

# Bourne Quilters Newsletter



**January 2026**

## Welcome

Welcome to Bourne Quilters 2026. I hope you have all had a very happy and relaxing Christmas. Did you get all your Christmas UFO's done? As I was doing some last minute sewing I was thinking about all my sewing friends and wondered if they were also hard at it with a needle and thread!

There is a great programme planned for the year with loads of workshops and interesting talks. A definite date for your diary is the Quilt Show, Saturday and Sunday, 25th and 26th July.

## Last Months meeting

December was our AGM and Christmas Party. The business part was covered and we welcomed Margaret and Catherine onto the committee. We then moved on to the fun part which involved Quilters Bingo (thank you Gill for organising) and a wonderful bring and share buffet. It was a great occasion to be able to catch up and chat with fellow members.

## Membership

Membership subscriptions are now overdue. 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 your contact details have changed, please fill in the renewal form which can be found on the [Forms](#) page on our website and email it to [members@bournequilters.com](mailto:members@bournequilters.com)
- 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 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.

## Bourne Quilters Quilt show

Saturday July 26th and Sunday July 27th are the dates for the Quilt Show which will be held at Emsworth Community Centre (thankfully the roof repair work will be completed by then). You, the members, always manage to come up trumps with your fantastic quilts, textiles, bags etc which means, along with the sales table, café, displays and games we put on there is a great show for our visitors. Over the coming months there will be updates and reminders in the newsletter.

## Young Quilters

The last Young Quilters workshop of the year saw the group making Christmas stockings in preparation for Santa to fill on the big day. For those that finished early there was also the opportunity to make a gnome gift tag. Everyone, including the helpers, had a great time. As ever lots of thanks to the helpers, without you we just wouldn't be able to hold these workshops.



## 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.



## Mugs

The refreshments team would like to remind to bring a mug to our monthly meetings if you can. With the large numbers of people attending our meetings they are sometimes struggling to find enough mugs in the Community Centre. It also makes clearing up easier at the end of the evening.

## Hexiform Pre-cuts

A few members asked about the pre-cut, leave-in shapes we used for the EPP Christmas tree ornament. They are available from Ashmead Designs and can be ordered from their website: [www.ashmeaddesigns.com](http://www.ashmeaddesigns.com)

## Block of the Month

We had planned to bring you instructions and mini-workshop this month for quilting your blocks. Unfortunately this is not now possible. We're really sorry to disappoint you. The workshop programme will be reviewed and instructions sent out with next month's newsletter.

## There are a few places left on the: **2nd Roklyn Quilting Retreat**

Dates: 9 a.m. Saturday 21st March – 6 p.m. Monday 23rd March 2026

Venue: New Place Hotel, Shirrell Heath, Wickham, Hampshire SO32 2JY  
New Place Hotel is an excellent venue with a purpose-built conference suite with large, light, sunny rooms for your workshops and then a fabulous, old, listed building for your meals.

Full Price: £495.00 for which deposit of £100 is payable ASAP and the balance of £395.00 is payable by the 21st January 2026.

Optional Extra: Friday Night Bed, Evening Meal and Breakfast

Full Price: £620 for which a deposit of £100 is payable ASAP and the balance of £520 payable by the 21st January 2026.

Daily Rate: Please contact us for daily rates which are available for 1, 2 or 3 days with or without dinner

Non-Refundable: Please note that all deposits and balances paid will be non-refundable unless we can negotiate with the Hotel or find someone else to take your place.

If you are interested please contact:

Rosemary Allen Telephone: 07847 611005; email: [rosemaryallen82@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryallen82@gmail.com)

Kate Berry: Telephone: 07790 471062; email: [kate-berry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate-berry@hotmail.co.uk)



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# INTERMEDIATE QUILTING TECHNIQUES

08.01.26 - 19.03.26  
Thursdays, 6-8pm  
Peter Symonds College, Winchester (SO22 6RX)  
£195

This 10-week evening course is perfect for quilters who are confident with the fundamentals and ready to advance their skills beyond basic patchwork. Designed to blend traditional craftsmanship with creative expression, you will gain hands-on experience with decorative and dimensional techniques like Trapunto, Kantha, and Sashiko, learning how to prepare, layer, and combine hand and machine stitching for modern quilt designs and home décor.

Enrol now:  
[ahed.psc.  
ac.uk](http://ahed.psc.ac.uk)



## 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

## Bournemouth Quilter Dates for January, February and March

### January

Monday	5th	Sara Sullivan - A history of colour through Sylko, spies and sexism.
Tuesday	13th	Bourne Stitchers
Tuesday	27th	Bourne Stitchers
Saturday	31st	Bag workshop                      PAT testing available

### February

Sunday	1st	Young Quilters
Monday	2nd	Challenge 6
Tuesday	10th	Bourne Stitchers
Tuesday	24th	Bourne Stitchers
Saturday	28th	Doughty's Road Show

### March

Sunday	1st	Young Quilters
Monday	2nd	Harriet Riddel - Freeform embroidery, creating portraits before your eyes!
Tuesday	10th	Bournemouth Stitchers
Saturday	21st	Sew for the show
Tuesday	24th	Bourne Stitchers