

THANET AND DISTRICT QUILTERS

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OUR VERY OWN WEBSITE

I hope you have all had the opportunity to browse through the website and like what you see. If you or your group would like to contribute, news, views, sales, wants, what your group is up to, workshops you have enjoyed (the list is endless) please contact me on 01843 823849. At this evenings Show and Tell I will be photographing the quilts etc as they are shown and will be asking for your name and some details about technique for inclusion in the album pages of the website. If for any reason you don't want your quilt on the website please me know.

For those of you who have not seen the website it will be demonstrated this evening. See Angela Doughty who has her laptop here and is happy to show you. My gratitude to Harold Wyld who developed the website and to Lew Solomons who kindly offered to be our webmaster. Thank you both so much – we could not have done it without you. Look out for a feature in a future issue of Patchwork and Quilting about how we developed the website.

OFFER FROM SYLVIA CRITCHER

When Sylvia Critcher was here as a speaker she was very impressed with the quality of the quilts at our show and tell. She suggested that some of us get together, say eight to ten quilters, to produce a series of wall hangings with a common theme, for example log cabin, and she would feature them in the magazine "Fabrication" as work by members of Thanet and District Quilters. She also

offered to put them in a series of exhibitions around the country. If you are keen to join us in this project please call or email for a get together meeting in a couple of months time. We anticipate that this project may not get off the ground until late 2007 or early 2008 so there is plenty of time but please contact me if you are interested.

PROJECT LINUS

We have a new Project Linus representative in the area. She is Ann Fordham, who has joined Abbey Patchers and is keen to get the project off the ground locally. Project Linus began in the USA in 1995 and is named after the security blanket addict in the Peanuts comic strip. Project Linus came to the UK in 2000 and welcomes new handmade quilts in sizes 21x24 for premature babies to 40x60 for older children and young adults. But the size is not critical as they go to children of all ages. However, they must be washable, have no embellishments and have been made in a smoke free environment. Originally targeting paediatric cancer patients, Project Linus has broadened its focus towards seriously ill and traumatised children and young people and as far as possible, and according to demand, will remain in our local area. For more information call Ann Fordham on 01304 619519 or email her at annfordham@hotmail.co.uk

On the subject of charity quilts, thanks to all those who brought blocks for our Diabetes UK charity. We will be getting together on the 24th March to

Celebrate National Quilting Day (see next column) to put the blocks together. Why don't you join us and help keep alive the wonderful art form of patchwork and quilting! See you there.

Kay Horne

Oasis Women's Refuge

We have received the following letter from Oasis.

Dear Kay,

I am writing to thank you and your fellow quilters for all the beautiful quilts that I came to collect in October. The quilts will be given to our families when they move out of Oasis to start their new lives.

Your support is much appreciated by Oasis. May we take this opportunity to wish all your quilters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Belinda Rogers

Helping Hands Quilt Project – January 13th 2007

A very big thank you to everyone who came along – we had a very successful and, I hope, enjoyable day. As it was the first time I had used the Walmer Parish Hall, I was unfamiliar with the layout – any such hiccups will be ironed out next time.

Nine quilts were almost completed and will be finished to give to the Fostering Network later in the year. All suitable for boys and girls age 8 – 10.

The day went quickly. We only paused briefly in our work to have soup for lunch and cakes, tea and coffee.

If you enjoyed the day and would like to come again I have booked the same venue for May 19th. As before, we shall start at 10.00 am, work in groups and it will cost £3 to cover expenses.

This time, after paying for the hire of the Hall and expenses, I have enough money left to buy the next roll of wadding for us to use.

On May 19th we shall be making quilts suitable for teen-agers using a design of my own which makes a quilt similar

to the design Irish Chain. To book your place and for more information please contact me on 01304 367220

Again, my very grateful thanks.

Terrence Gilbert

OAST QUILTERS' SHOWCASE

Saturday – Monday 26-28 May 2007

Westgate Hall, Westgate Road,
Canterbury

An Exhibition of all sizes of quilts,
wearable art cushions, bags and
novelties.

Demonstrations, traders' Stalls,
Members' Sales Table, Raffle,
Refreshments

Open 10.00 am – 5.00 pm Saturday &
Sunday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Monday

Entry
£3 adults, £2 concessions, children
under 14 free

JOIN US ON NATIONAL QUILTING DAY ON SATURDAY 24th MARCH

Venue: Manston Village Hall, Preston
Road, Manston, near Ramsgate.

10am to 4pm – plenty of parking!

Lunch and tea will be provided at £3 a head and we will be making up our Diabetic Association charity quilt and making colour wash Quilts for the Babies in Prison Project. Please bring your scraps for this so that we have a good variety of colours. We will be working in small squares, nothing difficult but great fun and quick to make.

For catering purposes please call Kay Horne on 01843 823849 to book your place. See you there!

Five New Books for the Library

Twist n Turn
A Passion for Patchwork
Basic Seminole Patchwork
Naïve and Country Quilts
Show me how to Paper Piece

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

Inchley@btinternet.com

Abbey Patchers quilt show

May 26th – 28th 2007

St Mary's Church, Minster

Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday 11 am – 5 pm, Monday 10 am – 4 pm

Quilt exhibition with traders, and craft stall. Magazines and fabric scraps sale for donation to the Church.

Raffle Quilt and Sales table for Macmillan Nurses – Abbey Patchers charity for 2007

YOU SAY WE PAY!!

It's that time of year again when we want you to ask us for money! All you have to do is find a workshop you would like to attend, we will pay the fee and then you write a short report for our newsletter and show us what you have made at the show and tell. We are offering £50, so two friends could go together if you don't want to go on your own. The money must be spent on a patchwork, quilting, or associated subject workshop. Just ring me and ask!

Kay Horne

PROJECT LINUS UK

At the Festival of Quilts 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. Any technique you like, but bright and colourful – how simple is that?

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.

Since April 2000 over 65,000 quilts have been made and donated to children throughout the UK – please help us reach out to even more.

Either POST your finished block to me :-

Ann Fordham, President Project Linus UK, 19 Boystown Place, Eastry, Sandwich, Kent CT13 0DSOR bring it along to our stand at the NEC.

Project Linus UK is a 100% voluntary and non-profit making organisation – if you would like to help in any way please do not hesitate to contact me on

01304 619519 or via e-mail: annfordham@hotmail.co.uk

For further information please see www.projectlinusuk.net

Diary of Events

- Tue 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
- Sat 10th March** Oast Quilters
St. Anselm's School, Old Dover Road, Canterbury
Doors open 2pm
Speaker – Lillian Hedley – North Country Quilting
- Sat. 17 March** Chilford Quilt Fair
Coach trip being organised by Shirley Gibbons – Tel. 01843 843344
Pickup points: Margate clocktower 8.00 am, Birchington Square 8.15
Minster Old School 8.30 Whitstable Sainsbury's 8.45
- Sat. 24 March** National Quilting Day
Manston Village Hall, Preston Road, Manston 10am – 4pm
- Wed 9 May** Thanet & District Quilters Committee Meeting
2 Cross Road, Birchington 7.30pm
Anyone is welcome to attend
- Sat 12 May** Oast Quilters
St. Anselm's School, Old Dover Road, Canterbury
Doors open 2pm
Speaker – Jan Ransley – "Chirho"
- Sat 19th May** Helping Hands Quilt day
The Parish Hall, Dover Road, Walmer
10 am to 4 pm Cost: £3
- 26th – 28th May** Abbey Patchers Quilt Show
St. Mary's Church, Minster, Ramsgate
Sat. 10 – 5, Sun. 11 – 5, Mon 10 – 4
- 26th – 28 May** Oast Quilters' Showcase
Westgate Hall, Westgate Hall Road, Canterbury
Sat./Sun. 10 – 5, Mon. 10 – 4
£3.00 adults, £2.00 concessions, children under 14 free
- Tue 5th June** Thanet & District Quilters Triannual Meeting
Church House, Kent Gardens, Birchington
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
Speaker – Jennie Rayment
Door prize 6" square cotton fabric
Hostess – Village Patchers

Editor's Note: Please let me have any items for the next Newsletter by **22nd May 2007**