



Cranford Quilters

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TONIGHT'S MEETING:

Refreshments: Kay Owens and Wyn Colligan

Vote of thanks:

Hello everyone

I thought term times were busy but I am now convinced the summer "break" is far worse. I love having the family to stay but this time it was all rather disjointed – complicated to arrange and hectic to work through. I felt as though home was a hotel with people booking in and out for a few days at a time, and catering for afternoon tea for close on 70 at home and chauffeuring up and down the country. Then home for twelve days' normality then away for nine to relax. Down to earth with a committee meeting the next day!

It was good to see so many at the meal in memory of Doreen Willows, a very happy occasion with insights into her life and indeed her attitude to life.

Diana

DOREEN WILLOWS

Doreen joined a patchwork group sponsored by WEA. This group was invited to show their work at Tatton Old Hall and Knutsford Parish Hall.

As a result of these exhibitions it was decided to call the group Cranford Quilters and to meet monthly in the WI hut in Brandon Drive. Doreen was asked to be New Members Hostess, and this was a good choice as she made members feel very welcome. Doreen's warm and friendly personality helped to create a happy group atmosphere.

When her daughter Jaqui and family moved to the USA, Doreen visited them and couldn't believe all the patchwork and quilting shops there were to visit. She also found the Quilters Newsletter Magazine a joy to read.

Doreen exhibited twice at the Malvern Quilt Show.

She will be greatly missed. – *Mary Godden*

Wendy has some of **Doreen's fabrics for sale** tonight. Any money raised will go to Doreen's favourite charity, Derwen College.

LOST

Veronica has lost a green and silver Parker pen. Did anyone take it home with them after the party in July? If so please contact Veronica.

QUESTIONNAIRES

Very few questionnaires have been returned. Please make the effort to fill yours in and return it. We do want the programme to match what you would like to see and do. We would welcome more help, both on the committee and volunteers to do in-house demonstrations. The more people involved in teaching the less we would have to keep asking the same people so more enjoyable for them.

CRANFORD 2012 EXHIBITION

It has been decided that the blue and white churn dash and black, white and a touch of red (any design) block quilts will be raffled separately from the exhibition. We still need more blocks 12½” including seam allowance.

Don't forget to finish all you UFO's for the exhibition so we have a good display.

PATCHWORK – 17TH EUROPEAN MEETING – ALSACE

Did I say “nine days to relax”? Was I mistaken! There was not much relaxing as there was so much to see.

Although called the European Patchwork Meeting there is work from other countries: this year work from Israel, India, Australia and an Amish collection were included. As you can imagine, with the amount of work exhibited there were a wide variety of styles. Four of us have got involved in making a block each to go in an Italian quilt – slight problem: the instructions are in Italian. With a little help they are now translated.

More details about the exhibitions and the work another time.

I can thoroughly recommend the trip which is organised every two years by Voel Holidays Ltd. The same driver has taken us each year bar one and is very good and also very helpful. I suggest you start saving now for the trip in 2013.

REQUIREMENTS FOR NEXT MONTH (Four small Christmas projects – do one or as many as you wish)

Wendy will provide a kit containing instructions, Vilene, paper to stick onto the card for templates etc. Please bring:

- Sewing threads
- Sewing kit
- Scraps of Christmas fabric
- Larger piece of light background fabric (not very large)
- Also of backing fabric
- Black pen to draw on Vilene
- Masking tape or Sellotape to attach Vilene
- Cardboard and Pritt stick for two of the projects
- Embellishments such as beads, sequins etc if you want (Wendy has some beads)

WHAT'S ON

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| Until 4 Nov | Textile 21 exhibition at Jobling Gowler Solicitors, 250 Park Lane, Macclesfield SK11 8AD Tel: 01625 614250 Open Mon-Fri 9.30-4.30 |
| 6/7 October | Two-day workshop with Sandra Meech |
| 6-9 October | Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace, London |
| 8 October | Regional Day, Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, WA6 7QN. 10-4.
QG members £8, non-members £12. Contact Judith Thomas 0151 428 6232.
A.m.: “Arctic Expressions” with Sandra Meech; p.m. Cauldron with their work |
| 15/16 October | Bottom Drawer Quilters' exhibition, Nelson (?) Contact Christine on 07800 765 022 |
| 28-30 October | The Malvern Autumn Quilt Festival 10-4.30 (4pm Sunday) |

NEXT MEETING:

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| 24 October: | Wendy Parker – 4 little things to make for Christmas – see requirements above |
| Vote of thanks: | Diana Judd |
| Refreshments: | Pamela Duxbury and Veronica Walton
(Please take the refreshments bag home with you tonight and buy milk– no biscuits tonight - then claim expenses from Barbara Malam.) |

CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

- Pip Tunstall's e-mail address is pipsumbler@talktalk.net
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