



# Cranford Quilters

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Tonight's meeting: Funky Fairies with Sara Bradney

Hello Everyone!

I hope you all had a good break in the summer. Those of you who didn't come to the Alpaca Farm missed a very good evening. Thank you Sue and Sue for organising it. Our excellent programme planners even managed to arrange a beautiful sunny evening for our outdoor party despite a few qualms earlier in the day.

I am grateful to Veronica for her voluntary report on the visit to Berisford's and to Doreen for her recipe which you will see at the end. Let's have more contributions from other people.

Happy quilting - *Diana*

**TONIGHT: Vote of thanks:**

Anne Wheeler

**Refreshments:**

Wyn Colligan and Kay Owens

## REMINDERS

- Please make sure you help with putting at least your chair away at the end of the meeting unless you are not able to manage it.
- E-mail Kate pictures of your quilts for the website gallery
- Provide me with exhibition reports and other contributions for the newsletter – it will be boring if it is just I who write it all.

## CONGRATULATIONS – AGAIN

Once again we offer our congratulations to Barbara Lane. She won First Prize at Harrogate in the Bed Quilts category for her quilt "7 Sisters on the Go" which was hand pieced over papers and quilted. Well done and well deserved!

## NEW ADDRESS LIST – JULY 2009

Thanks to Catherine Graham we now have as up-to-date a list as we could manage. If you didn't get a copy with July's newsletter as I sent one or two newsletters by e-mail, please see Catherine who will have some spare copies. If there are any alterations to be made now or in future please let Catherine know so hers can be updated and me (Diana) so I can include them in the newsletter. I will delete them from the copy which goes on the website.

## JANET BAGULEY

I know most of you learned of the death of Janet in the summer. Unfortunately I was away in the north of Scotland at the time but I know some members went to the funeral and the church was full. She was a bubbly member of the group and will be sadly missed by us. The committee has agreed to make a donation to Macmillans, the cancer support charity, in her memory.

## VISIT TO BERISFORD RIBBON MILL

As part of the Three Shires Textile Festival Joyce and I went on a tour of the Berisford Ribbon Mill at Congleton, which was founded in 1858. We were greeted by the MD himself and given afternoon tea and then started our tour.

It was quite fascinating, we saw how the ribbons were woven , several different widths,(just plain white), how colour was woven into them for say tartan. We saw how plain colours are dyed (a little scary this the old fashioned way). They also have a state of the art dyeing machine which was much safer to be around. The factory also dye bra fastenings - for Marks and Spencer - and when they are matching colours they use a lamp which is exactly the same light as in M & S stores. They impregnate ribbons for use in the food industry and supply ribbons for cakes for M & S, Iceland, Tesco etc. All the ribbons and bows on the choc boxes for Thornton's and Green & Blacks are supplied by Berisford's and also most ribbons on luxury toiletry packaging. We'll never look at a ribbon or bow the same again. A most interesting experience. - *Veronica*

### **PAT ARCHIBALD WORKSHOPS**

Are you coming to one or both the workshops with Pat Archibald, our October speaker? Workshops give you the opportunity to try something different, technique or product. On Saturday 24th October the subject will be Travellers' Tales Told in Landscape and on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> it will be The Seasons. If you have not already booked, contact Sue Meyrick as soon as possible. We are asking a non-returnable deposit of £10 at time of booking; if anyone signed up for either workshop but has not paid the deposit would you please see Ann Brimelow tonight. Pat can provide kits at an extra charge.

### **TREASURER'S REQUEST**

Please make sure any claims for expenses are given to Ann Brimelow by the end of October so she can present the annual statement at the AGM in November.

### **PEARLS, PEARLS, PEARLS**

I paid a quick visit to this exhibition at the Quilters Guild headquarters in York, leaving my daughter and grandchildren watching a busker. I reckon it was probably the shortest visit the Guild had had at an exhibition. I can only say that I wish I had had far more time because I could not do it justice. Unfortunately it was only a day or two before it closed so I had no opportunity to go back.

### **QUILTERS GUILD NEW REGIONAL COORDINATOR**

Margie Jenkins who is known to many of you and has been our Area Rep has now taken over from Judy Wilson as Regional Coordinator for our region, Region 13 of the Quilters Guild. We wish Margie enjoyment and success in her new role. A letter from her to members of Cranford Quilters is on the noticeboard.

### **QUILT EXHIBITION AT THE V&A**

We are proposing to arrange a visit to the V&A next year to see the exhibition of quilts which starts next March. It would cost approximately £50 per head and would include coach, entrance fee and a talk at the V&A. In order to benefit from the talk we would have to go on a weekday and are considering April.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

This is advance notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009. On the agenda will be the election of officers of the committee and the appointment of new committee members. Nominations are invited for all posts. We really need two more additional committee members so why not put your name forward and become more involved with the running of the group.

#### **Officers 2009-09-24**

Chairman	Diana Judd
Vice-chairman	Tricia Jones
Secretary	Shirley Curran
Treasurer	Ann Brimelow
Vice-treasurer	Barbara Malam
Prog. Planning & }	{Sue Keen
Speaker Hostess }	{Sue Meyrick

## WHAT'S ON

<b>3 October</b>	Berisford Ribbon Mill sales room will be open to the public 9am - 12noon
<b>16-17 October</b>	Beartown Ps & Qs exhibition, Congleton Town Hall
<b>17 October</b>	Quilt and Craft Show, St Thomas's Church, Rochdale Road, Bury BL9 7SB
<b>24 October</b>	<b>Pat Archibald workshop</b> – Travellers' Tales Told in Landscape - £25 incl. £10 non-refundable deposit
<b>25 October</b>	<b>Pat Archibald workshop</b> – The Seasons - £25 incl. £10 non-refundable deposit
<b>30 Oct – 1 Nov</b>	Autumn Quilt Festival, Malvern
<b>13 Nov <u>2010</u></b>	Cranford Quilters exhibition (setting up on the 12 <sup>th</sup> )

See the noticeboard for Cheshire Needlecraft's workshop programme for September and October and also programmes for Alsager, Beartown and Poynton groups.

## NEXT MEETING:

**26 October** Pat Archibald – “Meaningful Colour”

**Vote of thanks:** Tricia Jones

**Refreshments for October:** Gill Duff and Sue Bentham

(Take the refreshments bag home with you tonight. Please buy milk and biscuits as required and claim expenses from Ann Brimelow.)