Bourne Quilters Newsletter



November 2026

Greetings from the Chair

Welcome to the November newsletter. I have been away this week in Hull! Doing a workshop with my coverstitch machine – not dressmaking but decorative stitches which was fun. A long way to go but it meant we could do sight seeing and spend a few days away in the motorhome. No fabric shops were found (couldn't shake off Tony!!) but some lovely minster ecclesiastical textiles on show.

Coming up

Monday 2nd November - Jennie Rayment

We have a change of plan for November 2nd 2026. Sara Sullivan is unable to make that date and instead we have Jennie Rayment. Jennie is a local celebrity; a teacher of patchwork, quilting and embroidery, often to be seen on national TV, demonstrating on Sewing Street.

She will bring her talk called 'Tactile Twiddles' and will show us her 'latest collection of stuff and tales of derring-do'

"Anyone interested in any form of needlework will be totally captivated by her deviously ingenious textural designs and can benefit from the wealth of creative ideas arising from her magic manipulations." Jennie's website.

That sounds like a great evening!

Luckily, Sara Sullivan is able to come early in 2027.







Monday 8th December - AGM and Christmas Fun!

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Bourne Quilters AGM and Christmas Party on 8th December. The agenda will be sent out with the December newsletter. 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.
As it is a show year we will be welcoming representatives from the beneficiary charities and drawing the raffle for the beautiful quilts.

Christmas Funday – Saturday 7th November

10am - 4pm Westbourne Hall
Cost - INCLUDING LUNCH £20. What an absolute bargain! where else can you get a day of 'sewciable' sewing and tuition with lunch and refreshments all day included?
There's are a few spaces available on the three workshops below. Sign up for your favourite on Monday or email events@bournequilters.org.uk . See you there!

Folded Fabric Christmas Wreath



Choose 2, 3 or 4 of your favourite Christmas prints to make this lovely Christmas wreath.

With just a little machine stitching to get you started you'll be amazed how the clever folding and hand stitching of triangles produces this festive piece.

No Sew Baubles



Have fun with these no sew baubles. Each one takes about an hour, you should have about 3 at the end of the day. Made from 2.5 inch squares of fabric, you will need 8 squares of colour 1 and 16 each of colours 2 and 3, plus ribbon for the middle (11" x3/4") and a piece (9" narrow) for hanging.

Christmas Cards



How about spending a day being creative with Christmas cards?

These designs are starters for embellishing your own personal greetings cards.







Who remembers the soup dragon on the clangers? The catering is all pretty much sorted but one more soup would be great. So far we have Stilton and Celery; Pumpkin Apple and Ginger; Roast red pepper, tomato and basil. If you have a favourite recipe you would like to make to bring along let me know. Karen 07886796857 or let me know at the Monday meeting. If you have any dietary requirements also please let me know.

Can you make a small cake for the afternoon sign up list at the Monday meeting on 2nd November or let me know.

Looking to the future

Membership Renewal

Membership renewal, at £30, is due on December 1st. It is easier for administration purposes if you can pay though bank transfer or set up a standing order to automatically make the payment on December 1st. The bank account details are :

Sort code 20-69-34

Account 40594628

Account name : Bourne Quilters

Please put "Membership" in the reference field.

Gill will be on the door at both the 2nd November meeting and the AGM on 7th December to take any payments you would like to make, either in cash, with a cheque or by card.

If your name, address or contact details have changed please speak to Gill directly or send an email to members@bournequilters.com with the changes.

We have a waiting list of people who want to join the group so please if you do not want to renew let us know as soon as possible as we would like to be able to offer new people a full year's membership.

Committee Vacancy 2027

Bourne Quilters Committee organises the group on behalf of the members. Chris Barrell has decided that after 10 years on he committee, she is going to stand down in. December. A huge thank you for all that she has contributed over the time as both committee member and Chair. This means we have one vacancy. If you would like to join the committee or would like to know more give me a call on 07886796857 or karen.lillington@btinternet.com or speak to one of the committee.

Please let us know by 1st December if you would like to join us.

Help needed with the newsletter

The newsletter is enjoyed by all our members. Chris has edited this for the last two and a half years but now is time to step down, so we need someone to help with pulling together the articles. If you feel this is something you can help with, please speak to Chris or Karen.

Do I have to be on the committee to do this? This person can be part of the committee or if you feel this is something that you would like to do but don't want to sit on the committee that is also very possible.

Does this person have to write all the articles? No, the articles are largely written by the committee or pulled from speakers' websites, although we are really keen to get contributions from members about places they have visited or quilt shows they have seen. We have a timetable for what workshops and other events need to be included in the newsletter so that also helps organise what is needed.

What are the timescales that the editor must work to? At the moment the deadline for articles is one week before the newsletter is due out (the weekend before the meeting) but this is really for the person doing the newsletter to set. This timescale gives you a week to put the newsletter together.

Do I need special software on my computer? Chris started using Word but for the last 2 years has used Pages on her ipad but there are programmes available that can also be used (and that some of you may have used in other roles/work). You can choose whichever programme and device works for you.

Can I create my own style with the newsletter? Yes definitely it will be yours to take forward. If you want to carry on with how we do it then that's fine but if you have your own ideas then that is good too!

February Workshop - 6th Feb

Mel Lewis - Scrappy Abstract Blooms

We are thrilled that Mel is returning in February for another great workshop. Mel does amazing things with scraps so this is a great opportunity to make a dent in your scrap pile!

Mel Says, “Let’s use those smaller scrap pieces to make abstract flowers. It’s a very organic way of sewing and we are lead by the shapes of our scraps. We’ll organise our scraps in colours and construct beautiful petals. By the end of the workshop you should achieve at least one big bloom or several smaller ones.”

Sign up sheet available at Monday’s meeting.

October Meeting



We were very lucky to have Roxana from Hannah’s Room come and talk to us about batik fabrics. She is often asked about the name of the company and she explained that after her sister Hannah moved out of the family home, her mum took over the space for sewing and thus the business built in that room became, ‘Hannah’s Room’. Over recent years, Roxana has taken over from her mum, and the focus of the business has changed from the big quilts and bags that Mum enjoyed making to the journal quilts and slow stitching that are very popular today. With this love of slow stitching she is very happy that she can now stab things legally.



Underpinning all of this are the beautiful batiks that Hannah’s room stocks. They are committed to working with ethical suppliers to ensure that the products they sell are high quality, responsibly sourced batik fabrics that honour traditional craftsmanship. Roxana described to us how the batiks are produced and passed round some of the tools that are used. Did you know what a tjanting tool was before this? I certainly didn’t. (They are used to drip the wax onto the fabric to form the patterns). Roxana also brought along some of the quilts that can be made using batiks - it’s far more than Bargello quilts.



After a very entertaining talk we were all looking forward to the bargello workshop the following day.





Show and Tell

Looks like Bourne quilters have got their ‘sew jos’ back! This month we were treated to a great variety of makes, large and small, from bags to pictures to full size quilts and clothing, modelled by the makers! Thank you everyone for continuing to inspire us!









Bargello workshop

Now that the intense heat of this year's summer has passed, it was time for BQ members to get down to some serious sewing. Roxana, from Hannah's Room guided us through transforming a jelly roll into a stunning Bargello quilt. Having done our preparation by sewing the jelly roll strips together she talked us through the process of cutting the strips that we needed and joining them together. As if by magic, the ‘bounce’ or ‘wave’ features gradually appeared as our quilts grew. Roxana helped everyone to achieve the look that they were after and by the end of the afternoon, there were a lot of smiley faces as we displayed our hard work. Now all we have to do is finish them off and bring to our next meeting for show and tell. I can’t wait to see them.





Doughty's - Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time last Saturday to help with the Doughty's roadshow! It turned out to be a brilliant day, despite the weather and other difficulties created by the ongoing renovations! I must admit that when I arrived and saw the state of the building I was almost defeated, but, the support and encouragement of the members there meant that we pushed through, managing to find enough tables for Matthew and to set up a makeshift cafe so we could still provide refreshments! Surprisingly, the rain didn't put people off and we had more than a hundred people through the door, eager to buy fabrics and enjoy a chat over drinks and homemade cake. I know that several people really appreciated talking to BQ members about their purchases and appreciated their help in making decisions. So thank you again for making it a successful day all round!! Chris

Monday Night Refreshments

Refreshments at our Monday meetings are provided by a team of 6 members who take turns in groups of 3. This works really well and team members swap among themselves if necessary to make sure you always get your cuppa. In January Margaret will take on the organisation of refreshments and so we really need another person to join this team. If you are interested in getting involved please talk to Chris at the meeting on Monday or email busybarrells@gmail.com

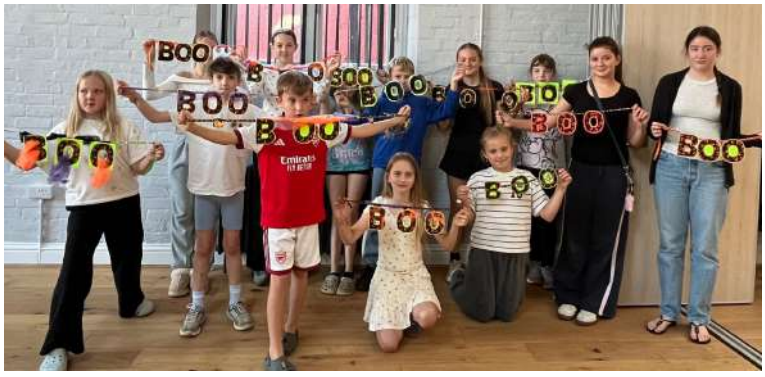
Emsworth Community Centre – Emsworth Art and Craft Collective

Bourne quilters were invited to take a table at the Emsworth Art and Craft Collective event on 31st October 10.00am -2.00pm. We are using this event to promote our raffle quilt and will have on sale the remaining pieces from the quilt show sales table. We will also be promoting Young Quilters. Do come along as there will be lots of tables where local crafters are selling their items – come and do some early Christmas shopping.

NOTE: After this event any items remaining from the sales table will be put out at the November meeting for you to buy or take home (If you made them) and following this meeting we will take the items to the Rowans for them to sell.

Young Quilters

Young Quilters is going well. We are running two sessions a term and the way that the young quilters have developed is just amazing.
Our last session was in preparation for Halloween and we made 'Boo' bunting. Here's some pictures of the finished bunting.



Iron Cleaner

Iron cleaning is always a challenge and no matter how we all try to use non stick roll there can always appear some black marks on the iron. There is the old standard of paracetamol mashed to a paste and this works well but the other day I found this in Lakeland and the beauty of it is that is keeps in a bottle - doesn't dry out – like some of the others and worked well. PS I don't get commission and am just passing this on if you have a need.
180ml £7.99

Other News

Ann Louise and Thistle Wool Shop

Jean, Claire and Kate have made the incredibly difficult decision that it is time to retire from the shop in the new year.
HOWEVER the shop is definitely NOT closing and we have someone who is going to take over the reins and reinvigorate it.
We are extremely grateful for all your custom and support over all these years and look forward to seeing you again before we leave.

Festival of Quilts

Do you fancy visiting the Festival of Quilts next year?
Alice has brought this amazing offer to our attention. A few of our members went on their coach this year and thoroughly recommend it - a stress free way to get to make the most of the show in good company. If you're interested ring Jane on the number below.
Oh, and by the way - Emsworth is the last pick up point!



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 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 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 (90ins/228cms wide) 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

1st November	Young Quilters	
2nd November	Sarah Sullivan	Sylko
7th November	Christmas Funday	In house
6th December	Young Quilters	
7th December	AGM	Christmas Party

Bourne Stitchers Dates 2026

November 3rd 17th

December 1st, 15th, 29th tbc