

# Mead Quilters

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## Editor's Letter

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Dear Members

We were so lucky with the weather at our annual Hatfield House event although I believe the Saturday was not so good. The stall was well represented with the work that members provided and elsewhere you will find a photo which was taken on the Thursday.

I was approached by Lisa Heaton of Artisan Ladder to ask if any of our members would like to join her group which brings together local makers and buyers. If you are interested contact her

[lisa@artisanladder.co.uk](mailto:lisa@artisanladder.co.uk)  
or [facebook.com/artisanladder](https://www.facebook.com/artisanladder)

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## TEA ROTA

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July - Mary Spencer, Alison King and Janet Thornhill

August - Stasha Martin, Angie Wright and Ginny Edwards

September - Carol Connett

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2020

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St Saviours Church, St Albans wrote:

Firstly, we wanted to thank Mead Quilters for taking part in our 2017 Christmas Tree Festival, which was absolutely amazing, uplifting and felt really special.

We received hugely positive feedback and also raised over £12,000 - which whilst not the main objective was absolutely fantastic and over double what we normally raise. So a massive thank you once again - without our amazing tree dressers we would not be able to stage the

event and we are hugely grateful for all your hard work and support.

Alison Williams has agreed to be our point of contact for this event.



*Some of the babouska dolls which decorated the tree.*

## MEAD QUILTERS CHARITY QUILT FOR 2019

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The chosen theme will be Japanese so a donation of a fat quarter or fat eighth would be welcomed by the co-ordinator Joan Douglas. Contributions will be collected at the Tuesday morning and evening meetings.

## FIBRE EAST - 28/29 JULY at Redbourn School and Community College, Ampthill, Beds

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This seems to be an exhibition where you can find everything you would like to know about wool, with an opportunity to shop with top suppliers and artisan makers covering a wide range of crafts.

More information at [www.britspin.org.uk](http://www.britspin.org.uk)

## MAY HANDS ON EVENING

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Instructions from Linda Noon for the thread catcher which she demonstrated at the May meeting are available on request, some may be available at the meetings.



*Our Hatfield House stand*

## REGION 7 OF QUILTERS GUILD GROUP LEADERS DAY

### What can the Quilters Guild do for you?

**Valerie Pollington** and **Alison Williams** attended a Quilters Guild Group Leaders Day on 19 May at Eaton Bray, representing Mead. We are affiliated to the Guild, giving us benefits such as being covered by their insurance.

**Alison reports:** The day was organised by the Region 7 Committee, and groups from all over our region of Beds, Bucks, Herts and Northants were there, including Mimram and Icknield and a group from as far away as Towcester. It was royal wedding day and one lady kept us up to date with its progress via texts from her daughter.

Marion McCrindle, a previous Vice-President of the Guild and a Trustee, was there to tell us more about the Guild's activities and what it can offer us. She emphasised the importance of the Guild in fostering education about patchwork and quilting, from the quilt collection kept in York, to winter and summer schools and Young Quilters. Fundraising is currently focused on Young Quilters.

There was some negative feedback from the room in general about the QG website, and Marion promised to pass it on to the current President.

We discussed various ways in which our groups recruit new members, and the programmes each of us arrange for members. There was a show and tell of some beautiful quilts brought along on

the day, and the weather was beautiful too, encouraging us to sit outside to have our lunch.

Don't hesitate to ask **Valerie** or **Alison** if you would like to know more.

## BRAMBLE PATCH EXHIBITION

I was fortunate in being taken to the Bramble Patch to see a somewhat unique exhibition of Antique Quilts curated and owned by Christopher Wilson-Tate who has a shop in Hampstead.

Unfortunately no photography was allowed so you will have to take my word about the work on display – all hand quilted, some Welsh quilts, some Durham Quilts and a number of American, some beautiful Carolina Lily quilts in red and white, red and green quilts, scrappy quilts, Victorian mosaic quilts, huge bed quilts and all beautifully hand quilted. The stitches not so small but all very even. When we run out of fabric, we stress about whether something will 'do', but a lot of the charm of these old quilts is that odd pieces have been used to make up the size of a block, or to finish a quilt

In addition to these quilts, Hamtune quilters showed their latest challenge of pincushions and needle cases and Region 16 of the Quilters Guild invited entries to their challenge of a 12½ inch block to include a fan in any medium and the Traditional Quilt Group displayed their Heart Challenge

*A thoroughly enjoyable experience with donations to Macmillan Cancer Research. Their next Exhibition is their Summer Showcase running from 28 July to 28 August.*

**Hilda**

## CONTEMPORARY TEXTILE EXHIBITION The Old Ways, Repatterned

1 June to 30 June at Art Van Go, The Studios, Stevenage Road, Knebworth

Check their website for details:

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

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