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Welcome to Today's Meeting

The hostesses are Pieceful Patchers, Martello and Independents E-H

The trader is Ashford Sewing Centre

PAT Testing will be taking place at the back of the hall.

Janet Clare is our speaker. Famous for her Artisan Apron, first created in 2012 and over time she has added a lot of embroidered sayings and motto's such as 'She believed she could and so she did'. She says *'When I put on my apron in the morning I feel creative and inspired and ready for work. And when I take it off I feel 'off duty' and that is a simply marvellous feeling'*.

Her talk is about her career as a textile designer creating fabric collections for Moda. She writes popular books and patterns too. Janet wrote 'The Wordsmith' book in 2015 and it is the inspiration for the workshop. Her new fabrics, based on Cyanotype blues, will be available for you to buy at the meeting.

The workshop is 'Quilted Memories to Cherish'. During the day you will learn techniques such as fusible applique, free-motion stitching, hand quilting, embroidery and quilt-as-you-go and you will begin to create unique pieces inspired by your favourite sayings, animals, holiday, song or other memories! She will help you draw, design and create your own family heirloom. *'So come, gather your letters and your threads and stitch with me'*. janetclare.co.uk

There are some places available, please contact Pen Swann oastworkshops@gmail.com



Our next meetings

July 13 and 14

Doors open at 2pm at St Anselm's School
The hostesses will be Pogles Wood, Castle Wall and Independents J - L

Our speaker will be Shree Desai.

Shree's talk will be 'Batik - A Resist Painting Process'. Shree is a textile artist teaching workshops on Silk painting, Block Printing, Tie Dye and Embroidery too. Batik, with its enthralling wax effect on fabric, has always captivated her, *'The interplay of colours creates a mesmerizing spectacle that unfolds with each brushstroke'*. The word batik originates from the Javanese "tik" and means to dot. To make a batik, selected areas of the cloth are blocked out by brushing or drawing hot wax over them, and the cloth is then dyed.



Workshop: Batik Workshop at Littlebourne 10-4pm Create your own batik design and fabric.

The workshop will be an 'Introduction to Batik Resist Dyeing Techniques', Shree will take participants through creating artwork, understanding of materials, wax combinations and effects. Wax application, preparing the dye bath, the dyeing process and wax removing process.

There are a few places available. Contact Pen Swann at oastworkshops@gmail.com £55 member/£70 non-member (includes kit) www.shreethreadart.com



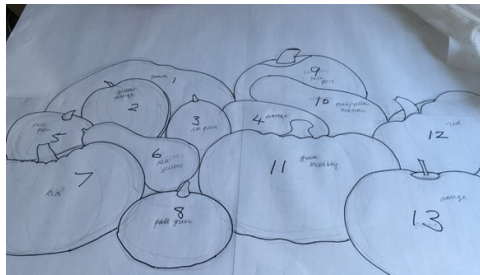
Oast Sewing Bee

The next Sewing Bee will be **Sunday 19 May 2024** when we will be making bags, purses and pouches, basically anything with a zip. Any QGBI member may like to make one for the Zippity-Doo-Dah Tombola at FoQ. There will be some fabric, patterns and zips available, but you are welcome to bring your own patterns, fabric and zips.

It's best if you arrive at the hall at 9.30am to set up. Bring a packed lunch, a mug, your machine, sewing kit and an extension lead. £10 for Oast Members, £15 for non-members.

The workshop will be held at Petham Village Hall. Church Lane, Petham, Canterbury CT4 5RD 10am – 4pm
Contact oastsewingbee@gmail.com for more information and to reserve your place. Spread the word that people new to sewing and non-members are very welcome.

Jan Bevan Freeform Design Workshop 2 June Lower Hardres Village Hall 10.00am - 4.00pm



Have you ever wanted to design your own quilt, or develop an idea from something that has inspired you? In this workshop Jan will take you through the stages of designing and planning your own quilt.

We will explore ways to develop your own design from an idea, sketch or photograph to make a small quilt A3 size. Using pencil and tracing paper, and later coloured papers, we will analyse the design, find simple lines and shapes, build the composition and think about the construction, before selecting fabrics.

Contact Pen oastworkshops@gmail.com to book your place. You will receive the requirements after booking.

£25 members £40 non members

Committee members needed

At the AGM in November we will require the following committee posts to be filled: **Treasurer**, **Programme Secretary** and **Workshop Organiser**. These roles require the holder to be computer literate, able to access and respond to emails regularly and attend zoom committee meetings.

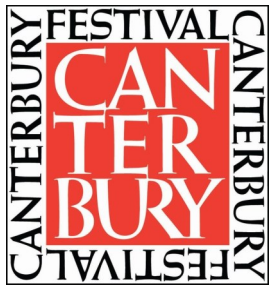
The role of **Treasurer** is pivotal to the group and an understanding of book keeping is needed, be able to visit a bank to deposit cash and use internet banking for BACS transfers. Contact Richard oast.treasurer@hotmail.com

The **Programme Secretary's** role is very interesting and is an opportunity to correspond with the very many talented speakers and teachers in the UK. By keeping aware of new upcoming techniques and personalities in the quilting world, and getting recommendations from people who have attended events such as Quilters' Guild Talks or Festival of Quilts, you are able to plan a programme which offers broad range of tutors and techniques. Contact Julia oastprogramme@gmail.com

The **Workshop Organiser** takes all the bookings at Oast meetings or via email, communicates with the attendees, liaises closely with the Programme Secretary with regards the tutor's requirements and advertising the workshop, and books the workshop halls. Contact Pen oastworkshops@gmail.com

Contact the current role holder to chat about what's involved. Each current post holder has very much enjoyed their time in the role and is happy to support the new post holder while they settle in to the position.

Please do consider taking up one of these roles as without someone in post it will make the running of this group very difficult. Thank you. The Committee.



Oast Festival Showcase 25 and 26 October Open 10.00am to 6.00pm each day

Oast Quilters are delighted to say that we will be joining the Canterbury Festival for 2024 and holding a mini showcase on October 25 and 26. The venue will be St Andrew's Church on Watling Street, Canterbury CT1 2UA. There will be an small entrance fee of £3.

We will, of course, require a good selection of quilts to display, so please aim to finish a few of those UFO's that are lurking in your cupboards just calling out to be quilted. Entry forms are available now, at the meeting, on the website or by email.

We will run a tombola but not a raffle. The Library will be there with a sale of books and magazines. The church has it's own café which we would encourage visitors to use on the Friday. However, as the café is closed on Saturday, we will need cakes to serve with the teas and coffees as well as volunteers to man the refreshments stand. Volunteers will also be required to help with the set up on Thursday 24 October and breakdown will be on the Saturday after the close of the showcase.

There will be more information in the next Oast Post, but do contact Liz Coleman lyminge.liz@live.co.uk to offer your volunteer help to man the refreshments, the library or the tombola. Free entry to all volunteers.

Oast Sewing Bee - Machine Quilting with a Walking Foot

As many of you will know my main love of quilting is hand appliqué (freezer paper) so a 'Machine Quilting with a Walking Foot' workshop is out of my comfort zone. However, with a pile of pieced tops gaining pace, it was time to face my fears at the latest Oast Sewing Bee workshop. The Sewing Bee workshops are aimed at non-Oast members, new to quilting members and existing members who wish to brush up their skills. Liz and Lynne guided us through needles, thread, stitch length and patterns to try. The workshops are held at Petham Village Hall so a nice light and airy space for when we tried out various patterns on our sample pieces.



With walking foot quilting demystified, I set about a top I had planned to gift. I am really pleased with how it turned out and the quilt now resides in Canada, much to the delight of the recipient! So for all members, keep an eye out for future Sewing Bee workshops as they are a friendly and non-challenging environment to brush up on old and new skills.

Tansy Martin

The Quilters' Guild South East Kent area



Jill Moorcroft, the area rep for The Quilters' Guild, has arranged for **Cas Holmes** to take a workshop on 23 June: UMOs (unidentified meaningful objects) at Aldington Village Hall from 11am to 3pm at a cost of £25 each. There are many places available and this will be a delightfully relaxing and meditative workshop. To book a place, please contact Jill on southeastkent@quiltersguild.org.uk



Cas' training is in Fine Art (painting and photography) and she works between the disciplines, painting and mixed media textiles. She is a writer and an author, her most recent publications are *Embroidering the Everyday* 2021 and *Textile Landscape* (Batsford 2018). Cas is interested in land as a reference and re-uses found materials and textiles, fascinated by their prior history and hands that have held them.

'What We Value, What We Miss' is an online group founded in 2020 in which members come together to share ideas and the things they value (and sometimes the things they miss) in relation to being together and their mutual love for making with cloth and stitch. Their collaborative project for 2023-25, initiated by artist Liesbeth Werts, is 'Unidentified Meaningful Object.' The exhibition will return to the Halpern Gallery in Chatham, Kent in early 2025.

Below is a link to a short video and more information about Cas and UMOs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T81VklL4s9E>

<https://casholmes.uk/portfolio/what-we-value-what-we-miss/>

Project Linus

Thanks to very wonderful support of The Little Shop of Fabrics in Smarden, we will be running four more Project Linus workshops during 2024. The workshop days are free of charge and tea and coffee will be available too. The dates of the workshops are Friday 14 June, Saturday 17 August, Friday 11 October, and Saturday 14 December. We will be cutting, sewing, and binding quilts throughout the day. We already have some blocks and squares cut plus some quilts ready for binding so there will be a variety of jobs to do. No experience is necessary just a willingness to take part. To keep track of the numbers of people coming please book your space via <https://www.littleshopoffabrics.co.uk/courses>

If you would like to make a donation of fabric or unfinished quilt blocks or quilts, we would be happy to receive them. Daisy Rudnick, who runs a Project Linus table at the Oast Quilters meetings will happily collect any donations on our behalf. Alternatively, you can contact one of your local Project Linus Area Coordinators:

Lou Matthews, Kent and Medway, 07938537375 or louisemattthews5@icloud.com

Michelle Hogben, Ashford area, 07706 582662 or shellhogben2004@hotmail.com

Christine Gainsford, North Kent area, 07931 294836 or christine.carey61@gmail.com

Thank you for continuing to support Project Linus from Lou, Michelle, and Christine

Dates for your Diary 2024

5 May last day	Tranquillity and Chaos; Edgy Stitchers Contemporary Quilt Group Exhibition. Upper Gallery, 1 Abbey St, Faversham ME13 7BE	
5 May	Oast Workshop Quilted Memories at LHVH	
11 May last day	Contemporary Textiles Exhibition, Willesden Gallery, London NW102SF	
16 - 19 May	Quilts UK Three Counties Showground, Malvern	
2 June	Oast In House Workshop with Jan Bevan at LHVH	
14 June	Project Linus Sewing Day at Little Shop of Fabrics	
14 -16 June	Grosvenor Show Kempton Park, Sunbury on Thames TW16 5AQ	
23 June	Quilters' Guild Region 2 Cas Holmes Workshop Aldington VH	
19 - 21 July	Lullingstone Quilt and Craft Festival	
1 - 4 August	Festival of Quilts NEC Birmingham	
17 August	Project Linus Sewing Day at Little Shop of Fabrics	
24 - 26 August	Phoenix Quilters Show, Deal	
6 October	Quilters' Guild Birthday Bash And Stash Sale Littlebourne MH	
11 October	Project Linus Sewing Day at Little Shop of Fabrics	
25 - 26 October	Oast Festival Showcase, St Andrew's Church, Watling St, Canterbury CT12UA	
14 December	Project Linus Sewing Day at Little Shop of Fabrics	

A Huge Thank You.

I would like to thank the Oast Members who sent me get well cards and visited me during my 2 month stay at QEQM Hospital. I am now home and being looked after by my husband and the District Nurses who come 3 times a week. I am trying to get my strength and mobility back and face many months of recovery, but I'm slowly getting there!

Marion Fox

Oast Vouchers - Great for birthdays, anniversaries, thank you, and because you care.

Only £30.00! The voucher will pay for an ordinary workshop of that value, or three Sewing Bee workshops Email: oastworkshops@gmail.com for more information

PAT Testing

If you were not able to bring your electrical equipment to Oast today, there is another opportunity at Canterbury Quilters, St Stephen's Community Centre, Tenterden RF CT2 7BN on June 6 2024. Contact Marianne on 07798 550049 to arrange a time to bring your equipment along for testing.

Hostess Rota	2024
Pieceful Patchers*	4 th May
Martello	
Independents E - H	
Pogles Wood*	13 th July
Castle Wall	
Independents J - L	
Swallows*	28 th September
Bears Paw	
Independents N - R	
Hop Pocket*	23 rd November
Fat Quilters	
Independents S - Y	
*Denotes care of Hostess Box and Purchase of Raffle Prizes	