

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR _____

Dear Mead Members

We had a great Christmas Party and thank you all for helping the evening to run to time, and for help with tables and chairs. The food was varied and delicious, the quizzes were fun and, hopefully, both newer and older members felt welcome. As we approach a New Year I wish you all a healthy one and that Mead Quilters will continue to inspire and encourage stitchery in its many forms.

Since our morning meeting of January was cancelled as it was New Year's Day, here are my Resolutions as a member of Mead Quilters:

My Resolutions for 2019

1. I will make sure that all members know that the size of a fat quarter is 18 inches by 22 inches in one whole piece
2. I will try to make all my seams exactly $\frac{1}{4}$ " where appropriate.
3. I will give away all the fabric I know I will never use (the best bits to Elizabeth for the stall)
4. I will complete my 'Alias Grace quilt' in time for the Quilt Show.
5. I will try to sell all my Quilt Show Raffle tickets.
6. I will not start a new project until I have finished my 'Lucy Boston' quilt.

That's enough to be going on with. Keep informing your committee of ideas and changes you would like. We really do listen!

Valerie Pollington

Job vacancies from April 2019:

Refreshments Co-ordinator and possibly Editor of The Newsletter

TEA ROTA _____

January - Awaiting Volunteers

February - Sue Jonas, Maureen Chalk, Jane Storer

March - Awaiting Volunteers

WEEKEND AWAY AT DENHAM _____

1 February 2019 _____

For Denham on Friday 1 February, apart from projects you are going to be working on, sewing machines etc., please bring:

- a beautiful wrapped fat quarter of material,
- a wrapped drawstring bag (like a shoe bag) at least A4 size,
- a black and white block, 6.5 inches in size, ONLY black and white fabrics please, no navy, grey or cream!

Also a small sewing related gift, beautifully wrapped which doesn't cost more than £5.00.

Linda

ALIAS GRACE - THE FIRST COMPLETED QUILT _____

This is **Terrie Brittain's** completed Alias Grace quilt. Well done Terrie.



It would be nice to see a flat shot of this quilt so we could see the extra blocks.

Hilda

WORKSHOPS 2019 _____

I would just like to make a request to members and guests alike to come forward with any ideas they have about workshops they would like us to organise. They can contact Carol Wort or me if they have a suggestion.

Linda

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS _____

Look at the workshops offered by the [Warner Textile Archive](#) for some inspiration, here:

<https://www.warnertextilearchive.co.uk/>

One particular one which caught my attention was a different interpretation of [Cathedral Window](#) by [Vendulka Battais](#).

Here's the link:

<https://journeywitholiven.com/author/vendulkaoliven/>

Hilda

365 CHALLENGE _____

This is a free download from the Internet, run by Kathryn Kerr in Australia. It is her copyright, so don't pass the information around, she just needs your e-mail address.

Here's the link:

<https://www.365challenge.com.au/>

It is an everyday 3 inch block which runs for 365 days and then makes into a quilt. The blocks are easy and can be done with scraps as well as taking only 30 minutes maximum to complete each block. We saw several different versions at the [Bramble Patch Christmas Exhibition](#).

Hilda

Maybe TOO LATE FOR THIS YEAR but keep it in mind for the future.

**Annual Sale of Fabric at
FARNHAM MALTINGS, 13 January**

This is always a good place to go for that after Christmas buzz of new fabric, meeting up with old friends and generally having a good day out.

Hilda

WORKSHOPS . . . _____ . . . A BIT OUT OF THE ORDINARY

Try [Art Van Go](#) at Knebworth, they have just released their new workshop list but be warned, you need to get in quick because they sell out fast.

Hilda

Finally, a short note from t'WebMaster . . .

Links in the [Newsletter](#) you receive as an email attachment on-line can be activated by CTRL clicking them . . .

[position your cursor on the text, press and hold CTRL and click . . .](#)

. . . just like that!

And if you went there you will see that the Mead Quilters website needs an update . . . tell your Committee what you think should be on it!!

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