

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Members

Hopefully most of you have been able to get away for a break this summer. I know that many of you went to the [Festival of Quilts](#) and have come home inspired. There is still time this month, if you hurry, to see [Mary Mayne's Exhibition](#) at [Bramble Patch](#). Also, [Alison Williams](#) has plans for a visit to [Duxford Quilt Show \(October 25 - 27\)](#); look for information in this Newsletter.

Meanwhile you will have received information about incubator quilt covers which we will now be directing to the [West Herts Unit](#). A constant supply of cushions and tube bags is also needed for [QEII](#) and [St. Albans City Breast Care Units](#). I know that you are all busy finishing quilts for our own [Quilt Show](#) on [November 9](#): no pressure, but I know how productive Mead members are!

The August evening meeting, when we will all get a complementary bag of fabrics and trimmings, is an opportunity to think "out of the box" and produce an interesting item to be displayed at our December party evening.

There has been some confusion about the green table runner [Challenge](#): the Christmas - theme - embellished runners need to be ready for the [2020 AGM](#) next April, so they can be put on hold for the time being. They will not be in use until the [2020 Christmas Party](#).

Finally, many of you will be sorry to hear that [Barbara Weeks](#), patchworker and textile artist, along with her husband, is selling up and moving to Australia to live near her daughter and her partner and their newly acquired granddaughter. Items which Barbara cannot ship are for sale on her website. In addition, she is having a special [Open Day](#) on [Sunday 15 September, 11am - 4pm](#) at 17 Parkfield Crescent, Kimpton, SG4 8EQ, where any remaining items will be available.

[Valerie Pollington](#)

QUILT SHOW TOTE TOMBOLA

At our exhibition on [Saturday 9 November](#) we will be holding a [Tote Tombola](#) and would be grateful for any donations of fabric tote bags.

Bags can be any size, shape, lined or unlined and in any fabric. If you would like a pattern for a small and/or large tote bag, I have some available so please ask. I also have some linen type fabric for bag making if anyone would like to make bags for the tombola.

[Janet Goddard](#)

TEA ROTA

[August 20](#): Jeanette Bowers, Angie Wright, Brenda Whiddett

[September 17](#): Barbie Edwards, Linda Noon, Hilda Goddard

ADVANCE NOTICE

BERKHAMSTEAD QUILTERS EXHIBITION

[Saturday 7 September](#)
from 10 am to 5 pm.
[Northchurch Social Centre, Bell Lane,](#)
[Northchurch HP40 3RD](#)

A local show well worth a visit.

[Contributions to the next Mead Newsletter](#) are always welcome.

Last date for inclusion in [September's edition](#) is [Tuesday 10 September](#).

Send them to editor [Linda Cosgrove](#):
editor@meadquilters.org

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS _____

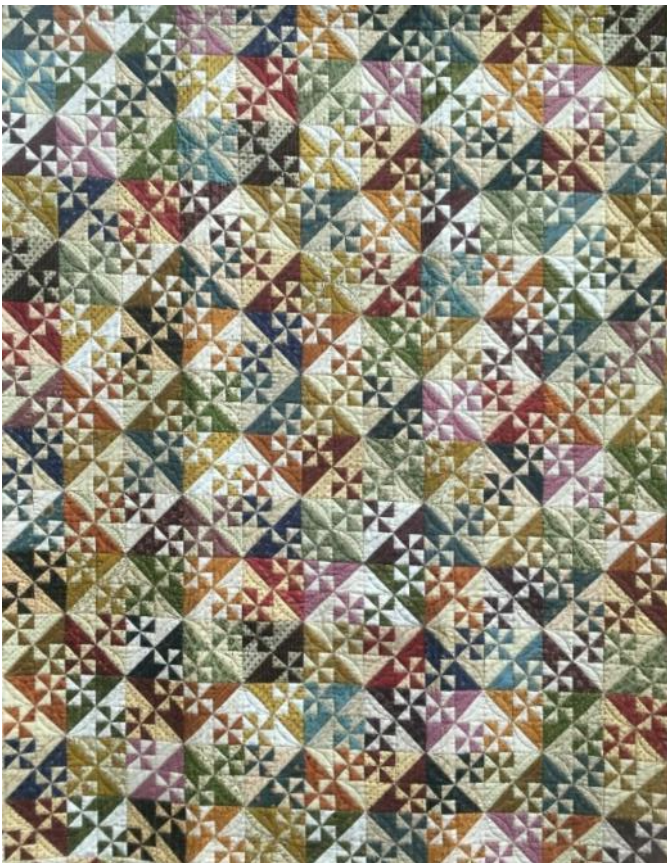
I went to the [NEC](#) to the [Festival of Quilts](#) at the beginning of August courtesy of a free ticket from [Nancy Adamek \(Lina Patchwork\)](#), thank you Nancy!

Here are a few of the quilts I saw and took photographs of. As usual there were so many wonderful entries that you really need more than one day there to take it all in.

I particularly like the map of the [London Underground](#) one as the background quilting had names of the stations and “Mind the gap” quilted into it!

Isn't the tulip quilt exquisite? It was made of [Kaffe Fassett](#) fabrics.

Linda



Later in this Newsletter . . .

. . . your Entry Form for the Mead Quilt Show, 9 November 2019!

Get your entries in NOW!

TRIP IN OCTOBER _____

At the Mead morning meeting on **6 August**, we asked for a show of hands from Members who might be interested in an organised minibus or coach trip in October this year. We were proposing to go to **Bramble Patch**, the quilt shop in Weedon in Northants. However, there was mention of the **Duxford Quilt Show**, which is taking place the last weekend of October.

We have decided to offer the trip to **Duxford** first and possibly **Bramble Patch** at another time. Hope this doesn't disappoint Bramble Patch fans!

THE DUXFORD DETAILS:

Date: Saturday 26 October

Destination: Duxford Autumn Quilt Show at Duxford Air Museum, Cambridgeshire.

Cost: £12.00 per person, for the Coach trip **ONLY**, not your entry ticket. Tickets are available via the **Grosvenor Shows** website

www.grosvenorshows.co.uk

or on the door. (£1 cheaper in advance).

Pickup point and time: Wheathampstead Memorial Hall at 9am

Return: Leave Duxford at 4.30pm returning to Wheathampstead Memorial Hall.

Journey Time: Traffic permitting, 1 - 1.5 hours each way.

Please give your name to **Alison Williams** at the Mead meeting on **20 August** or if you won't be there, let Alison have your name by ringing or emailing (phone number is on the Mead membership card). At this stage we are gauging interest and a rough idea of numbers.

We will be asking for payment in advance from those confirming they wish to join the trip. It will be a good day out!

UPDATE ON NEO NATAL QUILTS _____

As mentioned in **Valerie's** letter, the incubator quilts will be going to **West Herts** in future. The current size of 16" x 22" will continue but in addition there is a requirement for a special style of incubator cover and the instructions are quite different.

The cover can be made of any suitable baby style fabric/colour and can be whole or pieced but should be washable to 60 degrees C. The

filling should be thin, washable polyester and the backing should be a **darker** fabric (not white).

Details can be seen on the Linus website, style 1:

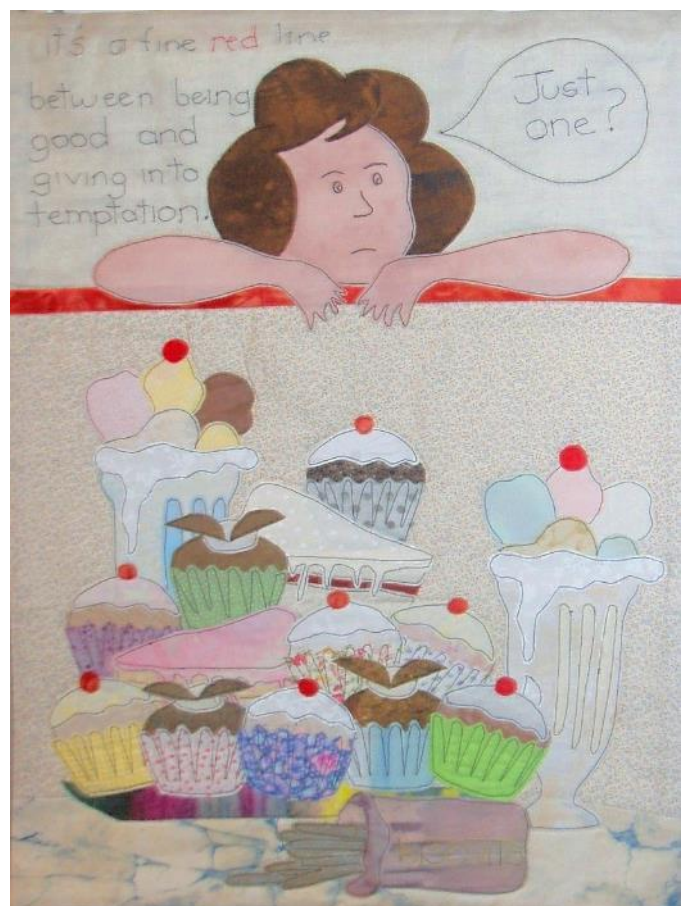
projectlinus.org.uk/incubator-covers

These covers are 37" x 50" with rounded corners and overhang the special incubators. The radius of the corners is 15"

The edges can be bound or the quilt '**bagged out**' in which case the fabric needs to be slightly larger to accommodate the seam.

Apparently **West Herts NHS** do not have any quilters supplying them and are very excited that we will be putting all our future output to them. So if you have any spare time and fabric there is a ready market available!

Ginny Edwards - 07771 980847- is our liaison with West Herts.



Hilda saw this **Mary Mayne** quilt at the **Rijksmuseum** in the **Netherlands**. It made Hilda smile and also me! I asked permission from Mary to put it in the Newsletter and she agreed.



Mead Quilters 12th Quilt Show
Saturday 9 November 2019

Memorial Hall
Marford Road
Wheathampstead AL4 8AY

Return this Entry Form by Tuesday 15 October 2019

By **post** to: **Mead Show 2019, c/o 22 Letty Green, Hertford SG14 2NZ**

or to: **Mead Show 2109, c/o 3 Tudor Rd., Wheathampstead AL4 8NW**

or **email as an attachment** to: **show2019@meadquilters.org**

or **hand to a Committee Member**

All quilts must have a 3" - 4" sleeve and a label with maker's details.

All items for display should either be brought to the Memorial Hall

between 5.30 pm and 7 pm on Friday 8 November 2019

or previously be handed to a member of the Committee.

On receipt of your entry, you will be given a label for you to write on and attach to the front of your quilt/item. This label will be used by visitors to read the title and description of the quilt/item and whether it is for sale.

Keep above section for reference



Entry Form (Please use a separate form for each item)

Name:

Please tick ONE item

Quilt/Wall-hanging, Height: ins Width: ins

Miniature-quilt/Wall-hanging

Challenge (description, e.g. bag, cushion, w/hanging)

Cushion/Clothing/Other (Please describe Other

Title of Entry (**Must** be completed)

Not For Sale (NFS) or Price: £

Value for insurance (**Must** be completed and **not more than Price**): £

Items not registered by 15 October 2019 may not be displayed



QUILTERS GUILD REGION 7 (Beds, Bucks, Herts, Northants)

The following events are open to all Quilters Guild members and non-members:

**Saturday 28 September 2019, 10am to 4pm
Northants Area Day**

Memorial Hall, Great Doddington,
Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN29 7TR

Speakers:

**Greta Fitchett – “Travellers’ Tales”
Julia Gahagan – “It’s a Small World”**



**Sunday 29 September 2019, 10am to 4pm
Workshop with Julia Gahagan**

The Poppy Patch, 3 Manor Farm Court, Church Lane, Great Doddington,
Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN29 7TR.

An opportunity to create one of three miniature village scenes:

Alpine, Mediterranean or Seaside

Fee £40 for members, £50 non-members



**Saturday 2 November 2019, 10am to 4pm
Autumn Regional Day**

Eaton Bray Village Hall, Church Lane, Eaton
Bray, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 2DJ.

Speakers:

**Edwina Mackinnon – “The Story So Far”
Barbara Weeks – “Felt to Quilt”**



Advance booking for Area and Regional Days via our Treasurer:

Tel: 07751 196078

Email: treasurer_reg7@quiltersguild.org.uk

Members £10, Non-Members £15

On the door: Members £12, Non-Members £18



If you have not been to any of our events, please do give us a try. We are a friendly organisation, appealing to all interests and levels of experience. In addition to speakers, there are trade stalls, Bring & Buy and wonderful cakes.

We look forward to meeting you!

Quilters Guild Region 7 Retreat



23-25 October 2020

Highgate House

Grooms Lane, Creaton, Northampton NN6 8NN

20 mins from M1 Junction 16

Accommodation

*Friday & Saturday nights: bed & breakfast,
Dinner on Friday & Saturday,
lunch on Sunday, daytime refreshments.*

Total cost £335 including workshops

Workshops

*Jan Hassard — 'Curved Bargello'
Angela Madden — 'Surprising Silhouettes', from her new book
Helen Howes— 'Adventures in Improvisation' or 'Trees'*

For further information contact

*Treasurer- Gill Howes
Fox End, 7 Meadow Gate, Prestwood
Gt. Missenden, Bucks HP16 OJN*

Email: treasurer_reg7@quiltersguild.org.uk

BOOKING FORM below,
please return to Treasurer, Gill Howes, address above, with SAE.

Region 7 Retreat, 23 - 25 October 2020

Highgate House, Grooms Lane,
Creaton, Northampton NN6 8NN

Booking Form

Title: Name:

Address:

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Postcode: Tel:

Email address: Guild Membership Number:

Dietary or other requirements:

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Accommodation: Friday and Saturday nights bed and breakfast, dinner on Friday & Saturday, lunch Saturday & Sunday: daytime refreshments.

Total Cost £335 including workshop.

Workshops: Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices

Jan Hassard: Curved Bargello - Watersmeet Quilt

Angela Madden: Surprising Silhouettes, from her new book

Helen Howes: Adventures in Improvisation or Trees

Booking Payment

[An optional one-off payment of £335 immediately to secure a place is available]

Deposit £55 to secure place immediate payment and by 31 October 2019

I enclose a cheque for £55 made out to 'QGBI Region 7'

OR

I will pay £55 by bank transfer

Bank transfer to: Bank HSBC

Account: QGBI Region 7

Sort Code: 40-10-09

Account Number 91142100

Please state your surname in the reference section followed by 'Retreat' and then send an email to treasurer_reg7@quiltersguild.org.uk

Please remember to enclose an SAE

Future payments:

2nd payment by 31 December 2019 - £90, 3rd payment by 29 February 2020 - £95

4th payment by 30 April 2020 - £95

Treasurer: Gill Howes, Fox End, 7 Meadow Gate, Prestwood Great Missenden Bucks HP16 OJN

PAT testing for your sewing machine will be available on Friday from 4 pm at a cost of £4 (cash in envelope please). Delete as appropriate YES please/NO thanks. Tests for portable lights or other devices can also be offered