



## THANET AND DISTRICT QUILTERS

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### EDITORIAL - CHARITY QUILT NEWS

I hope you were all pleased with the article and photograph that appeared in a recent issue of Popular Patchwork showing our Oasis Quilts. It's always good for your efforts to be recognised in print. I have also sent an article to the local paper with a photo and hope they publish too. You will see from the letter from Oasis that they were overwhelmed with the baby quilts. I was particularly touched to receive a card in December made by the children being given refuge at Oasis at Christmas time. The card included a message to all of you who contributed to the quilts, thanking you for thinking of them.

Bearing in mind the number of red and white blocks I have already been given so far (I think at the last count it was well over 50), and adding those that I receive this evening, I have a feeling that this is going to be a bumper year for our charity quilt initiative. This will mean we will probably be able to make several double quilts to give to the Cancer Care Appeal at QEQUH. But we can't do this without your help. Terrance Gilbert has most kindly offered to take all the blocks home this evening and put together a double quilt top for us to complete on the following Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH when we will be celebrating National Quilting Day. You are invited to come along to St James' Church Hall, Garlinge on that day to help us in any way you can. Bring your sewing machine, cutting board etc. if you can manage it. It will be a special day and I would like as many as possible of you to be there. I realise that weekends can be a busy time, especially if you are working, but even if you drop by for an hour or so we would love to see you. Come along around lunchtime and for £2 a head you can have a lunch of fresh soup (made by Terrance) and French bread. Afternoon tea will be served with homemade cakes!! We will be having a raffle and generally making a day of it. By the end of the afternoon we hope to have finished one quilt and have at least another on its way.

Don't forget to sign the blocks book on the Library Table so that we can keep track of how many blocks we receive for each charity quilt.

Kay Horne

### GOODBYE TO ALEX AND GOOD LUCK IN FRANCE

I can hardly believe that Alex is leaving us. She will be missed so much, not only by her Quex Group friends but by all Committee members past and present. She has so willingly thrown open the door of her sitting room for every Committee meeting but not only that, she kept us supplied with tea, coffee, biscuits and wine too on many occasions. On a personal

Level I miss her common sense approach to committee matters, her support and friendship, although I have to say she also has a subtle degree of guile. I had only known her a few months and was very new to quilting when she persuaded me to step into the breach and become Chairperson of Thanet and District Quilters. It was so subtle I hardly noticed she had done it - and I have been there ever since! It goes without saying Alex that we all wish you a very happy life in France. We will miss you so much but hope you will keep in touch with us from time to time and of course we will be sending you a copy of the newsletter just to show you what you are missing! Safe journey and our very fondest best wishes to you and John for your future life in France.

Kay Horne

## LETTER FROM OASIS

Dear Mrs Horn

We would like to say thank you to Thanet Quilters for your generous donation of the beautiful quilts that you gave to us. Your kindness and hard work is much appreciated by all here at Oasis.

Kindest regards

Christina (on behalf of Oasis)

## BURSARY NEWS

Having read our offer of a bursary in the last newsletter Margarite, who attends Abbey Patchers, asked if she could be funded to attend a workshop at Jems in Canterbury. I was so pleased to hear from her and readily agreed that she should go ahead and book a workshop of her choice. I managed to catch up with her recently since she had been away in

Holland seeing her mother. She told me what a good day she had had being shown edges and finishes on cushions, the techniques easy to use on finishing quilts etc. To her surprise when she got to Jems on the appointed day she found she was the only one attending the workshop and ended up going to lunch with the tutor! That's what I call value for money, getting the undivided attention of the teacher! She will be telling us all about her day at the June meeting.

Kay Horne

## QUILTS FOR PRISON BABIES

We have had a letter from the Co-ordinator at the Volunteer Bureau in Canterbury who has been arranging the handover of quilts for babies in prison. Her letter implies that these quilts will no longer be needed. If you or your group have been making quilts for babies in prison you will have to direct them to another deserving cause. Please contact me for further clarification.

Kay Horne

## JUNIOR QUILTING CLUB

I have received only one enquiry about forming this club (see last newsletter). If you are interested please see me or Teresa at the Library Table.

Kay Horne

## WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER PUBLISHING THE NEWSLETTER - CAN YOU HELP?

Alex has been producing the newsletter for as long as I can remember. But now she is leaving us we need someone to take it over. Have you got a desk-top publishing

software to try out? Or even a simple word processor. If you have and you think you can help us please come and see me or contact me on 823849. We need someone to take over the newsletter within the next month or so. It's not such a great responsibility, only three times a year, but it does keep us all in touch with what's happening quilting-wise in our area and further afield.

.....and a BIG THANK YOU to Annette for kindly agreeing to take over the raffle table. Please show your appreciation by buying lots of tickets!!

## EXHIBITION NEWS

Tina Parker tells me that due to ongoing architectural and archaeological work at Minster Church she will not be holding her usual quilt show in September. However she hopes work will be completed during 2007 so that she can plan a quilt show for that year.

**ABBEY PATCHERS** are having a summer craft fair in the Old Schools Hall Minster on 1<sup>st</sup> July this year. Open from 10 - 4 the fair will have lots of different stalls selling craft goodies as well as several stalls set aside for raising funds for their chosen charity this year, which is the QEQM Hospital Cancer Centre. Please make a note of this in your diary and go along and support this excellent cause.

**VIKING QUILTERS SUMMER QUILT EXHIBITION** on 10-11<sup>th</sup> June at Manston Village Hall, Preston Road, Manston nr Ramsgate, Kent. Saturday 10-5; Sunday 11-4. Admission £1, children 50p. Traders, demonstrations, sales table, refreshments, charity quilt

raffle, disabled access. Contact Kay Horne 01843 23849 or [shudy@talk21.com](mailto:shudy@talk21.com)

## IT'S GOODBYE FROM HER.....AND GOODBYE FROM HER!

As Kay mentioned earlier I'm off to the wilds of France in May (hopefully). Having spent holidays there for many years and encouraged and seen relatives and friends move over we thought we'd do the same and have bought a house in Normandy just north of Rouen.

I shall desperately miss all my friends from Quex and Dandelyons and of course many others. They have kept me sane over the years and I love them all dearly. I have discovered there is a quilting group near to where we shall be living so I may be brave and join - it will probably be the best way to improve my French! My husband is horrified at the amount of fabric etc. I am taking with me, but I keep telling him I won't have to buy any more!

Thanet and District Quilters has had its share of ups and downs over the years but I am so glad that it seems to be pretty stable now. Long may you all continue and keep producing those wonderful quilts we see at the Show and Tell.

Au revoir, and a bientôt! (see you soon)  
**Alex La Croix**

## SMARTFROG

Wonderful fabrics including Oakshott, Timeless Treasures, Red Rooster and Diane Richmond. Also waddings, calico, sheeting, threads, blades etc. Quilt labels available to order. Quilt designs.

Contact Alison on 01843 601726

# DIARY OF EVENTS

7<sup>th</sup> Mar

## *Thanet and District Quilters*

Church House, Birchington. 7.30 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m.

Speaker: Charity Representative

Activity: Corners

Door Prize: 9" square of yellow fabric, plain or patterned

Hostesses: Needles and Pins

10<sup>th</sup> Mar

## *National Quilting Day (brought forward!)*

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

St James' Church Hall, Canterbury Road, Garlinge

£2 for lunch if required (see Editorial)

10<sup>th</sup> May

## *Committee Meeting - Thanet and District Quilters*

Venue: 2 Cross Road, Birchington (Shirley Gibbons) Tel: 843344

7.30 p

20<sup>th</sup> May

## *Oast Quilters*

St Anselm's School, Old Dover Road, Canterbury. Doors open 2 p.m.

Speaker: Janet Cook - "What mosaics have taught me"

Traders, refreshments, Show and Tell

Entrance: £1 members; £2 visitors

6<sup>th</sup> June

## *Thanet and District Quilters*

Church House, Birchington. 7.30 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m.

Speaker: Jan Williams - "You don't have to be an expert quilter to belong. . ."

Door Prize: 9" square of red fabric, plain or patterned

Hostesses: Abbey Patchers

10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June

## *Viking Quilters Summer Exhibition*

Manston Village Hall, Preston Road, Manston, nr Ramsgate

Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 11 - 4

Admission £1. Children 50p. (see Exhibition News)

1<sup>st</sup> July

## *Abbey Patchers Summer Craft Fair*

Old Schools Hall, Minster. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (See Exhibition News)

22<sup>nd</sup> July

## *Oast Quilters*

St Anselm's School, Old Dover Road, Canterbury. Doors open 2 p.m.

Speaker: Ineke Berlyn - "Talking Double Dutch"

Traders, refreshments, Show and Tell

Entrance: £1 members; £2 visitors

**Editor's Note:** Please send any items for the next Newsletter to Kay Horne, "Lantern Cottage", 153A Monkton Street, Monkton, nr Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JJ by 10<sup>th</sup> May.