

Editor's Letter _____

Dear Members

The highlight of our month has been the AGM and we have been very lucky to secure a new Chairperson in Valerie Pollington who has been so ably holding the Group together for the last year and with the help of other Committee members ensured that we had a full and varied programme.

Hilda

TEA ROTA _____

June: Joan Douglas, Hilda Goddard

July: To Be Advised

August: To Be Advised

LIVING CRAFTS at Hatfield House _____

This event which takes place next week from 10 to 13 May at Hatfield House is usually our way of advertising the group and to display some of the work done by members. Hopefully we will see you there.

ANGLIA TEXTILE WORKS EXHIBITION at Braintree Museum _____

Tuesdays to Saturdays, 26 April to 2 June 2018
from 10am to 4pm. Admission £4

Details from

www.braintreemuseum.co.uk

or

atw@weebly.com

There is an associated Textile Fair on Sunday May 13 with the **Warner Textile Archive**.

Further information from **Irene Heathcote**.

MEAD A.G.M. _____

Committee for 2018 – 2019:

Chair – Valerie Pollington
Treasurer – Emily Marshall
Programme Secretary – Carol Wort
Membership Secretary – Karen Bengel
Librarian – Linda Cosgrove
Sales Table -Elizabeth Richardson
Hospitality – Barbie Edwards

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR _____

(As Valerie's report was given in full at the AGM, I have picked out what I think are the most important points for those who were not at the meeting – apologies if I have missed someone who wanted a mention - Hilda)

Irene Heathcote organised our contribution to Living Crafts and will do so again this year with Carol Wort. A very successful event.

Carol organised a very interesting programme of speakers and workshops, I'm sure we all had our favourites. The Show and Tell evening in November revealed the amazing talent amongst the group.

Alison Williams and Jo Day organised our contribution to the Christmas Tree Festival at St Saviours Church. Members responded to Jo's Babushka dolls with real individuality.

Our February meeting was cancelled due to the Group being unable to gain access the Hall. This was particularly sad as Linda Noon had spent so much time and effort in organising the evening, moving house and still arriving on time. We are fortunate in having her return to run her workshop on May 15th after the Slide Show from Caroline.

Stasha Martin kindly stepped in to lead the planning for the November Exhibition and Quilt Show and for me it was a steep learning curve.

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Chair Valerie's Report, contd . . .

The regular stall holders came up trumps and the day was a real success, but it was agreed that in future a Show Committee needed to be organised. Joan Douglas has already agreed to mastermind the Charity Quilt for 2019 with as many members as possible taking part in its construction.

The idea of having a whole day meeting has not met with success and has been abandoned.

One highlight of the year was the 90th birthday of two members Mary and Gerry and it was celebrated at our Christmas meeting with a special cake with hopes that this would become a tradition.

It was also decided to have a Challenge Plate for the AGM Challenge which would be awarded annually. (*see later in the newsletter*)

To round up I would like to thank the Committee and the members who have helped in so many ways this year, although I will not name them all.

Your Committee plans to stand for re-election this year and we would like to recruit a Secretary to take Minutes for one evening a month. Please think seriously whether you could consider doing this and get in touch.

So we hope that as we move forward into a new year that you feel that Mead Quilters are in good shape and that we are continuing to provide the opportunity for new learning in the fields of patchwork and quilting as well as fun and friendship.

Valerie Pollington

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS _____ Saturday 11 August

Mimram Quilters are hoping to run a coach trip to the Festival of Quilts on Saturday 11th August and would like to extend the offer to Mead Quilters. There would be a pickup point in Wheathampstead if there's sufficient demand.

If you would like to express interest in the trip please contact Sarah Dixon at

chair@mimramquilters.org.uk

Further details will follow.

WORKSHOP at Batford Memorial Hall

. . . with John Cole Morgan _____

26 May 2018, cost £25.00 plus additional £4.00.

Details of this workshop available to both beginners and more advanced quilters. Please see details and sign up sheets during the evening.

WORKSHOP ON 9 June _____

. . . with Valerie Pollington

Make a draw-string bag with pockets round the side. Please see noticeboard and sign-up sheets during the evening.

PAT TESTING will be available at the 3 July morning meeting _____

Cost is £5 per machine and £3 for any additional items such as irons, extension leads, lamps etc.

REPORT ON VISIT to The Three Wise Monkeys _____

A friend and I visited the "Three Wise Monkeys" barn emporium recently (see April newsletter).

It is stuffed full of all sorts of vintage items and lots of craft stuff but very little in the way of patchwork, just a few small quilts and cushions for sale. We still found it interesting and had a good look around. There are two cafes, one sells gluten free cake.

Please drive carefully as the lane is narrow; look for the "Osprey" sign as "Three Wise Monkeys" are not allowed to put their sign up at the gate.

Pat Driscoll

BLOCK OF THE MONTH _____

This is a new approach and is taken from the book 'Alias Grace' by Margaret Atwood – there are a series of blocks at the beginning of each Chapter

Each month we will produce a copy of one of the blocks and you keep your own sewn block to grow into a quilt over a period of 12 months.

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS

If you are travelling to the Festival of Quilts and wish to buy your tickets in advance Janet Goddard has offered this code – WT40 — which if used through phone booking or internet booking can reduce the price of your ticket from £16 to £13.50

FOR THOSE OF YOU WITH CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN

Using the **Threads of Time II** exhibition as inspiration, this workshop with artist **Connie Flynn** takes place at **Mill Green Museum, Hatfield** on Sunday 27 May from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm and on Tuesday 29 May from 10.30 am to 12 noon

Visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

or phone **0300 1234049**

For families and children up to the age of 11. Children must be accompanied by an adult, one child ticket includes admission of one adult.

FOR SALE

Sheila Nicholls has a Horn Cabinet for sale, it is at present in an upstairs room and will require two people to carry it down the stairs.

As the owner of a Horn cabinet I can testify to their use in keeping your machine always available. I wouldn't be without mine

Please contact **Elizabeth Richardson**

MEAD MAY EVENING - 15th May 2018

Please put this date in your diary. It will be a slide evening about the Mead weekend away at Denham Grove run by Caroline and followed by a workshop run by Linda Noon which was cancelled from February. Please remember your sewing kit.

MEAD CHALLENGE

1st **Hilda Goddard**

2nd **Joan Douglas**

3rd **Karen Benge**



Photos from **Emily Marshall**



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