

# Mead Quilters

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## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR \_\_\_\_\_

What a busy month we have had for the month of August. Thanks to Mimram Quilters we had an enjoyable Coach trip to the Festival of Quilts and for some of us the Bramble Patch Exhibition featured largely. I enjoyed my usual trip to Wessex Quilters Exhibition in Winchester and reports from all these follow in the newsletter.

*Hilda*

## ADVANCE NEWS OF OUR MORNING MEETING - TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER

**10 am sharp start** and we will need a rota for making coffee rather than our usual do-it-yourself coffee! The following, we think, have volunteered: Heather Hunt, Jayne and Maureen Storey-Brown. If you did not volunteer, please let Barbie know at the September meeting

Thanks to **Mary** for organising the coffee on Tuesday 4 September.

## FESTIVAL OF QUILTS \_\_\_\_\_

Our thanks go to **Sarah** for organising the coach trip to Birmingham, for having a full coach and thanks to everyone who came for being on time which makes it do much easier all round.

On a personal level and because I go to see the quilts rather than to shop, I did not feel there were so many quilts to see and in some categories thought the standard was not as high as in previous years but having said that I am never moved to enter a quilt since it seems to be quite a hassle to do so, you have to be very dedicated.

Congratulations go to **Mary Mayne**, who has long been a champion of Region 7 and has visited us many time, on winning the Quilters Guild Challenge with her entry '**Give me the time**'.

Although I didn't have the time for the sales stalls I did visit one or two but as it was 10 mins to coach leaving, I couldn't make a purchase.

I had a thoroughly enjoyable day and came away with lots of ideas and a long wish list for when I have completed my last few UFO's.

*Hilda*

## 'ALIAS GRACE' QUILT - BLOCK OF THE MONTH \_\_\_\_\_

There are no new blocks to show this month, so hopefully by next month we will have some more. However I did receive a photo from Terrie and she writes:

*The red centre refers to the fake peonies inside the prison walls which themselves look grey but are the faded blue and white stripes on Grace's dress.*



Valerie hopes to have the next blocks available at the evening meeting so make sure you pick up your copies.

Contributions for the next (October) newsletter should reach me by the end of this month.

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## BRAMBLE PATCH SUMMER EXHIBITION

It is always a pleasure to go up to the [Bramble Patch](#), to catch up with the latest trends in fabric and design, to say nothing of their excellent coffee and home-made cake.

Their summer exhibition was of students' work during the year and there was also a display of work by the [Contemporary Quilt Group](#) which is always more innovative than anything I could do although I have always had a wish to try.

This one's from the [In Print](#) Exhibition



[Alison](#) has been skilfully sewing their last Block of the month quilt and it was interesting to see a couple of the finished quilts. The different colour ways make for a very different look, so it will be interesting to see Alison's when it is completed, even before it is quilted.

## WESSEX QUILTERS 40<sup>th</sup> YEAR EXHIBITION

Many years ago I went to Winchester for a weekend and saw the fabulous [Ricky Tims](#), the singing quilter, appearing as part of the [Maria Peters Quilting Weekend](#). He's so inspirational and I really enjoy his approach to his work and his quilts are fantastic. He did a workshop

which unfortunately I could not go to but I met a number of ladies from [Wessex Quilters](#) and so when they have an exhibition I make sure I book a weekend with my sister and go to it; it is always worth the effort of the train from WGC through Waterloo to Southampton in order to spend time in Winchester.

As a group they involve themselves with [Linus](#) as their charity and will make nearly 100 quilts which after the exhibition go to [Linus](#). They were unfortunate that this year one of their founder members died but she left her stash to be used by other members to make a special quilt, many members took up the challenge.

In addition, as they are in Jane Austin country, they had an [Austin Challenge](#); here's a photo of a small quilt based on one of the quilts in Jane Austin's House Museum at Chawton.



Again it is one I would like to have a go at, but I must finish others first!

*Hilda*

## BEGINNERS PATCHWORK COURSE

[Fashion 'n' Fabric](#), Beech Road, St Albans, is advertising a Beginners' Patchwork course for this autumn so if you know anyone starting out, this may be a good course for them. The tutor is [Tricia Tominey](#), a Mead member.

Also, there will be Saturday classes spread through September, October and November.