

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR _____

Dear Members

I want to emphasise that the ethos of **Mead Quilt Group** is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, which is to promote, encourage and enrich members' lives with quilting and its many allied crafts. Everyone should feel able to pursue this at whatever pace they choose, and above all to select which areas they are most interested in. It is great to see new techniques being used and members' creative juices flowing but no one can be expected to be involved in all areas. Above all, I hope none of you feels coerced into anything that doesn't appeal to you.

Having said that, our showcase **Quilt Show** looms and hopefully you are preparing items for entry . . . one form per item, please. The Committee will hang as many items as they have space for. In 2017 we were short of big quilts, hopefully there will be more this year.

Please feel free to offer help throughout the Quilt Show if only to give another member time to have a 'cuppa'. It is a stressful time for the organising sub-committee, from Friday evening until Saturday evening, but with your help they will get through.

Alison Williams has struggled to organise a group outing to **Duxford** due to insufficient numbers. Some members who normally drive to Duxford will be offering seats and we hope this will avoid disappointment.

Meanwhile, happy quilting.

Valerie Pollington

QUILT SHOW TOTE TOMBOLA _____

At our exhibition on Saturday 9 November we will be holding a tote tombola and would be grateful for any donations of fabric tote bags. Bags can be any size, shape, lined or unlined and in any fabric. If you would like a pattern for a small and/or large tote bag, I have some available so please ask. I also have some linen

type fabric for bag making if anyone would like to make bags for the tombola.

Janet Goddard

TEA ROTA _____

September 17: Barbie Edwards, Linda Noon, Hilda Goddard

BERKHAMSTED EXHIBITION _____

It is not a difficult journey to Berkhamsted and I was pleased to see so many Mead Quilters and other quilting friends had made the effort to get there. **Northchurch** is quite a small hall and parking is limited but I think we all managed to find it and park. Coffee and cake were available as soon as we got there, always a must, it gives us time to read through the list of quilts and to get an overall view of the hall and of other stands on offer.

We were impressed with the **Group's** challenges, particularly the "sew a row" quilts. It is true to say we look more intently at those quilts which use our favourite colours, but the work was exceptional, although I was advised by one member that it was quite difficult to do.

The work on display was quite varied, from **Liberty** prints to **Janet Clare** prints and designs, and it is always quite difficult to choose a best in show, again because we always get hooked up on colour or style. Having said I forgot my camera, I suddenly remembered I could take some photos on my newly acquired mobile phone, so I tried at the class I liked best - the annual challenge for a 12.5 inch block based on the first line of any poem. Many members had entered and the choice was very varied. The winner (judged by **Mary Mayne**) and my favourite, was '**Tiger, tiger burning bright**'. I thought it interpreted the poem well. A really good afternoon out. Hope those other **Mead Members** were as impressed as I was.

Hilda

STITCH AND KNIT

[Both [Hilda](#) and I (and several others of you) have discovered a lovely new quilting shop! I will let Hilda tell you about it in her own words. [Ed](#)]

I would like to tell you about a new patchwork and wool shop recently opened in [Brookmans Park](#). When we visited we were met by two really pleasant ladies who were helpful in showing us around. They had a lovely selection of wool and a good range of quite unusual fabrics from [Moda](#) and [Makower](#); they have a range of haberdashery and are willing to offer courses and workshops in knitting and crochet during the daytime and some dressmaking and patchwork courses in the evening and at weekends, there was also a range of activities for children after school.



Many of you may know [Julia](#), the owner of the shop, as she has previously been involved with both [John Lewis](#) and taught at [Fashion and Fabrics](#). I notice that a picture of her shop appears on a [Facebook](#) page so you can read about her on that platform also.

It is important for us all to remember these small entrepreneurs since so many of our patchwork shops are disappearing. I wish I had had my camera so that I could offer you a



photo, but the best I can say is go and visit, it is near [Brookmans Park station](#) and there is a lovely little coffee shop two doors away. Happy shopping.

[Hilda](#)

[Don't worry [Hilda](#), as you can see, I took some photos while I was there! [Linda](#)]

ADVANCE NOTICES

KNITTING AND STITCHING SHOW ALEXANDRA PALACE

10 - 13 October 2019

[Janet Goddard](#) has a special code you can use when booking tickets by phone ([0844 8737343](#)) or online . . . quote [TUTOR28](#).

With this code, instead of paying £16.00 for an adult advance ticket, the price will be £13.50.

Thank you Janet.

DON'T FORGET OUR SHOW!_____

As you know our biennial **Exhibition** is fast approaching. Please let us have your forms for entering your quilts or other “quilty” items as soon as possible. Forms are available through the **Mead Quilters** website:

www.meadquilters.org

or from **Janet Goddard** or **Linda Cosgrove** at Tuesday morning and evening meetings. We cannot hold the show without your beautiful entries.

Also available are flyers for the Show for you to distribute amongst your friends, family, colleagues or any passing stranger.

Stitch and Knit from **Brookmans Park** have kindly agreed to be our Trader this year and will give a donation to the **British Heart Foundation**.

Priory Quilters in **Royston** asked if we could advertise their upcoming show . . .

Exhibition of Quilts

Market Hill Rooms

Fish Hill

Royston SG6 9JL

Saturday 28 September, 10 - 5 pm

Sunday 29 September, 10 - 4 pm

Free Entry

Come and see our latest exhibition of patchwork quilts and textile items including two raffles. Browse and buy from our interesting sales table featuring many affordable handmade items. Tea, coffee and cake available!

Find us on **Facebook: Priory Quilters**

Contributions to the next Mead Newsletter are always welcome.

Send them to editor Linda Cosgrove at editor@meadquilters.org

I have left this in for another month in case you missed it last time

Quilters Guild Region 7 Retreat



23-25 October 2020

Highgate House

Grooms Lane, Creaton, Northampton NN6 8NN

20 mins from M1 Junction 16

Accommodation

*Friday & Saturday nights: bed & breakfast,
Dinner on Friday & Saturday,
lunch on Sunday, daytime refreshments.*

Total cost £335 including workshops

Workshops

*Jan Hassard — 'Curved Bargello'
Angela Madden — 'Surprising Silhouettes', from her new book
Helen Howes— 'Adventures in Improvisation' or 'Trees'*

For further information contact

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BOOKING FORM below,
please return to Treasurer, Gill Howes, address above, with SAE.

Region 7 Retreat, 23 - 25 October 2020

Highgate House, Grooms Lane,
Creaton, Northampton NN6 8NN

Booking Form

Title: Name:

Address:

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Postcode: Tel:

Email address: Guild Membership Number:

Dietary or other requirements:

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Accommodation: Friday and Saturday nights bed and breakfast, dinner on Friday & Saturday, lunch Saturday & Sunday: daytime refreshments.

Total Cost £335 including workshop.

Workshops: Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices

Jan Hassard: Curved Bargello - Watersmeet Quilt

Angela Madden: Surprising Sihouottes, from her new book

Helen Howes: Adventures in Improvisation or Trees

Booking Payment

[An optional one-off payment of £335 immediately to secure a place is available]

Deposit £55 to secure place immediate payment and by 31 October 2019

I enclose a cheque for £55 made out to 'QGBI Region 7'

OR

I will pay £55 by bank transfer

Bank transfer to: Bank HSBC

Account: QGBI Region 7

Sort Code: 40-10-09

Account Number 91142100

Please state your surname in the reference section followed by 'Retreat' and then send an email to treasurer_reg7@quiltersguild.org.uk

Please remember to enclose an SAE

Future payments:

2nd payment by 31 December 2019 - £90, 3rd payment by 29 February 2020 - £95

4th payment by 30 April 2020 - £95

Treasurer: Gill Howes, Fox End, 7 Meadow Gate, Prestwood GLMissenden Bucks HP16 OJN

PAT testing for your sewing machine will be available on Friday from 4 pm at a cost of £4 (cash in envelope please). Delete as appropriate YES please/NO thanks. Tests for portable lights or other devices can also be offered