stash table this month. 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 and feel free to wear your Christmas jumper! 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.

Karen has put together a comprehensive programme of next year's dates. You will receive this as a separate attachment with this newsletter.

Membership

Membership subscriptions are due at our AGM on December 1st.

Thank you to all members who have already renewed.

- 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 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 to say that you will not be renewing as we have several people waiting to join the group.

January meeting

In January Sara Sullivan will give her talk - The History of Colour Through Sylko, Spies and Sexism. Many of us are familiar with the little wooden reels of Sylko thread. Sara's passion for vintage haberdashery took her into the world of Sylko with evocative names, such as Frivolous Pink, Sea Mist and Blue Violet. Her talk looks at the history behind the colours. Why does red inflame passions? What was worth more than it's weight in gold? Did we really poison Napoleon? Who decided pink was for girls? What is a dark helio? Which dye caused an outbreak of espionage? All these questions and many more will be answered at our meeting.



Christmas Funday at Westbourne

On Saturday 1st November nearly forty Bourne Quilters and a couple of guests gathered at Westbourne Parish Hall for our annual Christmas funday. There were four different projects to keep us occupied, a paper pieced robin, a Father Christmas wall hanging, Christmas bottle bags and elfish aprons. The sewing was squeezed in between large helpings of tea and coffee, a splendid lunch, a quiz and more cake in the afternoon. A special thank you is due to the four project leaders, Lisa, Glynis, Sandie and Lis and to Ellie, Mel



and Rita for their sterling efforts in the kitchen! Thanks also to the volunteers who made the delicious soups. Caroline took some great pictures as a reminder of a lovely day.

November Meeting - Christmas Sewing

There was a tremendous turn out for our Christmas Sewing evening with more than 50 members turning up to sew and chat! We thought there would be lots of spare sets of shapes for making more Christmas trees but every single one had been snapped up by the end of the evening. Please bring your completed ornament to our meeting next week so we can all see how they have worked out in different fabrics.

Show and Tell

This month's show and tell featured some of our the wonderful makes completed at the Funday the previous Saturday. As always there are more photos on the website: <https://bournequilters.com/show-and-tell/>



Bag making workshop

On 31st January 2026 there will be a bag making workshop at Westbourne Parish Hall from 10am to 4pm. It will cost £15 for the day. Please bring your own lunch. We will send out the requirements two weeks before the workshop. There will be ten places for each bag. Sign up in December and in January. We have four bags to choose from. Which one will you make?

Wendda's backpack? Sandie's bag with drawstring? Leslie's strip bag? Valerie's bag with pocket?



Bourne Quilters Quilt Show

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July 2026

The Bourne Quilters Quilt Show takes place every 2 years which means that 2026 is our next show year. For those of you new to Bourne Quilters, and in case anyone needs a nudge to their memory, we take over the whole of the Emsworth Community Centre for the show weekend. The January 2026 newsletter will have a full article about the show but here are the dates for your diary.

For those of you new to Bourne Quilters one of the things we do for the show is a Chair's Challenge. I have the honour of setting it this year. The challenge is to make a record out of fabric and decorate it with something that represents an 33 rpm album, 45 single, or if you wish a 78! The only rule is that the record should be the size of a 33, 45, or 78. The decoration can be 2D or 3D applique, embroidery, machine embroidery – whatever you fancy. Next month we will give some guidance on how to make the record part. There was some hilarity at a committee meeting recently when I declared the first record I bought was Chuck Berry and 'My ding a ling' – the 11 year old Karen had no idea what it was about – not sure I will be making it as my record!

2 day non-residential retreat

Quilting with your walking foot (and getting out of the ditch)

25th – 26th April. Cost £70. Sarah Ashford.



This 2 day workshop is not until April but as it's 2 days we wanted to give our members time to plan. This is a first for Bourne Quilters – a full weekend non residential retreat. There are not many workshops that concentrate on the techniques of using your walking foot, threads and quilting (out of the ditch). So we are very excited to have this opportunity for Sarah to come and teach.

Day 1 is an introduction to using your walking foot, covering the basics, threads, getting set up and then practising on a number of pieces.

Day 2 involves more practice and developing the patterns you can make with your walking foot.



PAT testing

Well done to everyone who has managed to get their machines etc PAT tested.

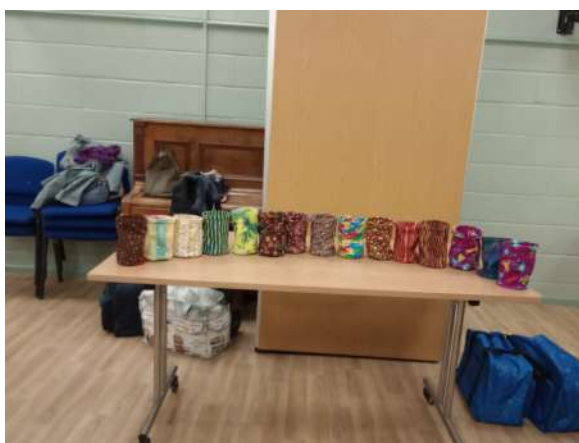
There will be another chance to get your machines PAT tested on Tuesday 16th December at Westbourne and again at the bag making workshop on 31st January.

Young Quilters

Bourne Young Quilters had their first birthday in October. The workshop was led by Vicki Longland and was making a thread catcher, cum storage bag. It was another busy session with 15 young quilters participating helped by Bourne Quilters, friends or relatives. The contribution of everyone involved really helps make the sessions so successful, so a big thank you to those who help.

The next workshop is the 9 December and Ellie has planned a Christmas stocking make. If you are on our helpers list you will have received an email asking if you can help but if you are not on the list and would like to be (you don't always have to help, if you can't it's no problem) let me know at bourneyoungquilters.com.

The dates for next year are in the programme attached with the newsletter. Next year we are planning on making a quilt for the young quilters to have in their display at the show so will start working on that amongst all the other things they make



For Sale

Overlocker for sale

Wendda has an overlocker for sale.

If you are interested please contact her: wendda@yahoo.co.uk



Does anyone fancy a few hours of slow stitching as an antidote to the pre-Christmas rush?



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 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 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

and for any other communication please use members@bournequilters.com

We can still be reached by phone:

Karen (Chair) 07886 796857

Gill (Membership queries) 07940892916

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Bourne Quilters Programme 2025

1st December	AGM and Christmas Party	In House
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Bourne Stitchers Dates 2025 - December 2nd, 16th, 30th