

# Bourne Quilters Newsletter



September 2026

## Greetings from the Chair

Welcome to the September newsletter. I am pleased it's a bit cooler and I stand a chance of getting into my sewing room and not roasting!! Although I have persevered, making winter pyjamas and children's dungarees – so cute!! I've also managed a bit of slow stitching from a UFO I bought at the show. Time for some quilting in the winter. I look forward to catching up over a glass of pimms in our September meeting

## Coming up Monday 7th September - Strawberries and Pimms

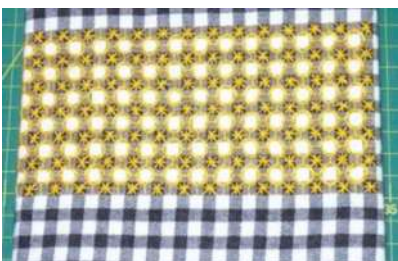


Our summer fun evening!

A chance to chat and share with fellow members and maybe learn a new skill or two. We hope to have four demos on offer:

Chicken Scratch, English Paper Piecing, fabric or paper beads and Layered Appliqué Motifs. Something for everyone to look forward to.

Chicken Scratch sometimes known as Amish embroidery is a method of decorating gingham to produce lace effect designs. A detailed description can be found on the embroiderers' guild site [www.embroidersguild.com/chicken-scratch](http://www.embroidersguild.com/chicken-scratch) The designs are produced from versions of cross-stitch, running stitch and weaving of the thread and range from simple designs to perhaps decorate an apron to more complicated designs for clothing and household item such as a quilt.



Layered appliqué motifs.....



## Monday 5th October - Hannah's Room 'The Beauty of Batiks'.

"This talk provides the audience with an insight into the process of Bali batiks, including a manufacturers video. We will bring props and samples that your group can handle and pass around.



During the talk the audience will also be given an explanation of the history behind the batiks and how they have developed over the centuries. This is one of our most popular talks and audiences have often



commented on how much they have learnt. Your group will come away from the talk feeling like part of the family after hearing about who we are, where we have come from, what we stand for and where we are heading."

## Tuesday 6th October - Bargello workshop with Rox from Hannah's Room

Cost: £35

Location: Westbourne - will be confirmed with the workshop details

Some prep will be needed in advance of the workshop. You will need 20 jelly roll strips that you have joined with 1/4 inch seams. This means the workshop time can concentrate on making the bargello and not joining strips!!

FULL DETAILS AND INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT TO THOSE WHO SIGN UP.

Please sign up at Monday's meeting or email [events@bournequilters.com](mailto:events@bournequilters.com)



## Christmas Funday – Saturday 7th November

10am - 4pm Westbourne Hall

Planning is underway for the Christmas Funday. The committee have several ideas about what we could make and are also looking for members who would like to volunteer to lead a small group in making a Christmas project. Can you help? Let one of the committee know.

## August Meeting

Despite the continued heat, a good number of BQ members turned out to hear Helen Sill tell us about textiles and the Silk Road in Uzbekistan. She described herself as an artist, tutor, embroiderer, researcher and textile traveller. Her descriptions of the many people that she had met and worked with as she travelled in the area also included a brief history lesson of this relatively unknown part of the world. As well as her descriptions of the different fabrics and garments from the area she also brought examples of some of them along with her and Lis and Glenis looked very good modelling some of them. We had the chance to see and feel the difference between some of the traditional textiles and the more modern examples that are being made to satisfy the emerging tourist trade.



## Show and Tell

You might think that just over a week after our fantastic show that there would not be much to show and tell, but you'd be wrong! Wendda and Kathy are showing their talents as prolific bag makers. Gloria had a lovely bear to show us and Sandie revealed the piece that she had made on her recent trip to Festival of Quilts. Alice and Karen had been busy making decorations.



## Young Quilters

We are approaching our second anniversary and what a couple of years it has been! Our Young Quilters have really developed their skills and techniques in stitching and textiles.

The Wonky House quilt that you saw at our quilt show went to the NEC. It was entered in the under 18 group quilt and won!!! A very proud moment for everyone involved!

Lowri who is one of our our Young Quilters also entered her quilt which she called 'Bang!' in the celebration theme.



Young Quilters workshops for the remaining year are:

Sunday 4th October – Halloween Bunting

Sunday 1st November – Project bag

Sunday 6th December – Something Christmas themed

What makes the Young Quilters so great is the young people themselves and also the help that Bourne Quilters members give at the workshops. If you would like to help and aren't on the mailing list please let me know or email

[youngquilters@bournequilters.com](mailto:youngquilters@bournequilters.com) I email out about a month

before to ask if you can help so signing up doesn't commit you to

every session. if you know a young person who would like to come get them to email us on the contact above.



## Other dates and events

There is a lot happening in our area over the next few weeks. Here are some dates for your diary:

♥ *Region 3* ♥  
**REGIONAL DAY**  
**SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026**  
**SWANMORE VILLAGE HALL**  
NEW ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON SO32 2PF  
**10AM – 4PM**  
*Come to this exciting event.*

**MORNING: ANNE TAYLOR**  
of Blue Space Quilts  
Anne will share her passion for dyes, paints and stitching. She will describe her stitching journey from childhood to whole cloth art quilts.

**AFTERNOON: HARRIET RIDDELL**  
will be entertaining us with her amazing experiences of travel around the world with her sewing machine.

**BROWSE & SHOP**  
Visit our traders Sugar Beet Crafts and Fabrica Trading Station.

**CHARITY STALLS**  
Project Lines and Quilts for Care Leavers will also be present.

**REFRESHMENTS**  
Refreshments will be provided by Meon Valley Quilters.

**LIFO TABLE & RAFFLE**  
The ever-popular LIFO table and raffle will also be there to tempt you.

**SHOW & TELL**  
We would love to see your sewing projects, whether completed or ongoing, during the show and tell sessions.

**EARLY BIRD PRICE**  
£20 MEMBERS  
£30 NON-MEMBERS

**ENDS ON 4TH SEPT.**

**SORRY, NO TICKET SALES ON THE DAY**  
SO BE SURE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!

**HOW TO SECURE YOUR TICKETS**

**EMAIL**  
treasurer\_reg3@quiltersguild.org.uk

**POST**  
Send to: 93 Blackberry Lane, Four Marks, Alton, Hants, GU34 5DG

Please include your name, membership number and a telephone number where we can reach you.

If you live outside Region 3, you would be most welcome to join us, contact as above.

The treasurer will be in touch regarding payment details and the requirements list for the workshop.

*Bring your packed lunch and a mug*  
**AND INVITE A FRIEND.**

♥ **REGION 3** ♥  
**WORKSHOP**  
*Join*  
**HARRIET RIDDELL**  
*10-4*  
**SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026**  
**SWANMORE VILLAGE HALL**  
NEW ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON SO32 2PF

*For a day of creative exploration*  
**USING STITCH AS DRAWING AND STORYTELLING TOOLS.**  
Using fabric as your paint, you will explore layering colour, free motion stitching and reverse appliqué to build depth and visual interest.

**WORKSHOP PRICE**  
£46 MEMBERS  
£69 NON-MEMBERS  
FOR THE WHOLE DAY

If you wish to attend, please do not leave making your booking till the last minute, as places are very limited for this workshop.

**Free Motion Stitching**

**ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE WITH THE TREASURER.**

In the first instance, please email [treasurer\\_reg3@quiltersguild.org.uk](mailto:treasurer_reg3@quiltersguild.org.uk) or write to: 93 Blackberry Lane, Four Marks, Alton, Hants, GU34 5DG

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**Chichester Quilters' Show**  
 The Assembly Room, North Street, Chichester PO19 1LQ  
[www.chichesterquilters.com](http://www.chichesterquilters.com)

9th and 10th October 2026  
 10am-4pm

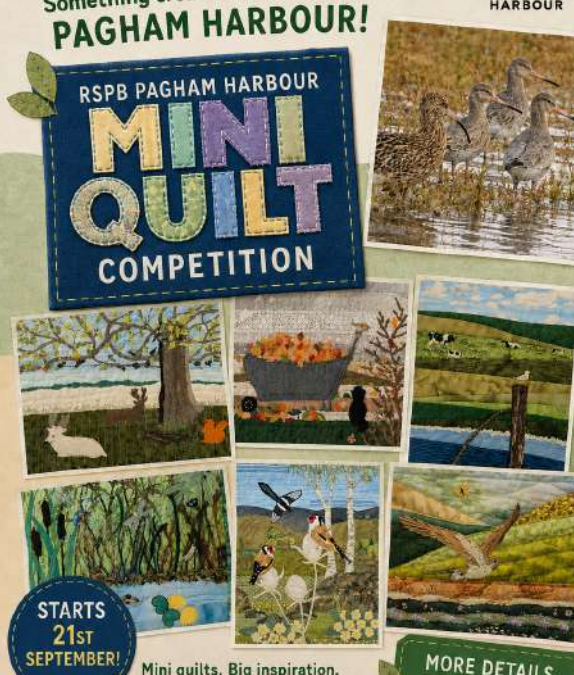


Demonstrations + Sales Table  
 Raffle + Refreshments  
 Entry £4  
 Partners and under 16's free

Fundraising for:  
 

**GET READY...**  
 Something creative is coming to  
**PAGHAM HARBOUR!**

RSPB PAGHAM HARBOUR  
**MINI QUILT COMPETITION**



**STARTS 21st SEPTEMBER!**  
 Mini quilts. Big inspiration.  
 Celebrate nature, creativity  
 and Pagham Harbour.

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!**

*Keep an eye out... you won't want to miss this!*

## Meon Valley Quilters Exhibition of members' work

Rookesbury Park, Southwick Road  
 Wickham, Hampshire PO17 6HT

**17th & 18th October 2026**

Saturday 17th 10am – 5pm  
 Sunday 18th 10am – 4pm

Admission: £5.00  
 Members and Children: Free

Traders, Raffle, Sales Tables;  
 Books, Bags and Crafts,  
 Refreshments

Free Car Parking

[www.meonvalleyquilters.org.uk](http://www.meonvalleyquilters.org.uk)



## Ridgeway Quilters EXHIBITION OF QUILTS AND TEXTILES

In conjunction with Grove Garden and Local History club

**Saturday 5th September 2026**  
**10am until 4pm**  
**Admission £3**

all profits to the Grove Day Centre for the Elderly  
 Raffle, Sale of items made by Ridgeway Quilters,  
 Trader – Masons of Abingdon



**Grove Day Centre**  
 Next to Old Mill Hall, School Lane, Grove  
 OX12 7LB

Plenty of parking space available  
 For more information please contact 07726594370

## Searchpress discount code

Gill Riordan from Quilters Guild Region 2 has shared with us a discount code that can be used when ordering from Searchpress. This gives you a 20% discount and the more that is ordered the greater the discount that will be awarded in the future.

Have a look on [www.searchpress.com](http://www.searchpress.com) for books on a wide range of art and craft books. Use the discount code **SGSUSSEX** to receive your discount.

## 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.

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](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

## Bourne Quilters Programme 2026

|                      |                              |                  |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>7th September</b> | Pimm's and Strawberries      | In house         |
| <b>5th October</b>   | Hannah's Room                | Batiks           |
| <b>6th October</b>   | Hannah's room workshop       | Bargello         |
| <b>10th October</b>  | Coach trip - Knit and Stitch | Alexandra Palace |
| <b>24th October</b>  | Doughty's                    |                  |
| <b>1st November</b>  | Young Quilters               |                  |
| <b>2nd November</b>  | Sarah Sullivan               | Sylko            |
| <b>7th November</b>  | Christmas Funday             | In house         |
| <b>6th December</b>  | Young Quilters               |                  |
| <b>7th December</b>  | AGM                          | Christmas Party  |

## Bourne Stitches Dates 2026

October 6th 20th

November 3rd 17th

September 8th, 22nd

December 1st, 15th,  
29th tbc