

Mead Quilter

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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR _____

Dear Quilters

This long hot summer has probably meant that most of us have been trying to keep cool, maybe read more books, and stitch and quilt. Some of you will be off to the Festival of Quilts at Birmingham this month with Mimram Quilters where there will be lots of inspiration available.

In the spirit of international collaboration with quilters abroad, your Committee has decided to have an extra speaker added to our programme this autumn. We were contacted by [Robyn Martin](#), an Australian quilter, who planned to visit the UK this summer and wanted to visit quilt groups to share her skills and discover what we are doing.

Because our evening sessions are all booked, we have arranged for Robyn to come to [our morning meeting Tuesday 2 October](#) and we would like members to bring quilts and other items they have to demonstrate our varied skills. We plan that Robyn will speak at 10 a.m which gives me the opportunity to remind members that we start at [9.45 a.m](#) and not 9.30 a.m as was erroneously put on this year's programme card.

We realise that members who are working may find it difficult to attend this meeting but we

hoped that some of you, with plenty of notice, might be able to change your workday and join us.

Valerie

ADVANCE NEWS OF OUR MORNING MEETING - TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER _____

10 am sharp start! Please see Valerie's letter above.

We will also need a rota for making coffee rather than our usual do-it-yourself coffee.

The following people, we think, have volunteered: Heather Hunt, Jayne and Maureen Storey-Brown. If you did not volunteer, please let Barbie know at the September meeting.

A PLEA FROM A MEMBER _____

I have been asked by a member to remind you all to make and wear a name badge to each meeting, because it is sometimes quite difficult to remember the name of not only newer members but also visitors.

I am probably one of the worst at this - I always intend to wear my badge and have even quite a glitzy lanyard to attach it to but it is not a lot of use if I leave it on the table when I come out!

Hilda

'ALIAS GRACE' QUILT - BLOCK OF THE MONTH _____

Here are the new blocks. We haven't received any photos as yet, although a lot of members say they are intending to do them!!



Fox and Geese



Snake in the Fence

A MESSAGE FROM ELIZABETH_____

Dear Friends at Mead - Thank you so much for all your messages, cards and kind thoughts over the last couple of months; I have so appreciated them. Apologies that I have been unable to do the shop recently as you know this was because of a family bereavement and then a hospital stay whilst I had a hip replacement.

I am on the mend now though and look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Warm wishes and thank you to everyone

Elizabeth

BREAST CUSHIONS FOR CANCER CARE

We are reminded of the continuing need for not only the breast cancer cushions, but also drainage bags and now please add to that quilts for the incubators in the premature baby unit. Quilts are basically 5 blocks by 4 made from 5 inch squares and filled with 2.5oz polyester.

Valerie

GIFT OF A QUILT FROM MARY MAYNE

Stasha will be selling raffle tickets at all meetings between now and the Christmas Party, the prize being a large double bed quilt made by Mary Mayne and donated to the group to be raffled for a cancer charity.

It is partly hand quilted and could easily be divided into two single quilts. Tickets are £1 each

My guess is that we could raise about £150 to £200 (or maybe more!) for the charity.

EMBROIDERY FRAME FOR SALE _____

Barbie has been given a floor standing embroidery frame which will take a piece of work roughly 18 inches x 24 inches, donation secures the sale.

Contributions please,

perhaps about the Festival of Quilts?

to The Editor, Hilda Goddard

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PATCHWORK PEOPLE EXHIBITION AT MILTON KEYNES_____

This was not a large exhibition at this Arts Centre, but despite that it was difficult to find, quite a few members of Mead managed to find it. The exhibition in the Barn showed their recent projects and as they meet four times a year, two of the 2018 challenges which consist of 6 inch squares depicting Spring and Summer were on view. Another challenge worked in groups of four was a bit like Chinese whispers which I have seen at other groups. The main quilts of varying sizes had to be a landscape of anywhere with a Milton Keynes postcode, quite a novel idea. It was a small but interesting exhibition, the biggest problem being how to find your way around Milton Keynes if you are not familiar with it.

Hilda



Poppy waterfall, part of the exhibition at Milton Keynes

BEGINNERS PATCHWORK COURSE_____

'Fashion and Fabrics', on the outskirts of St Albans, is advertising a Beginners' Patchwork course for this autumn so if you know anyone starting out, this may be a good course for them.

There are to be several Saturdays spread through September, October and November.