

Editor's Letter

Dear Members

Well, where did January go? For me it has flown past and I can't believe that I am now looking for articles for the February newsletter and high on the lists of priorities is the need to find a Chairperson before the AGM to take us forward for the next year.

Allied to this is our PR exercise at the LIVING CRAFTS exhibition at Hatfield House taking place annually in May, and for this we will need a good exhibition of quilts and small items to give the public an idea of what we do in addition to the fun and friendship of being part of a group.

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TEA ROTA

February 2018 = Alison King, Debbie Crow and Angela Lysandrou

March 2018 = Sue Jones, Maureen Chalk and Irene Heathcote

April 2018 = Jennifer Shields, Melanie Featherstone and Jane Storrar

FEBRUARY MEETING

Will be a workshop run by Linda Noon for a concertina thread pot. Please remember to bring your sewing kit.

If you wish to take part please let Linda have a 12-inch square of fabric with your name on so that she can prepare it in advance. Otherwise bring your own sewing to do.

TEXTILES EAST FAIR

Swavesey, near Cambridge on 16 – 17 February.

This is an annual event with a number of textile artists and suppliers available to cater for your every need. If you visit - please let other members of the group know your thoughts about this event.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Please remember that the support for our hospitals with the supply of heart shaped cushions is an on-going commitment, since they cannot be recycled and so we need to ensure that we supply on a regular basis.

If you cannot make a cushion, please donate a fat quarter for someone else to do the making.

OFFERS OF QUILT RELATED ITEMS AND FABRIC

... for the Mead Sales table. Elizabeth is happy to collect any of the above from members or friends who no longer quilt or who have no further use for quilting items.

MEAD A.G.M.

Could questions to the Committee for the AGM be sent or given in writing to Committee Members by the March Meeting, please

KNITTING AND STITCHING SHOW

Olympia, from 1-4 March 2018

MEAD WEEKEND AWAY

On Friday 3rd February 24 members of the group decamped to a Hotel at Denham for a weekend of fun and sewing.

Alison King reports:

“As a first time at Mead Quilters' Away Weekend I wasn't quite sure what to expect.

Well, what a fun weekend we had. It was such a tonic to be able to sit and sew from morning 'til night with like minded people (and knowing that the next meal was being made by someone else) and to get to know fellow members of the group in a way that our monthly meetings don't allow for.

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There is such a lot of talent and generosity of spirit hiding in the group. To see it close up was a real pleasure and to watch beautiful quilts emerging from piles of yardage and patches was inspiring.

We have probably all come home a few pounds heavier having indulged in three substantial meals each day but all that talking and sewing needs fuelling - well that's my excuse, believe it if you like!

Elizabeth and her able accomplice, her sister Gail, kept us entertained with games and banter and Elizabeth skilfully persuaded us to part with our money by drip feeding new packages of fabric onto her sales table at regular intervals, accompanied by cries of "Ooh, look at that!" We all came home with lovely gifts too, together with tote bags and new fat quarters.

The whole experience was so enjoyable that I have already signed up for next year.

Grateful thanks should go to Elizabeth for masterminding the whole event, to Caroline Ellis for sorting out the booking and finances and to Valerie Pollington for keeping us all in order!"

It has since been reported that Jo Day fell and broke her arm, I'm sure you all wish to join with me in offering her our commiserations and best wishes for a speedy recovery.



Linda Noon



Irene Heathcote



Jennette Bowers



The newbies at the Weekend Away

If you have information to be included in the Mead Newsletter, please pass it to HILDA GODDARD or send it to hildargoddard@outlook.com