

THANET QUILTERS

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QUILTS FOR LONDON PENNANTS - it's so easy!!

www.quilts4london.org.uk

I was with Kathy Northcut a couple of weeks ago when she showed me some Pennants her group had made for the Quilts4London project. They were really inspirational. The 2012 Olympic games initiative wants 14,000 pennants to donate to each Olympic and Para-Olympic athlete.

If you go to the above website, the details of how to make the pennant are all there— so why not have ago? You are free to embellish it in any way, any fabric any colour any design as long as you stick to the measurements. Make one on behalf of your group or make one yourself. Click on "How To Make One" at the above website and follow the very simple instructions. You never know your pennant may end up the other side of the world belonging to a gold medal winner!! You are asked to put your name and/or group details on the back and competitors will be encouraged to write and thank you! Please read the list of dos and don'ts and the pennant should not measure more than 12"x16". Details of where to send the pennants are given and the closing date is the end of December 2011 – so plenty of time to design and make something really special. And of course photographs of the most outstanding will go on our website!!

Kay Horne

RAZZLE DAZZLE QUILTS IN FRANCE

An email from Pam Beeston reports on the exhibition from Viville in France:

The quilts looked splendid and caught the attention of all the visitors. We had plenty of visitors on the Saturday and they came back on the Sunday for another look! It was a great exhibition and Jane Rollason worked hard to make it one of the most professional in this area of France. People were amazed that a village of only 150 inhabitants could do something so spectacular. I am sure you will be hearing from Jane anyway. Give my regards to everyone at Thanet Quilters.

Look on the News page of our website www.thanetquilters.org.uk for a photograph of the exhibition and quilts.

HARROGATE TRIP

Thanks to Shirley Gibbons, once again, for a well-organised and most enjoyable trip to Harrogate. A lunch break at Stamford found us in a very interesting Georgian town with lots of history – would love to go back. On arrival in Harrogate we found the hotel to be very comfortable and the food excellent. We spent most of the next day at the Quilt show. There were some excellent quilts on display including some inspired by a block Terrance Gilbert had designed and sponsored by Fabrication Magazine. Towards the end of the afternoon a couple of us hopped on a local bus, bus passes at the ready! and hurried back to town for tea at Betty's the famous tea rooms in Harrogate. A real treat - the "Fat Rascals", their famous fruit scones, were excellent! We enjoyed it so much we went back for coffee on Sunday morning before

getting the coach back to Thanet, arriving tired but agreeing it was an excellent way to spend the weekend.
KH

CHILFORD TRIP in November

Shirley is organising a trip to Chilford Quilt show – always a favourite – on Sunday 7th November – see or call her for details 01843 843344 or email her at : shirleyvgibbons@g.mail.com

CHRISTMAS FAYRE TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER

This Fayre goes from strength to strength and I am already being asked about bookings so if you want to take part please book your selling table well in advance to avoid disappointment. Once again we are waiving the entrance fee and Christmas refreshments will be free too. And of course there will be a bumper Raffle! Call Jan Solomon or me to book your table – SOON. KH

THANET QUILTERS CHRISTMAS TREE AT ST.GEORGES

As you know we take part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St.Georges Church in Ramsgate. Angela our newsletter supremo has kindly volunteered to place the tree, supplied by the church this year, and dress it. She would like to someone who lives in Ramsgate to give her a hand. If you can help by sparing one hour on an afternoon during the week before Christmas please give her a call! (224524) Thanks KH

WELL DONE TERRANCE – AGAIN!

We all know Terrance is good at fund raising but he excelled himself recently at his Macmillan Big Coffee Morning. He raised £294 for this very worthwhile cause, and sold quilts to the value of £185 for the Helping Hands project, to purchase much needed wadding for new quilts.

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Group Visits by Arrangement

LINUS UPDATE

Ann Fordham is taking a well-earned rest from being local Linus coordinator. Sandra Anderson has taken over. She lives in Herne Bay and here phone number is 01227 375429 or email: sandraanderson11@btinternet.com. Sandra is happy to take quilts made for Linus or to answer any queries you may have. We wish her all the very best and thank Ann for all her hard work in bringing Linus to our notice at Thanet Quilters.

STITCHES AND STEMS EXHIBITION

This exhibition will take place at the Birchington Centre **on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th of June 2011, setting up on Friday the 10th**. There has been a wonderful response to my request for contributors; I have over twenty quilters who have committed to making either Sun Sea and Sand or East Meets West. As with the last exhibition those entering quilts will be asked to attend the centre where they will be allocated a stand and space to hang their quilt, so it is important that you put these dates in your diary if you



HARROGATE – Here we come!!

are taking part. If you have any queries about the exhibition please call me but I would like to know how you are all getting on – I am still at the planning stage! I will be contacting you all just after Christmas for an up-date and for fabric swatches and/or photographs to send to the ladies at Margate Floral Society. Thanks again for your support – KH

VOLUNTEER PLEASE

Jan Solomon has been our programme secretary for several years and she has done an excellent job but now wants a break. So we are looking for someone to replace her – she will be staying on the committee but wants to pass on the job. She is willing to help anyone who is keen to step forward and take over this interesting job and at the same time, if you can spare an hour or two four times a year, become a committee member. Since initiating our Christmas Fayre and devoting our March meeting to corners you will need to find only two speakers each year, one for the June meeting and one for the October meeting. Please speak to me or Jan Solomon if you fancy doing this job – we would be very grateful for your help!

THANET QUILTERS WORKSHOP DAY **Acol Village Hall** **Saturday 30th October**

Our first workshop day was such a success we are going to repeat it. Projects you can try are:

Bondweb and beyond. Decorating a Tee Shirt or Blouse in a colour scheme of your choice using Bondaweb and interesting fabric from your scrap bag. We will have time to embellish too with some hand or machine stitching.

Small Purse using glitzy and brightly coloured fabrics to create a useful little purse to hold vouchers or photographs to give away at Christmas

Quick Make Handbag using bought handles. This little bag would make an excellent Christmas Gift and is easy to make from two fat quarters, some wadding and lining.

DIARY OF EVENTS

- 5th October 2010 **Thanet & District Quilters**
Quarterly Meeting Church House, Kent Close, Birchington.
Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30 start
Speaker - Carolyn Forster
Hostess – Needles and Pins
Trader – Fabric Fairy
- 23rd October **Herne Bay Quilt and Craft Group**
“Past and Present” Exhibition
The Little Theatre
Bullers Avenue
Herne Bay
CT6 8UH
10 am – 4 pm
Raffle
- 30th October **Thanet Quilters workshop**
Acol Village Hall
- 7th November **Chilford Autumn Show**
Coach trip organised by Shirley Gibbons 01843 843344
Pick-up points: Birchington Square 8.20 am
 Old School, Minster 8 30 am
 Sainsbury’s car park Whitstable 8.45 am
- 13th November **Abbey Patchers Craft Fayre**
Old Shools, Minster
9 am – 1 pm
- 7th December **Thanet & District Quilters Christmas Fayre**
Church House, Kent Close, Birchington.
Doors open at 7.00 pm.
Hostess – Committee
- 4th December **Oast Quilters**

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Editor’s Note: Please let me have any items for the next Newsletter by February 22nd 2011