

THANET AND DISTRICT QUILTERS

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WELCOME TO THE THANET AND DISTRICT QUILTERS WEBSITE!

We are well on the way to launching a website for Thanet and District Quilters. To make the website worth visiting we are aiming to make it as interesting as possible so if you think of something we should include please let me know. Here is a rundown of what we are thinking of including:

We are designing a page for each local group, using information supplied by them such as history of the group, activities, meeting place etc.

We will have an album page of quilts. Photographs of quilts by individual members, group efforts, charity quilts, quilts that have been on exhibition or won prizes or just a quilt you think everyone would like to see, send me a photograph (or computer CD) with a brief description of when, what, how and why the quilt was produced and it will appear on the album page.

Diary page of events such as forthcoming exhibitions local and national, meetings etc. similar to the back page of the newsletter.

A newsletter page where you will find an edition of the current and previous newsletters, so if you don't pick one up at the meeting all is not lost, look at it on our web page!

A page of recommended workshops, so if you or your group attended a workshop you have especially enjoyed please let us know. This page may include details of forthcoming workshops and available spaces if you send us the information!

A library page giving details of latest books we have bought or you may like to recommend.

A Helping Hands Page detailing our "get together days" organised by Terrance Gilbert.

A charity quilt page showing our latest charity initiative including the block pattern, so that you can print your own copy. It will include details of colour ways and construction and photographs of previous charity quilts.

Of course, much of the above depends on receiving the information, so that's where you come in. The website will need to be updated regularly so we need to hear from you regularly as to what is going on in your group. It may be a good idea to appoint someone in your group to do this. To get the updated info on the website requires a very special person called the Webmaster. This person will need to have the website installed on the hard disk of their computer and be able to send updated information to the server. A special programme will be provided and installed and full instruction given. I am reliably informed that the process of updating the website isn't nearly so difficult as it sounds! If you would like to help us and be our Webmaster please call me within the next couple of weeks. If you have some interesting information you think should be included on the website please get in touch by email or phone. Thanks for your help!

Kay Horne

!!!! ATTENTION !!!!

As we no longer have Public Liability Insurance, please ensure that you keep yourself safe while you are at Church House

"HELPING HANDS" AT GARLINGE- September 9th 2006

A big "thank you" to everyone who came along and joined in the "Helping Hands" Day at Garlinge. We have eight completed quilts to give to the Oasis Project. Each one is quite different, even though they are based on the same design.

The day was fun - although a little chaotic. (I forgot to bring along the worksheets!). But the results are very nice. Good food, good company and a worthwhile cause.... the best way to spend a day.

I am in the process of planning another day in January. We shall make quilts for the Fostering Network, working on my own quick method for "Martha Washington Star". So, if you'd like to join in, please set aside Saturday January 13th in your diary. **See page 3 for details.**

Again, thank you for your generous support. The money raised has been spent on a 50-metre roll of wadding for future "Helping Hands" projects.

Il fait bon ici!

Terrance Gilbert

RETREATS

In July I spent a weekend at Belstead House, Ipswich with Shirley Broomfield whose speciality is appliqué. One had a choice of projects but I chose to do a simple pattern of Shirley's called "apples and pears". Shirley is a wonderful tutor, patient, attentive; she needed to be with me as her student.

I returned to Belstead House in August to Summer School, the tutor this time being Kim Shaw. The project for the week was landscapes, bags, or your own project. I chose to make bags as I had a few kits to make up, bought at the quilt shows like we do on impulse. Well it took half the week to work out the instructions (An Ikea flat pack is an easier task) so if anyone sees me purchasing a bag kit please slap my hands. Many innovative projects weremade by students during the week,

painting fabric which was then made into wall hangings, log cabin quilt, making of boxes and many more. A wonderful week and a few pounds heavier.

In September I spent a weekend at Grafham Water, Huntingdon. The tutor again being Kim Shaw. There I met up with a few ladies who were on the Amish Tour to Philadelphia in April of this year to reminisce. Again Kim had a project organized or to do your own. I started a quilt top, the pattern and material bought in America and called spinning stars, not many stars were made, but more chatting, a lovely weekend.

I must now start stocking up the freezer again with ready meals for my husband ready for my next retreat.

Jan Solomon

NEWS FROM ABBEY PATCHERS

Abbey Patchers raised £500 for the Cancer Care Appeal this year as their chosen charity. Maureen Jones from the Appeal came to collect the cheque on Thursday 10th August. This was raised at two Craft Fairs: in October 2005 we had a tombola and in July 2006, there were stalls for cakes, preserves, cushions, materials and magazine stalls of which all the money went to the final amount. Thanks to everyone for all your hard work making all the cushions and everything.

Abbey Patchers will be holding a three-day Quilt Exhibition next year at the end of May. A quilt will be raffled for 2007's charity, which has yet to be decided.

Tina Parker

UPDATE ON CANCER CARE APPEAL CHARITY QUILTS

Maureen Jones tells me that she has auctioned two of the four quilts we presented to her in March and has raised the princely sum of £475. She is going to raffle the other two quilts in the next couple of months and will let us know how much the raise.

DON'T FORGET TO HAND IN YOUR VOTE FOR THE NEXT CHARITY QUILT PROJECT. THERE IS A BALLOT BOX ON THE LIBRARY TABLE. BACK TO NORMANDY

I've been to Normandy again, to another workshop in Ancteville near Coutances. The tutor, Anne Riches, is an ex C and G tutor from Hampshire who spends part of the year at her beautiful French house "La Martiniere" where she has a workshop and gites. (See her advert in the autumn edition of The Quilter or see www.normandytextileworkshop.co.uk). The workshop my friend Jan and I attended appealed to me. I had done some monoprinting at college and really enjoyed it but the workshop promised some screen-printing too, which I have always wanted to try. We were going to try printing direct onto fabric to produce a wall hanging.

The weather was perfect as we drove from the Dordogne to Normandy, staying at various campsites and taking advantage of an invitation to stay on the drive of a friend's fantastic house at La Trinite. Once at Ancteville we had arranged to stay on a small campsite within walking distance of "La Martiniere" deep in the Normandy countryside. An English couple own the campsite and acquired it by default. Apparently when they signed the papers for the purchase of their Normandy farmhouse it was only then they realised the purchase included a field attached to their garden. Being keen caravanners they decided to run the field as a small campsite. What luck!

The workshop started with us making negative images in paper laid onto a paint covered glass plate. We laid some calico over the glass plate and used a roller to transfer the image onto the calico - wonderful stuff. Then we tried screen-printing. A bit more complicated to explain here but great fun, especially choosing the colours and images to transfer to fabric. Over the next few days I produced three small wall hangings with an architectural theme. We made good progress because it was very hot and the acrylic paint and inks we were using were drying almost as we used them. I couldn't wait to get home and finish the hangings by sewing into them. Fortunately a week

after my return from France I had booked a week's summer school at Belstead near Ipswich so took the opportunity to finish the hangings while I was there. Just to walk into Anne's workshop area makes my fingers tingle to try something new. A holiday in France is just not the same without a visit to "La Martiniere" to look forward to!

Kay Horne

ABBEY PATCHERS CRAFT FAIR

Old Schools
Minster
Ramsgate
November 11th 9 - 2
Gifts, preserves and much more
Free Admission

HELPING HANDS QUILT PROJECT

We shall be having a Helping Hands Quilt Day on **Saturday, 13th January 2007** at The Parish Hall, Dover Road, Walmer* from 10am 'til 4pm. The fee for the day is £3, which covers the cost of hire of the hall and includes tea, coffee and cakes and soup and rolls at lunchtime.

We shall divide into groups of four to six people to work as a team to make Martha Washington Star quilts. Worksheets and tuition will be available, so it's a great opportunity to learn this technique if you haven't tried it before. When finished, the quilts will be given to a very worthwhile charity, the Fostering Network.

Please bring your usual sewing things and cutting mats, etc. Not everyone need bring a sewing machine. All fabrics will be provided.

For more details and to book a place, please telephone Terrance Gilbert on 01304 367220.

* Walmer Parish Hall is on the A258 Dover Road, close to its junction with Salisbury Road and Granville Road and next door to the large petrol station.

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DIARY OF EVENTS

11th Nov 2006

Abbey Patchers Craft Fair

The Old Schools, Church Street, Minster, Nr Ramsgate
9am - 3pm

10th - 12th Nov

The Chilford Autumn Quilt Show, Linton, Cambridge

2nd Dec

Oast Quilters, St Anslems School, Old Dover Road, Canterbury.
A.G.M.
Doors open 2pm.

4th Nov – 6th Dec

Exhibition

"Two of a kind -- exhibition of stitched and quilted textiles"
by Mavis and Marion Haslam
Hall Place, Bexley.
10am – 4pm Admission free.

14th Feb 2007

To be confirmed

Thanet & District Quilters

Committee Meeting
2 Cross Road, Birchington 7.30pm
Anyone is welcome to attend.

6th March

Thanet & District Quilters

Triannual Meeting
Church House, Kent Close, Birchington.
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.
"Corners"
Door prize 6" square cotton fabric.
Hostess - **Dandelyon**

Editor's Note: Please let me have any items for the next Newsletter by **Feb 20th 2007**