

Bourne Quilters Newsletter



May 2026

Greetings from the Chair

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the warmer weather that is starting to be a bit more frequent. I am away on holiday this month so won't see you at the May meeting. We have Shirley Quilters coming for a show and tell. I was lucky enough to meet some of them last year when I joined them for a workshop. From the things they did at the workshop I think it will be a great show and tell so I am sorry to be missing it.

As you will see from the Showtime page we are ramping up our preparation for the show. Its not long to go now and the next few months will be busy making it the great show it always is! This month you can start registering your items for display - the show and tells over the past couple of years has demonstrated what a talented group of members we have so please get your items registered and the label information sent through so we can start to plan the layout.

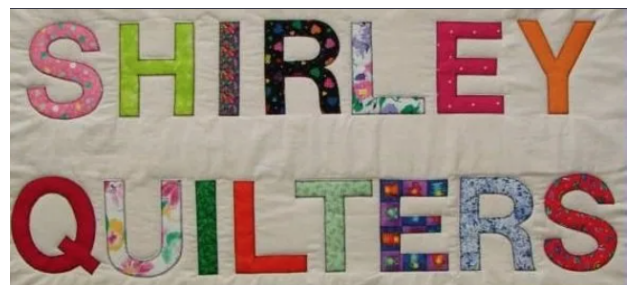
See you in June.

Coming Up

Monday 4th May

Shirley Quilters show and Tell

Shirley Quilters started in 2000 and was born out of an idea of like-minded ladies who took beginner and intermediate evening classes for patchwork and quilting and then found there was no advanced course. They enjoyed sewing and chatting and formed Shirley Quilters as a way forward. Shirley Quilters promote an appreciation of patchwork and quilting and encourage members to increase ability and skill. They organise teaching events and bi-annual exhibitions. They will have a great body of work to bring and share with us.



Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June Kate Findlay - Nature in Textiles

Kate will talk about her animal, bird, landscape and garden based work. Creating fabric paintings since 2014 she uses appliqué methods and also mixes in many print and paint techniques.



On **Tuesday** Kate will lead a full day workshop making a fabric landscape inspired by bluebell woods. This workshop promises to be very popular so be sure to book your place at this month's meeting. Cost: £25



BOM Workshop - Tuesday 19th May

Alice has kindly offered to run a catch up session on sashing and binding for anyone who needs a bit more help, has any questions or was unable to attend the earlier sessions. This will take place on Tuesday 19th May at Westbourne Parish Hall from 9.30 - 12.00. If you would like to attend please sign up at the next meeting or email events@bournequilters.com. There will be no charge if you attended one of Alice's earlier sessions; for people who haven't attended a previous session, normal charge of £5 applies.

Coach Trip to Alexandra Palace 10th October 2026

Bourne Quilters is organising a coach trip to the Knit and Stitch show at Alexandra Palace. See the link for more information about this show <https://www.knitandstitchshow.co.uk/london/> To make sure we can fill the coach and the trip goes ahead we are opening this to members and non-members at the same price and the same time. The cost of the trips is £46 including entrance ticket. We are arranging booking for this in good time so that if you wish you can book yourself onto a workshop. The workshop dates are likely to be out mid-June and if you register on their website you will get notification. <https://www.knitandstitchshow.co.uk/london/early-access/>

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

Additional pick up point in Petersfield Festival Car Park @ 8.30

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: £46 including entrance ticket - same price for members and non-members so feel free to bring a friend

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE: email: events@bournequilters.com or book at the monthly meeting. Deposit required of £25 with balance due 3rd August 2026. If you feel able to pay in full £46 when booking it will be a huge help to the organisers. ****IMPORTANT** Put 'Knit and Stitch' in the subject line of the email

HOW TO PAY:

Preferably by BACS to: Bourne Quilters Sort code 20-69-34 Account 40594628
IMPORTANT please put payment reference 'Knit and Stitch'

TERMS OF BOOKING AND CONFIRMATION OF PLACE:

1. Your coach place and entry ticket is reserved by sending an email and making a deposit payment.
2. If a deposit of £20 is paid the balance is due by the 3rd August. Please note our entry tickets are being held on a rolling basis that we renew every month. If for any reason it becomes impossible to renew this (if they are selling out) we reserve the right to ask for full payment earlier.
3. You will receive confirmation of your place once your email and your payment are received. 'Events' check the account at the end of each month so please allow time for this to be sent out.
4. Refunds are not given once a deposit is paid, however you may 'sell' your place to someone else.
5. If you can't pass on your place to someone else if we have waiting list we will use your place for that person, in which case a refund will be given.
6. Further information regarding pick-up location will be shared nearer the time
7. If for any reason the trip cannot go ahead i.e. insufficient numbers to fill coach; you will receive a full refund. This decision will be made on or before 3rd August.

Sarah Sullivan

We're very pleased to let you know that Sarah Sullivan, who had to miss her scheduled meeting because she was unwell, has agreed to give her talk about Sylko in November.

Last Month's Activities April Meeting

With the April monthly meeting scheduled for Easter Monday would anyone turn up? There was no need to worry as the room quickly filled up. Alison demonstrated how to make beautiful fabric tulips from small pieces of fabric, beads and a length of garden wire. The room buzzed as everyone admired the show and tell and the items produced at the sew for the show day before they settled down with their sewing. By the end of the evening there was a lovely bunch of colourful tulips and many happy faces.



Show and Tell More pictures on the website

As we get closer to the show it's really lovely to see all of the fantastic items that Bourne Quilters are producing and hear the stories behind them. These details are really fascinating and it would be lovely if they could be included in the labels for anything that's being shown at the show. There will be more of that at the evening meeting and on the website.



There were a number of quilts from Rita, Caroline, Gill, Vicki and Daphne. A few of the block of the month quilts have been finished and they all look so different. The heart raffle quilt is finally finished and is stunning. Something that anyone would be pleased to win. For those that couldn't get to the sew for the show day there was an opportunity to see what has been produced so far. We are planning to use the Bourne Stitchers session on 16th June at Westbourne as a further sew for the show day to enable people to finish items that they have started or just come and sew in the company of others. Please, sign up at the meeting.



As usual, there were far more items brought along to the meeting than there is room for in the newsletter. You can see these on the 'Show and Tell' page on the website:

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

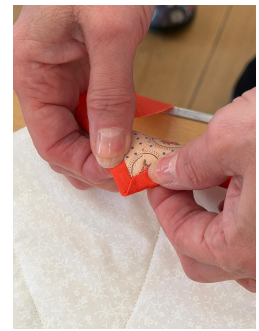
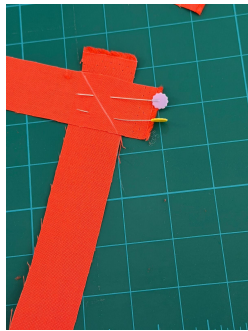
An appeal on our Facebook page for small A4 (approx) size drawstring bags for NICU at QA hospital where they are used as memory bags for the babies was taken up by BQ members. This resulted in over 30 bags being brought to the meeting and more bags brought to the workshop at Westbourne. Thank you so much for these.

Mini Workshop

Following the successful quilting and sashing mini workshops for the block of the month quilt, the final session, binding, was held at Westbourne on 7th April. Alice had her master quilters folder with her so that people could see examples of bound quilts. She then demonstrated a couple of different ways of binding quilts to show that you don't need to stick to mitred corners. This in itself was a revelation to many!

Alice showed everyone how to join the binding strips diagonally to make it long enough to go all round the quilt.

Then the fun began as we were shown how to attack the dreaded mitred corners. With the judicious use of pins to first mark a 1/4 inch from the corner before sewing to the edge of the quilt and then holding the folded binding in place before stitching the next side, neat corners appeared as if by magic. The final part of the process was joining the ends of the binding. This was another area that people had found challenging as they either had too much or too little fabric. A neat trick of cutting a very small notch where the binding overlapped enabled the two ends to line up perfectly. The binding was then ready for the last edge to be hand stitched to the back of the quilt. An alternative might be to machine stitch in the ditch (harder than it looks) or using a fancy stitch on the machine. But for now, most people were going to hand stitch it in place.



Sew for the Show Day

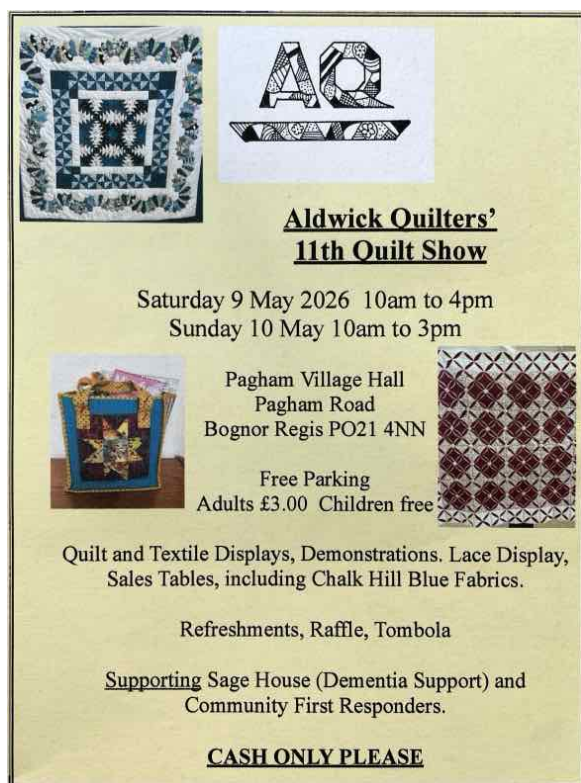
As the Quilt Show approaches, a bevy of keen BQ sewers descended on Westbourne Parish Hall on 21st March for our 'sew for the show' day. Armed with their sewing machines, it wasn't long before the hall resounded to the hum and whirr of bobbins being wound and machines piecing together a wonderful selection of items for the sales table at the show. Over the course of the day, fortified by tea, coffee and biscuits and not forgetting the home made cake, some intriguing items emerged. By the end of the day there was a treasure trove of goodies such as bowl cosies, covered notebooks, scissor cases, bucket hats, glasses cases, project bags and boxed pouches. It was a lovely way to spend the day - sewing in the company of other sewers and making things for a good cause.

We are hoping to run a further 'sew for the show' workshop at one of our Bourne Stitcher sessions closer to the show. More details to follow later.

Thanks also to Gill who again carried out PAT testing as well as completing her own sewing projects.



Other news..... invitations from other groups



Aldwick Quilters' 11th Quilt Show

Saturday 9 May 2026 10am to 4pm
Sunday 10 May 10am to 3pm

Pagham Village Hall
Pagham Road
Bognor Regis PO21 4NN

Free Parking
Adults £3.00 Children free

Quilt and Textile Displays, Demonstrations. Lace Display,
Sales Tables, including Chalk Hill Blue Fabrics.

Refreshments, Raffle, Tombola

Supporting Sage House (Dementia Support) and
Community First Responders.

CASH ONLY PLEASE



CRAFTING DE-STASH SALE

Hayling Island Piecemakers

Saturday 9th May
10am to 12.30pm

at URC Main Hall,
Mengham, Hayling Island

FABRIC - YARN -
HABERDASHERY -
NOTIONS - BEADS -
PAPERCRAFTS and MORE

If you like sewing, knitting and other
crafts, come along!
Refreshments available
Free entry

To book a table please email taryn@tarynsamways.co.uk

Fancy a trip with Aldwick Quilters to the Festival of Quilts 2026?

2 nights staying at The Birmingham Metropole Hotel right next to the NEC. Shuttle bus transport between the hotel and the exhibition running every 15 minutes.

Dates : July 30th to 1st August

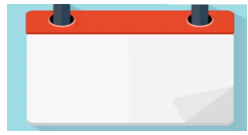
Included in the cost : - Coach travel to and from Birmingham. 2 night's stay in the hotel. Breakfast and evening meal, (usually a buffet with 2 or 3 hot and cold choices.) Tickets for all 3 days into the show.

We get there about 12.30, after a comfort break halfway, in time to have a look around and plan for the next two day's shopping, talks and workshops. The return journey leaves from outside the NEC around 3.30.

Total cost: £445 for a twin room. £80 single supplement.

Pick up points: Worthing Dome, Littlehampton Anchor Springs, Bognor Regis Coach Park and Chichester Bus Station.

If you are interested in joining us please ring Jo Jennings on 01243 868080 and she will answer any questions you may have or ring me, Jane Smart, on 0783720005

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| <p>ITS SHOWTIME Saturday 25th July & Sunday 26th July</p> | |  |
| <p>Not long to go now and we are ramping up the preparation</p> | | |
| <p>Publicity Organiser(s) We have had some people come forward but could still do with a few more to help. If you feel you can go round putting up posters, please put your name forward. To lighten the load in particular people to cover the following would be great: Waterlooville Havant Southbourne/Bosham/Nutbourne Chichester Hayling Island. Rowlands Castle It's usually a morning or afternoon work if you think you might have time</p> <p>Quilt Label organiser(s) Thank you we have had three people come forward so now have this sorted – phew. It makes such a difference to adding that finishing touch to the displays</p> | <p>Registering your items to exhibit at the show From this month you can start to register the items that you are planning to exhibit. This can be quilts, bags, textile art, things from workshops, clothing, cushions – in fact all the lovely things you have bought to show and tell over the past two years. Alongside this newsletter we are sending out an attachment that explains all you need to know about registering your quilt. Chris will also be going through the information at the meeting in May.</p> | |
| <p>Raffle tickets will be available this month As we announced last month we are raising money from the raffle for Rowans Hospice https://www.rowanshospice.co.uk/and Two Saints https://twosaints.org.uk/ Please take some raffle tickets and start selling for these great causes</p> | | |
| <p>Destash – Storage space is limited for Bourne Quilters at ECC, but we do rely on destash item as it makes a great stall at the show. Please start to sort out those UFOs. Fabric that doesn't appeal, books that you won't use and keep to one side. We can start to collect it in in June so get it ready to bring to the June meeting</p> | <p>Sales table – a great start has been made for our always popular sales table. Keep making things along the lines of things that you and your family would like to buy. Lucky Dip – this is always popular; we find all sorts of things to put in it. Gifts from magazines that you won't use etc. Please start to sort them out and bring in June</p> | |
| <p>Sun umbrella with base and dress forms needed The committee have done some planning and there are some items that we think that would help us set up the show better. One of them is a sun umbrella and base. If it's a nice day it provides better space to have the entrance table outside, but we need a sun umbrella to keep people on the door comfortable We have a feeling that there may be some items of clothing to display. Do you have a dress form we could use?</p> | | |
| <p>Volunteer sign up This month the sign up will start for volunteers, on the Friday we need help with set up and then over the weekend there are a number of roles from helping in the kitchen for the ever-popular cuppa and cake, marshalling and running stalls. The rota is worked so no one has to be there all weekend so any time you can offer no matter how little is great.</p> | | |

Scrap collection

Julie has kindly been collecting our fabric scraps and taking them to the Rowans. We were under the impression that the scraps were sold in bulk to rag collectors but this is not the case. They sell them in tore for stuffing and we have been supplying quicker than they an sell!! We have been asked to pause collections so please don't bring scraps to our meetings for a while. Thanks to Julie for doing this.

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.

These are available at the bargain prices of:

80/20 - £12/metre: Bamboo - £14/metre: Thermal - £9/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

Chris (Newsletter) 07585 558916

Bourne Quilters Programme 2026

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| 4th May | Show and Tell | Shirley Quilters |
| 17th May | Young Quilters | |
| 1st June | Kate Findlay | Nature in Textiles |
| 2nd June | Kate Findlay workshop | Bluebell Woods |
| 29th June | Young Quilters | |
| 6th July | Show preparation | In house |
| 25th July 26th July | Quilt Show | |
| 3rd August | Helen Sill | Threads of Tradition |
| 7th September | Pimm's and Strawberries | In house |
| 5th October | Hannah's Room | Batiks |
| 6th October | Hannah's room workshop | Confetti |
| 10th October | Coach trip - Knit and Stitch | Alexandra Palace |
| 24th October | Doughty's | |
| 1st November | Young Quilters | |
| 2nd November | Christmas Sewing | In house |
| 7th November | Christmas Funday | In house |
| 6th December | Young Quilters | |
| 7th December | AGM | Christmas Party |

Bourne Stitchers Dates 2026

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| | May 5th, 19th | June 2nd, 16th, 30th |
| July 14th, 28th | August 11th, 25th | September 8th, 22nd |
| October 6th 20th | November 3rd 17th | December 1st, 15th, 29th tbc |