

# THANET AND DISTRICT QUILTERS

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## PUT YOUR THINKING CAPS ON!

At the last committee meeting we agreed that we should seek ideas for the next charity block and colour suggestions from you the members. A block you think we could all do, not too difficult please! We are looking for a finished block size of 10" (that's a ten and a half inch square block unfinished!). We think this size will be quick to put together. Please put your thinking caps on. Send your ideas to me by snail mail or via email before the next committee meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> September.

On the subject of charity blocks, unfortunately many of the blocks we received last time could not be used. The main problem was size, ranging from 4" to 7" when the requirement was for a six and half inch block. And quarter inch seams were few and far between! I would rather receive one correct block than six incorrect ones. It takes time to sort them out anyway, let alone trying to resize them. And of course it is a waste of your time, effort and fabric. I have the feeling that some people leave it to the last moment to produce their blocks and they rush it. I say this because many blocks arrived in my post-box with just a few days to spare. Remember they should be available to hand in at the March meeting. We may have to say in future that any that arriving after this meeting cannot be included!

## FABRICATION QUILT

Nine members have now shown interest in participating in the Fabrication wall hanging/quilt. You will recall that when Sylvia Critcher came to see us she was so impressed with the quality of the work at the show and tell that she invited us to make a series of themed quilts/wall hangings. These would appear in Fabrication and then go on exhibition around the country as work by Thanet and District Quilters. The first meeting to discuss the theme will take place sometime in August. The venue of the meeting will probably be a corner of where one of the evening groups meets. Those interested will be notified of time and place and be invited to come along and give their ideas. If you want to join us in this project please call me!

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The Committee have discussed the possibility of reintroducing the fourth meeting, so we would have four meetings a year instead of three. A time frame has to be worked out but essentially this meeting would be a "trader" evening and a big show and tell. Traders would be invited, say three or four, and groups would be invited to have their own sales table. The library, refreshments etc would be as usual and entrance fee will be reduced too! If you think this is a good idea and would like to make other suggestions for inclusion in the evening's activities

please call me or one of the committee members.

#### OUR WEBSITE

The website is going from strength to strength. I found a delightful email from Johanna Dickson of Hearty Quilters of Maidstone. She found us through [thequiltingweb.com](http://thequiltingweb.com). and congratulated us on our site – she was really impressed. We exchanged information about quilt shows, Tina Parker's at Minster and Johanna's is in Maidstone on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July. Viking Quilters and Abbey Patchers have both found new members through the website - looking for local groups to join - they searched the world wide web and found just what they were looking for!! A lady from Australia turned up at Terrance Gilbert's Helping Hands Day on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. Apparently she is visiting locally and being a quilter looked on the web for local quilting events, found our website and looked on our events page.

We have introduced a new service to the website, called the Bulletin Board - details elsewhere in this newsletter. I have placed on the bulletin board an invitation to car share with those wanting to go to the Maidstone quilt show. So please reply on the board with your phone number if you are interested in car sharing from Thanet or call me and I will co-ordinate passengers and cars.

Finally I have a busy summer ahead, I am off to Normandy again this year to my favourite workshop venue, and I am hoping to visit Alex La Croix on the way. When I return, I shall be busy with our City and Guilds exhibition in the Chapter House at Canterbury Cathedral. I do hope some of you can come. Then I am off to Belstead again, followed by the National Quilt Exhibition at the NEC. To round off I shall be going with Angela and Margaret to America for an Amish Tour which we are really looking forward to. So plenty to tell you about in the next newsletter. Have a good summer!

**Kay Horne**

#### HELPING HANDS QUILT PROJECT – May 19<sup>th</sup> 2007

When I booked the hall for this day, I didn't realise that it clashed with so many things, and I am sorry that so many of you couldn't manage to come. We were a small, happy band of workers and finished six quilts. As always, we had soup at lunchtime and later on, Date and Walnut cake for tea.

I must give a special thanks to Judi Kirk and also another lady (whose name I don't know). Both gave me very generous amounts of fabrics which we used. The completed quilts will be given to the Fostering Network in June, and forwarded to children and teenagers in care.

My plan is to have another day in November - but this time I shall carefully check dates before I begin planning!

Thank you to everyone who came and supported me – the quilts are always loved by the kids who receive them.

**Terrence Gilbert**

#### NEW ADDITION TO OUR WEBSITE

We now have a Bulletin Board on the website - a great place to let everyone else have your thoughts on quilting and patchwork. Or you may have an event you want to tell people about. Or you have been to a workshop you want to praise! How about advertising that unwanted sewing machine? It's free, and easy to use. Find it on the left side of the home page! Try it!

#### NATIONAL QUILTING DAY AT MANSTON

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated National Quilting Day, and had a happy day at Manston Village Hall. Half of us worked on the group charity quilt which will be presented to the local representative of Diabetes UK. Terrance had joined the blocks up and added the borders so we used buttons on the centre of the quilt and quilted the borders. Kay took the quilt home with her to complete.

The others worked with Terrance to make small colour wash baby quilts for

the Babies in Prison scheme. We hope the have two dozen quilts to hand over at our October meeting.

**OUTING WITH A DIFFERENCE  
SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

We are proposing a trip to Wickham Market, the home of Quilters Haven and hope that members of various groups plus of course any other visitors would be interested in coming. QH ensure that we would be kept busy all day and sent off with lots of knowledge and a gift. There is also a selection of demonstrations from over 40 topics. QH do not charge for the day so the only cost would be the coach. Since we have had no response to our "You Say we Pay" appeal this cost may be subsidized. Details of cost and times at a later date but if you are interested please call Shirley Gibbons on 01843 843344 as soon as possible to book your place.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The library table made £25 at the last meeting. Today, there will videos for sale, as they are to be replaced by DVDs.

**EXHIBITION – 'TEXTILE ART'**

**3rd - 7th July 2007**

City & Guilds Design and Crafts students will be exhibiting their work in the Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral.

Open 10.00am - 4.00pm  
The usual Cathedral admission charges will apply.

For further information call Barbara Inchley on 01843 847705 or [e-mail  
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**SMARTFROG**

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**PATCHWORK AND QUILTING**

Fabrics :Robert Kauffma; Marcus Brothers;  
Michael Oakshott etc

Calico -Hand dyed fabrics - Threads -  
Waddings  
Cotton & polyester – Embellishments

**Long Arm Quilting Service  
Available Soon**

Group Visits by Arrangement

**REMINDER - Project Linus**

***Festival of Quilts 16-19<sup>th</sup> August 2007***

Our theme this year is "Alphabet  
Animals" and the Noah's Ark.

We are inviting you to take part by making a six and a half inch square block (16.5 cms) with an animal on it and its corresponding letter (e.g. a lion with an "L" ) OR a same size square of animal patterned fabric – again with the appropriate letter. *Fabric must be pre-washed and from a non-smoking environment. Finished blocks must have no embellishments such as buttons, beads or long threads etc on them.* These blocks will then be put together to make quilts for children and teenagers who are seriously ill or suffering trauma in their young lives. Either POST your finished block to me :- Ann Fordham, President Project Linus UK, 19 Boystown Place, Eastry, Sandwich, Kent CT13 0DS .....OR bring it along to our stand at the NEC.

**!!!! STOP PRESS !!!!**

Congratulations to Tina Parker and her team of helpers for yet another wonderful quilt exhibition. It gets better and better and the rainy weekend didn't appear to put off the visitors. As for the quilts – well they were wonderful!

## Diary of Events

- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June** National Quilt Championships.  
Sandown Park Racecourse  
10am – 5pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July** Textile Art Exhibition.  
City & Guilds Design & Crafts Students.  
Chapter House Canterbury Cathedral  
10am – 4pm  
Usual Cathedral admission charges apply
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July** Quay Quilters Exhibition  
Alexander Centre, Preston Street, Faversham  
Wed. 10am – 5pm and 6pm – 9pm  
Thursday/Friday 10am – 4.30pm  
Free admission
- 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> July** Oast Quilters  
St Anselm's School, Old Dover Road, Canterbury  
Doors open 2pm  
Speaker – Patricia McLaughlin
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July** Maidstone Quilt Show  
St Nicholas Church Hall, Poplar Grove, Allington, Maidstone ME17 0DE  
10am – 4pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August** The Festival of Quilts  
NEC Birmingham
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August** Dragonfly Quilters Exhibition  
St Georges Church Hall, High Street. Deal  
Sat. 10am – 5pm  
Sun. 2pm – 4pm  
Mon. 10am – 4pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> September** Oast Quilters Open day  
St Anselm's School, Old Dover Road, Canterbury.  
Speakers – Mandy Shaw (am)  
Jan Hassard (pm)
- 26<sup>th</sup> September** Thanet & District Quilters Committee Meeting  
2 Cross Road, Birchington 7.30pm  
Anyone is welcome to attend
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October** Thanet & District Quilters Triannual Meeting  
Church House, Kent Gardens, Birchington.  
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start  
Speaker - Gail Lawther  
Door prize – 9in square cotton fabric autumn colours.  
Hostess - Viking

**Editor's Note:** Please let me have any items for the next Newsletter by **16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2007**