

# Mead Quilters

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## A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

### Dear Quilters

This month marks the anniversary of the closure of our meetings at the **Mead Hall**. As last year progressed we eventually decided that to meet on-line by Zoom was a way to keep in touch in this unprecedented situation. As our meetings online continue, I recommend our speaker this month, on Tuesday 16 March, who is **Gillian Travis** on 'Journeys in Stitch', so make sure you have 'taken your seat' for a prompt start at 7.30pm. The code and password for Zoom are alongsdie . . .

Your **Committee** is continuing to make plans. We will have our online **AGM** on **Tuesday 20 April** when we report on 2 years because there was no AGM in **April 2020**. We will not make any decisions at the AGM that involve changing the Constitution. Matters of that type will have to be made at a meeting when ALL members can be present in person, whenever that may be. Members at the online AGM are free to ask questions but we would like advance notice of them please.

At the AGM we need to elect a new **Chairperson** and so far we have approached a number of people for this role without success. Having served on the committee for a whole year when we had no Chairperson, I know this is not ideal. The buck must stop somewhere! Would every **Member** consider whether she could fulfil this role. I have thoroughly enjoyed the position as we have such a great Committee and we share out the responsibilities. **Please give it your urgent thought** and contact me or any Committee member.

You should all have received by email (or post) the new membership form which **Karen** has produced and which contains details of how to pay your **Annual Membership subscription**. It is now possible, as an option, to pay by **Direct Transfer** to the **Mead Quilters'** bank account. Please note that the form is to be returned by **April 21** to **Rebekah Cornford** who we welcome as

**Membership Secretary**. **Karen**, sadly, will be leaving us for Yorkshire very soon and will be greatly missed for her friendly welcome and conscientious handling of her role.

Keep safe and well and keep quilting.

*Valerie Pollington*

### R U ZOOMing?

We have made changes to the **Members' Zoom meetings**: these are now on the **first Tuesday** of each month **in the morning** and the **third Tuesday** of the month **in the evening** in line with our normal meeting arrangements.

The next dates will be our **Zoom meeting on Tuesday 16 March at 7.30pm with Gillian Travis** then **Tuesday 6 April 2021 at 10.00am**

Join us then on **Zoom** for a **chat**, 'Show and Tell'

Your contact is **Caroline Ellis**,  
[caroline@meadquilters.org](mailto:caroline@meadquilters.org)

The code for Zooming is:  
and the password is:

### DON'T FORGET . . .

### WADDING from ALISON KING . . .

I now have a roll of wadding from **Fashion 'n' Fabrics** (I hate writing that 'n'!)

It is 80/20 cotton/polyester, 90" wide and works out at £11.70 a metre.

I am happy to deliver locally if Members do not wish to go out. **Tel: 01727 863451**

# Stitch & Knit

haberdashery, fabric and wool

A reminder that **Julia** from **Stitch and Knit** in **Brookman's Park** is happy to deliver items if you are not able to get to the shop.  
Give her a ring if there is something in particular you want.

01707 518966

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

## FROM CAROL WORT . . .

We have had some very nice days in the last couple of weeks. I don't know about you but it makes me feel so much brighter in myself. I have more energy and enthusiasm and have started on the Spring deep clean. I have had a couple of days working in the garden, lighter mornings and longer days, just what we need.

I have been doing some sewing and made two cushions for my daughter – colours by request, I might add.



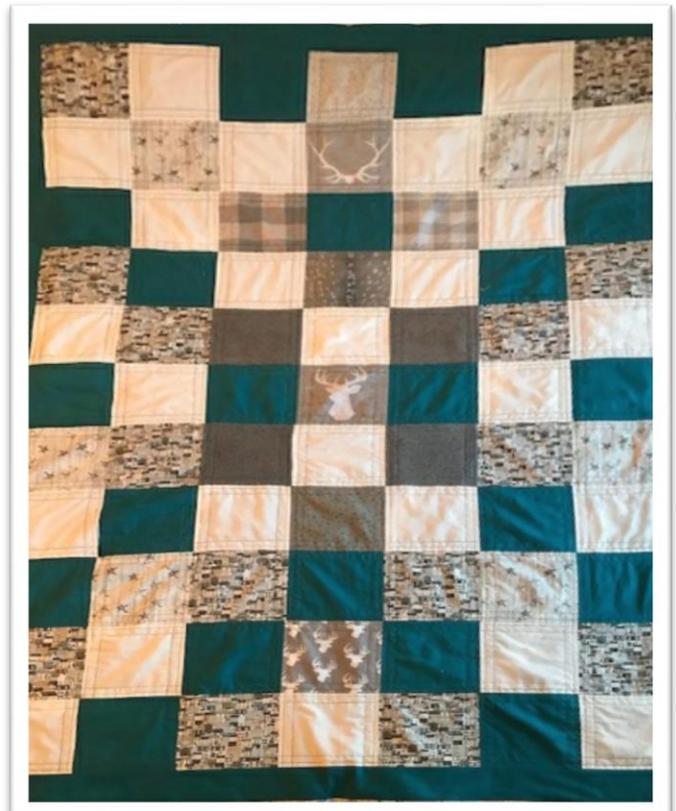
I rearranged a jelly roll quilt I had stitched as it came out in five blocks of colour; it was a bit tedious but worth it. Just waiting for some fabric to come and then I can back it.

I hope all your enthusiasm is beginning to return as we can soon have a coffee in the garden with a friend. Keep well and stay safe.

*Carol Wort*

## FROM LINDA COSGROVE . . .

Well, to go with the cushion in last month's **Newsletter**, I did manage to complete a quilt to match for my son's birthday. In four weeks – which is VERY speedy for me. Front above, back below . . .



Everyone seems to have been using up their scrap materials this month!

### JO DAY . . .

. . . made this beautiful scrap Celtic Knot Quilt entitled 'Waste Not Want Knot'



### HILDA GODDARD . . .

. . . made blocks . . .



. . . like this . . .

### VAL POLLINGTON . . .

. . . made these pretty incubator quilts for the Neo Natal Unit



and then this Riviera Rose Scrap quilt in which only the beige and red fabric came from the Riviera Rose Quilt.



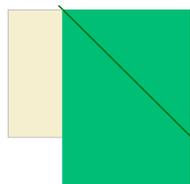
## AND FROM CAROLINE ELLIS . . .

### . . . making 8" Jagged X Blocks

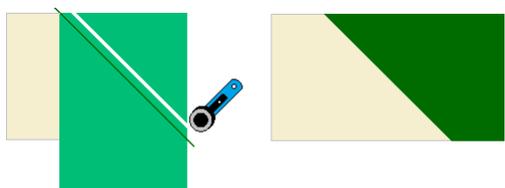
1. Cut 2 rectangles, one in background, one in pattern, each  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " (Perhaps use a jelly roll for the patterned pieces?)



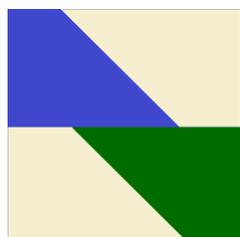
2. Right sides together, sew across diagonal shown . . .



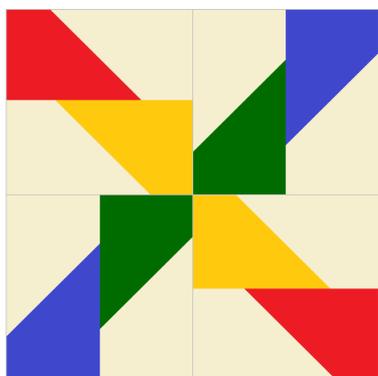
3. Leaving  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, cut off excess, open out and press; this new unit is  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " . . .



4. Sew two units together with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam to make a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " unit . . .



5. . . . and assemble 4 such units to make Jagged X blocks –  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowance.



To see how it looks made up, Google  
[Jordan Fabrics: Introducing the \(almost\) ZERO WASTE Jagged X's FREE Quilt Pattern](#)  
or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ghg7aXt6qMc>

## HERTS WELCOMES REFUGEE FAMILIES

Registered Charity No. 117268

Dear Mead Members and Friends,

Over the last couple of years you have given me donations of beautiful quilts and knitted items to pass on to refugee families and asylum seekers arriving here under the [Vulnerable Person's Resettlement Scheme](#).

It has been a particularly difficult time for these families during Covid times as many of them were struggling to find work and become self-sufficient; the lockdown has affected many of the refugees who found work in the hospitality sector. Your donations have been so much appreciated, and much used and enjoyed by the families: thank you.

The Charity works alongside the [Refugee Council](#) and local [Hertfordshire Councils](#) to ensure that the refugees are provided with appropriate services and that they are offered ongoing practical support. The children are settling down well and some are fluent in English now, but of course it has been difficult with schools being closed. Volunteers are befriending families and helping them with language difficulties, orientating them with the practicalities of form filling, and everything that help ease their transition from war torn countries into a place of safety.

Families have been contacted regularly by telephone, and visits will resume as soon as it is possible to do so.

I just thought you might like to hear how things are going with the families for whom you generously made warm quilts and knitted items.

*Elizabeth Richardson*

### STOP PRESS!

The Festival of Quilts 2021  
29 July - 1 August at the NEC.

They have an extra hall added and timed entrance and longer opening hours to help with Covid restrictions, and the aisles will be wider than usual.

You can register your interest and pre book tickets by logging on to the [FOQ](#) website. They are also asking people to complete their [online survey](#) so they can understand the questions and concerns you may have.

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