



Cranford Quilters

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TONIGHT'S MEETING: Summer Party and Table Top Sale

Refreshments: Help yourself

Hello everyone

They say a change is as good as a rest. That's just as well as I have just under three weeks in which to get my workroom tidy enough for using as an extension to the living room when we have a lot of people here for a celebration. If you saw the room (and very few people have been allowed to) you would realise what I mean. Not only that but I have to cater and will have family staying with dog then the children and dog staying on for a week without my daughter. At least I can look forward to time off in September when I am going to the European Patchwork Exhibition in Alsace for eight days. It is well worth doing, not only for the patchwork but also the chance to return to the Alsatian villages which I love.

Tony and I have just spent the day in Oxford. In the textile section of the Ashmolean Museum there is a small box containing some snippets of linen dating back to 1324 BC found when Tutankhamun's tomb chamber was opened by Howard Carter. It was a strange feeling to think that I was looking at fabric which was 3335 years old. There were also some interesting pieces of old English embroidery and if you are ever in Oxford and interested in embroidery from this country going back a few centuries I would recommend a visit to the Ashmolean museum.

I hope you all are able to take advantage of the break.

Diana

HOSPITAL NEWS

If you wish to contact Ann Brimelow please use ordinary mail, not e-mails as her husband does not do e-mails and when I visited her I think a week ago last Saturday (possibly earlier) there were 79 waiting to be opened. What the latest count is I don't know. I went to see Ann yesterday. She is making very slow progress and is likely to be in hospital for some weeks longer as it is taking a long time to get her well enough for the heart surgery. She will be out of action for some months.

Edna Brereton is also in hospital and is going for an angiogram tomorrow.

We send them our best wishes.

WHERE WERE YOU?

Those of you who were unable to be at the last two meetings missed a couple of excellent speakers – Philippa Naylor and Sian Hancock - with displays of their beautiful work, very different but influenced by the countries in which they have lived. I hope we shall see you all again soon – you are missed!

ORIGAMI KIMONO WALL HANGING WORKSHOP

A happy band of seven attended the workshop at St John's Church Hall at High Legh wonderfully tutored by Sian Hancock. This workshop was a magical day for me personally as I had simply put my name down to attend without any concept of what we would do. The preparation and the easy to use handout ensured that in time we could all complete the task. The miniature Kimono motifs were demonstrated and practised in paper before any precious cloth was cut. By the end of the day we had lots of colourful Kimonos made, a piece of cake (made by the tutor) and a brief tour inside the church. A good day was had all around. - *Kristina Hughes*.

MAPPING MARKS FOR STITCH

I spent an interesting day with Chelford Embroiderers Guild at a workshop with one of this year's two Embroiderers Guild Scholars, Fiona Wilson, who also gave a talk to the Guild the previous evening. Working from a landscape picture we worked on design then techniques to produce samples based on our designs, using our sewing machines. I had previously had five minutes' use of an embellisher so I was pleased to be able to spend more time using one and I think it is a great idea. I have to admit my samples were not based on my designs but were samples of what I could do with the embellisher. Not only was it a useful day because of that opportunity but the design work led to abstract pieces. – *Diana*

NEWSLETTER

We are beginning sending out the newsletter by e-mail this month to reduce paper, time and cost so do make sure you let us know if you change your e-mail address. For those who do not have an e-mail address the old system will apply. There will be a copy on the noticeboard. In future I hope to send it out a day or two before the meeting so if you want to raise any questions you will be able to do so on the Monday evening.

CRANFORD 2012 EXHIBITION

We shall be having a sale of books and magazines at the exhibition next year so bear this in mind if you are having a sort out over the summer and bring them to the meeting in September or to future meetings.

Tonight we are hoping to launch a Block of the Month like we did the trees a year or two back. This time the subject is houses. As we have no meeting next month we are issuing two blocks this month. We shall provide seven different blocks in all; whether you decide to make all or some or just one is up to you.

Don't forget we need the other blocks (12½" including seam allowance, to give 12" finished size) which are for a couple of raffle quilts:

- Churn Dash – Blue and white
- Any blocks – Black and white with a touch of red

Don't say you don't know you are asked to make these!

QUESTIONNAIRE

Have you remembered to fill this in and return it to Shirley? We cannot plan the programme you want without your suggestions.

THE BENEFITS OF QUILTING

Last month both the Mail and the Telegraph ran an article on the benefits of quilting. This was the result of a study carried out by a team from the University of Glasgow with Professor Jacqueline Atkinson who is herself a quilter. In case you missed it there will be a copy on the notice board.

TIPS

Sorry. No time for tips this month.

WHAT'S ON

11-14 August	Festival of Quilts, NEC, Birmingham
2-4 September	Great Northern Needlecraft show incorporating the Great Northern Quilt Show, Harrogate 10 am – 5 pm (Sunday 4.30 pm)
17 September	Quilt Show by St Thomas's Quilt and Craft Group, St. Thomas's Church, Rochdale Road, Bury BL9 7BY. 10 am – 3.30 pm.
23-25 September	The Scottish Quilt Championships – MacRobert Pavilions, Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh EH28 8NB. 10am – 4.30 pm (4 pm Sunday)
24 September	East Cheshire and South Manchester Area Day – Gwenfai Rees Griffith
8 October	Regional Day with Sandra Meech and Cauldron
24-27 November	Knitting and Stitching Show, Harrogate

NEXT MEETING:

26 September:	Jenni Dobson "In Praise of Scraps"
Vote of thanks:	
Refreshments:	Wyn Colligan and Kay Owens (buy milk and biscuits as required then claim expenses from Barbara Malam.)