



# Cranford Quilters

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*Tonight's meeting: Joanne Ridley – Owl workshop*

Hello Everyone!

I have to draw your attention to the change of venue for next month's meeting. Fortunately we discovered in time that although we have Linda Negandi booked for 18 May, the hall was booked for the Bank Holiday Monday, the fourth Monday as usual. Following a lot of phone calls by Ann Brimelow and myself we now have the upstairs room at St. John's Parish Church in Knutsford for the 18<sup>th</sup>. The directions for finding the church and for parking are overleaf. This is much the same as the room we normally use, in fact possibly a bit larger, and has a small kitchen off it with a hatch and we can use these facilities. This is a one off and we will revert to meeting at St Vincent's, the Catholic church, in June as usual.

The fine weather has led me to spend a lot of time working on the garden, so I have done less sewing than I would have liked, but the garden is looking much better than it has done for a few years and I will now be able to relax in it, even sew, without feeling I should be gardening.

Happy quilting - Diana

**TONIGHT: Vote of thanks:**

Kristina Hughes

**Refreshments:**

Pip Sumbler and Janet Baguley

## **CRANFORD QUILTERS' WEBSITE**

Don't forget to e-mail photos of your work to Katy at [katy.purvis@googlemail.com](mailto:katy.purvis@googlemail.com)

## **CHARITY**

Last month's raffle made £23.00 towards The Samaritans, our charity for the year. Besides having a raffle when we have a speaker, it was decided to have a bring and buy of fat quarters whenever we have a workshop evening. You can bring any fat quarters you no longer want and buy any on the table for £1.50p each. This money will also go to the Samaritans. Sue Warburton, our speaker last month, also asked for 100% cotton fat quarters for when she is teaching in Eastern Europe – these can be given to Sue Meyrick. You will have to decide what to do with your fat quarters. We have also received information about a Visitors' Choice competition which will be voted on at Sticky Fingers' exhibition in July. This is to raise money for research into Breast Cancer. For information see the noticeboard. Sticky Fingers will be the trader at our June meeting.

## **BANNER FOR KNUTSFORD METHODIST CHURCH**

I was hoping to have the banner ready for working on but at the moment I have taken over one of Bernadette's tables at Cheshire Needlecraft and will go on Tuesday to draw the design out, then I will make the templates. I will also work out the amount of fabric required. I suggest we use Bondaweb for the appliqué. I am prepared to iron the Bondaweb onto the fabric but would be grateful for offers of help to cut out the various shapes. I think that rather than a plain blue background it would be simpler if it were pieced so offers of help with that too I would appreciate. By piecing it we could work on sections rather than the whole thing being worked on: it would be easier to put under the sewing machine.

## **LITTLE GEMS**

A reminder that the Quilters' Guild is asking people (members or not) if they would make an A4 size quilt for the tombola at the Festival of Quilts in Birmingham, 20-23 August 2009. They can be portrait or landscape, traditional or contemporary and using any technique. They have to be three layers joined by stitch and the edge should be finished appropriately. The quilt should have a label showing the title of your quilt, your name, contact details if you want to provide them, and any information you want to provide about the story behind the quilt. The quilts have to be sent to the QGBI Quilt Museum and Gallery, St Anthony's Hall, Peaseholme Green, York YO1 7PW, marked f.a.o. Judy Fairless. The website is [www.littlegemquilts.wordpress.com](http://www.littlegemquilts.wordpress.com)

## WHAT'S ON

**11 April-4 July**

“The Embroiderer’s Eye – the Diana Springall collection”, Macclesfield Silk Museum, Park Lane, Macclesfield SK11 6TJ

**14-17 May**

Quilts UK, Three Counties Showground, Malvern. Beartown Ps and Qs are running a coach to Malvern on Sunday 17 May. There are forms available by the noticeboard if you wish to go on the coach. Forms to be in by 8 May.

**20 May**

Margaret Crawford is the speaker at Poynton Quilters, The Woodford Centre, Chester Road, Woodford

**21-24 May**

Loch Lomond Quilt Show

**4-19 July**

Three Shires Textile Festival – Cheshire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire

See the noticeboard for Cheshire Needlecraft’s workshop programme for May and also programmes for Alsager, Beartown and Poynton groups.

## NEXT MEETING:

**18 May**

**Change of venue: The upper room at St John’s Parish Church, Church Hill, Knutsford WA16 6DH. See below for St. John’s church’s directions for finding it and parking. Go to the left of the church to enter by the side door then up three steps and round to the left.** The speaker will be Linda Negandi and her subject: “Fabric, Paper, Hands & Heart”.

**Vote of thanks:** Veronica Walton

**Refreshments:** Lesley Henstock and Audrey Taylor (Take the refreshments bag home with you tonight. Please buy milk and biscuits as required and claim expenses from Ann Brimelow.)

## Directions for finding St. John’s and for parking

### **From M56**

Take the A556 towards Chester. After about 2 miles there are a set of lights next to the Swan pub, it is sign-posted left to Knutsford. Turn left at the lights and follow the road until you reach the T-junction on the A50. Turn left towards Knutsford. At the roundabout in Knutsford take the second exit (straight on) on the A50. Keep on the A50 through town; just past the police station (on your right at the first set of lights) turn left down Church Hill. Our church is on the right.

### **From North Wales and Chester**

Take the A556 from North Wales and Northwich. About 1 mile before the motorway there is a set of traffic lights, with a right turn onto the A5033 towards Macclesfield and Knutsford. The A5033 goes back over the M6. Drive into Knutsford until you reach the roundabout; take the third exit onto the A50, towards Kidsgrove and Holmes Chapel. Keep on the A50 through town; just past the police station (on your right at the first set of lights) turn left down Church Hill. Our church is on the right.

### **From M6 North/South**

Take the A556 towards Northwich/Knutsford. After about 0.5 miles there is a set of traffic lights, signposted left A5033 to Knutsford/Macclesfield. Turn left at the lights. The A5033 goes back over the M6. Drive into Knutsford until you reach the roundabout; take the third exit onto the A50, towards Kidsgrove and Holmes Chapel. Keep on the A50 through town; just past the police station (on your right at the first set of lights) turn left down Church Hill. Our church is on the right.

### **From Macclesfield/East Cheshire**

Take the A5033 to Knutsford. At the lights at the top of Adams Hill turn right (signposted M6) and get into the right-hand lane immediately. After going over the pedestrian crossing turn right opposite the court house down Church Hill. Our church is on the right.

### **Parking**

There is limited road-side parking in front of the church (although this is limited to 30 minutes between 9am-6pm Mon-Fri). There is a large car park at the bottom of the hill (go left at the bottom and then immediately right) and you will then be in the pay-and-display car park. This is free after 6 pm Mon-Sat and all day Sunday. Booths’ car park is also free at those times and if you park there, walk out of the car park between the bus station and the police station, cross the roads towards the shops, then take the first road on the left (Church Hill) and the church is on the right.

### **By Train**

Knutsford station is on the Manchester to Chester line - trains run hourly to/from Manchester/Chester. Trains are operated by Northern Rail. The station is a 2 minute walk from St John's. Go up the steps at the end of the platform and you will be on Toft Road. Turn right, go past the Civic Centre, Shell Petrol station, the two take-aways and the dry cleaners and the church is on the right hand side.