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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Mead Members

Twenty of us, with friends, attended **Denham Grove** for a weekend at the end of January to sew, chat and enjoy time together. I can recommend it as a great way to get to know other members, improve our skills and get inspired. **Elizabeth Richardson** ran a smooth ship and everyone enjoyed the weekend (we barely noticed Brexit departure day!) Booking for next year is underway so give **Elizabeth** your non-returnable deposit to guarantee a place. It is amazing value for money but spaces are limited to 20.

In January we heard of the death of **Enid Grattan-Guinness**; musician, quilter, embroiderer and a founder member of **Mead**. **Enid** had been a grateful recipient of one of the breast cushions we make when she began treatment for breast cancer.

Our **AGM on 21 April** is not far off. If you have any burning questions, the Committee would like them in writing please before 24 March so that we can discuss the points before the AGM.

I hope your green table runners are nearing completion for the **AGM Challenge**. I still have one or two if you missed out earlier and would like one.

The Committee for 2020/21 will be substantially the same apart from **Carol Wort** who, after sterling work as **Programme Secretary**, is standing down. **Carol** has already booked a number of good speakers for the coming year to keep you inspired so that we much to look forward to. **Heather Hunt** will be taking her place; thank you **Heather**.

Emily Marshall, who has done a great job as Treasurer, is also standing down, so we

are looking for a new Treasurer. Could that be YOU? Let me know if you are interested.

Jo Day is also taking a break from the Committee.

Valerie Pollington

TEA ROTA

18 February . . . Irene Heathcote, Barbie Edwards, Jayne and Heather (no surnames, but you know who you are!)

17 March . . . Mary Spencer, Stasha Martin, and Angie Wright.

OTHER NEWS . . .

Jennifer Shields has kindly donated two books for the library: 'Knot, Thread and Stitch' by **Lisa Soloman** and 'Colours of Australia, Directions in Quilting' by **The Quilters Guild**. Thank you **Jennifer**.

On the subject of **The Library**, does anyone have any suggestion on how we can make it more accessible?

Maybe Members are NOT accessing it as much as they used to? Is this because we now use more online sources? Or because it is all crammed together and difficult to see what is there? Or maybe a mixture of both?

Any (polite) suggestions gratefully received!

Linda

The **Mary Mayne** raffle quilt has raised £75.00 so far and the winning ticket will be drawn at the **Easter Meeting**. **Mary** has requested that the money should go to **Cancer Research**.

If you haven't bought a ticket yet I will have the quilt at the evening meeting on **18 February** so you can buy tickets from me then.

Linda

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Apologies . . . I forgot to include anything about the **Christmas Party** in January's Newsletter!

It went very well, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we had a very good turnout. Bringing plates of food has proved to be successful as we all had a veritable feast!

The time went so fast, with **Jo Day's** quiz and our 'lefty righty' game with **Elizabeth**, we were quite a bit later going home. Here are some photos from the party . . .



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by the second Tuesday of the month, please!

It would help Linda and her editorial staff if, when you send photos to her,
you also copy them to the webmaster@meadquilters.org

WEEKEND AWAY

Well, what a great weekend we had at **Denham Grove**, quilting, talking, and getting to know each other better. It was really nice having some new people in our group, please feel free to join us next year as well. Here're some photos - maybe **Chair Racing** will become an annual event!

The dates for next year are **Friday 29 January – Sunday 2 February 2021**. **Elizabeth** will let you know the full cost as soon as she has confirmation from **Denham Grove**.

Linda



BLOCK OF THE MONTH _____

Well, it was a bit chaotic trying to get the November and December blocks put up at the last meeting. The winner of the November block was [Pat Driscoll](#) and of the December block, [Jo Day](#). If you haven't received your fat quarter yet please see me at the February meeting. My apologies for attributing it to [Linda](#) but hopefully I got it right second time around.

I didn't even get a photo; if anyone took a photo of the 20 blocks on display I would love a copy for my records.

My thanks to [Carol Connett](#) for her help in putting up the quilt stand and displaying the blocks.

Note to self: do better next time when hopefully there won't be so much going on. Here is the February block to be returned at the March meeting . . .



Hilda

FORTHCOMING EVENTS _____

Quilters Guild Area/Regional Days

BUCKS SPRING REGIONAL DAY

Saturday 7 March 2020 10am-4pm

Park Community Centre, Jubilee Square,
Buckingham Park, Aylesbury, HP19 9DZ

Speakers

[Sarah Hibbert](#) 'Measure Twice, Cut Once
(My journey into modern quilting)'

[Sandie Lush](#) 'From Old Cloth to Whole Cloth'

HERTS SPRING AREA DAY

Saturday 16 May 2020 10am-4pm

Flaunden Village Hall,
Birch lane, Flaunden, HP3 0PP

Speakers

[Sheena Roberts](#) 'Challenges and Extend'
[Kate Findlay](#) 'Working in Series'

Advance booking for Area and Regional Days
via Regional Treasurer . . .

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Members £12.00, Non - Members £18.00, On
the Day: £14.00 and £20.00

In addition to the Speakers there are trade
stalls, bring and buy and wonderful cakes!

THE STITCH FESTIVAL . . .

(formerly the [Knitting and Stitching Show](#))
is now at a different location . . .

27 February - 1 March

**Business Design Centre
Islington N1 0QH**

Booking on-line, if you use the code [SWT 18](#), instead of paying £15.00 for an advance ticket, £13.50 for concessions, it will be £12.50. Courtesy of [Janet Goddard](#).

[Kaffe Fassett's](#) exhibition '[Quilts in America](#)' will be there; [Olga Prinku](#), the contemporary needlework artist, will be exhibiting as will costume designer [Esme Young](#) and [Katie Jones](#), [The Fibre Lounge](#) and the [Sew Yeah Social Club](#).

THE HANDEMADE FESTIVAL . . .

is also moving . . . from [Hampton Court](#) to [Battersea](#). Much easier to get to by public transport! It will take place in [Evolution, Battersea Park](#).

Tickets are as follows:

VIP	£95.00
Adult	£16.00
Weekend	£30.00
Concessions	£14.00

More details nearer the time.