

## Editor's Letter

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Dear Members

Well, Easter came and went in a blur, the weather has really not been conducive to doing gardening, walking or anything else, so let's hope for a new beginning from the start of April. Please read this newsletter carefully, it contains many changes to the programme and information which needs to be in your diaries.

Hilda

## TEA ROTA

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**April:** Jennifer Shields, Melanie Featherstone and Jane Storrar

**May:** Pat Driscoll, Meg Hort and Margaret Gower

**June:** Volunteers required or NO TEA AND COFFEE

## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

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Please remember that the support for our hospitals with the supply of heart shaped cushions is an on-going commitment; since they cannot be recycled, we need to ensure that we supply on a regular basis.

If you cannot make a cushion can you donate a fat quarter for someone else to do the making?

## MEAD A.G.M.

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Questions to the Committee for the AGM should be sent or given in writing to the Committee before then.

## WORKSHOP ON JUNE 9

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with Valerie Pollington to make a dress string bag. Please use sign-up sheets during the evening meetings.

## OFFERS OF QUILT RELATED ITEMS AND FABRIC

for the Mead Sales table.

Elizabeth is happy to collect any of the above from members or friends who no longer quilt or who have no further use for quilting items.

## ANGLIA TEXTILE WORKS EXHIBITION

At Braintree Museum, 26 April to 2 June 2018, Tuesdays to Saturdays, from 10am to 4pm  
Admission £4. Details from

[www.braintreemuseum.co.uk](http://www.braintreemuseum.co.uk)  
or [atw@weebly.com](mailto:atw@weebly.com)

There is an associated Textile Fair on Sunday May 13 with the Warner Textile Archive.

Further information from Irene Heathcote.

## THE WARNER TEXTILE ARCHIVE

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is open on Wednesdays and the first Saturday of the month from 10 am till 4 pm. They run an interesting series of workshops on various textile related subjects. Try their website:

[www.warnertextilearchive.co.uk](http://www.warnertextilearchive.co.uk)

for more details.

## MEAD QUILT GROUP - COMMITTEE

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The Committee need a Minute Secretary to take the minutes of our Committee meetings (they would, of course, be a member of the Committee). They need to take minutes at the meeting, transcribe them and then send them electronically to all members of the Committee.

Committee Meetings are held on the Tuesday following the Mead meeting in members' houses from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm.

## FESTIVAL OF QUILTS \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday 11 August

Mimram quilters are hoping to run a coach trip to the Festival of Quilts on Saturday 11 August and would like to extend the offer to Mead Quilters. There would be a pick up point in Wheathampstead if there is sufficient demand.

If you would like to express interest in the trip please contact Sarah Dixon

[chair@mimramquilters.org.uk](mailto:chair@mimramquilters.org.uk)

Further details will follow.

## THREADS AND PATCHES SHOP CLOSURE

I have been advised that this shop, one of my favourites up in Fenny Stratford, is to close shortly.

This information came from Sarah Dixon at Mimram, (see above); hopefully and according to their website

[www.threadsandpatches.co.uk](http://www.threadsandpatches.co.uk)

all activities booked will be honoured.

I shall miss Sally, I have always found her very helpful and have attended classes since she was in the tiny shop in the middle of Fenny Stratford.

I did get there before Easter but much to my surprise the X31 bus which used to go from Luton no longer runs and I had a very surprising trip via Leighton Buzzard and towards Bletchley. However I did get my fabric and finished my quilt top.

## DONATION TO MACMILLAN CANCER CARE \_\_\_\_\_



Your Committee share in a photo of our donation raised at last November's Exhibition; we have received many thanks from Macmillan for the donation.

## NEWS OF A NEW QUILT EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_

The **Three Wise Monkeys** is a Barn Emporium full of vintage and other stalls and is adjacent to the Osprey Leather Goods Shop mid-way between St Albans and Welwyn Garden City

The address is: **The Saddlery, Woodcock Hill, St Albans, Herts, AL4 9HJ** which is fine if you have a car but a bit inaccessible otherwise.

Opening hours are currently: Monday: Closed (open Bank Holidays) Tuesday to Saturday: 10 am – 4 pm, Sunday 11 am - 4 pm.

Coffee and gluten free cakes are available at Osprey as well as the Three Wise Monkeys and it is an experience just to go for a coffee.

I do not know the ladies who are running the quilt experience, so if someone gets there before me, please send in a report.

## LIVING CRAFTS at HATFIELD HOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

We still need more volunteers to help on our stand at Hatfield House, you get free entry and a car parking permit in exchange for your time for the morning/afternoon.

## WORKSHOP \_\_\_\_\_ Batford Memorial Hall

with **John Cole Morgan**. 26 May 2018, cost £25 plus additional £4.00 Please see details and sign-up sheets during the evening meetings; in the meantime see

[www.craftsy.com/profile/john-cole-morgan-quilting](http://www.craftsy.com/profile/john-cole-morgan-quilting)

## MEAD MAY EVENING - 15 May 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

Please put this date in your diary.

It will be a slide evening about the Mead weekend away at Denham Grove run by Caroline followed by a workshop run by Linda Noon which was cancelled from February.

Please remember your sewing kit.

Please send items for inclusion in the Newsletters to

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