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Welcome to our September Meeting

Thank you to our hostesses Ethelburga Quilters and Independents S-Y.

The trader is Little Shop of Fabrics.

Following the cancellation of the workshop due to lack of interest, the speaker cancelled her visit to us, so Tansy, our wonderful programme secretary, has arranged an interesting programme for us today. The speakers are all taken from within our membership. They will be showing and talking about their first and last quilts and the journey they have been on.

On **Sunday 28 September 2025** at Lower Hardres Village Hall, we are holding a **Sew-Along Day** with the added bonus of Jenny Hoyle kindly giving two demonstrations on Potato Chip quilt patterns and colour wash. Bring your sewing with you to do on the day or play around with Jenny's potato chip fabrics to create and design patterns. 10.00am - 4.00pm. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Members £10 Non members £15. Always a great atmosphere when we get together sewing. Please contact oastworkshops@gmail.com to join in.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on November 22 in the 6th Form Centre at St Anselm's School. Doors open at 2.00pm.

The hostesses will be Jo Blox, Owls and Independents A-C

Following the success of last year, we are again offering members the opportunity to refresh their stash by having a Suitcase Sale. For £5 you will have half a table on which to put your suitcase to display your wares for sale. The first 10 members to contact Tansy on tansy17@icloud.com or 07582 893247 will get a spot.

Don't forget to complete an entry form for the Fabric Challenge and bring your quilt to hang for display by 1pm at the latest on the 22nd November. Let's have a great display of the Fiesta Fabric! Free to enter but we need an entry form which can be found on the home page of the website, and under the Programme tab.

Committee members needed

At the AGM in November we will require the following committee posts to be filled: Chairman and Minutes Secretary. 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 Chairman keeps everything together, takes the committee meetings and leads at the main meeting. Please contact Liz for more information. lyminge.liz@live.co.uk

The Minutes Secretary liaises with the Chairman to create an agenda for the Committee meetings, sends out the zoom link to the committee members, takes the minutes at the meeting, edits and sends them out to the members of the committee. For more information, please contact Marianne email oastminutesec@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 into 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.

QUAY QUILTERS QUILT SHOW

In aid of

Demelza Charity, Sittingbourne

The Abbey School

London Road
Faversham
ME13 8RZ

Saturday 4th October 2025
10.30am - 4pm

Sunday 5th October 2025
10am - 3pm

Admission: Adults £3.00 Children Free
Free parking

Refreshments ★ Lunches ★ Traders
Raffle ★ Tombola ★ Sales

Details from:-

V Sherston-Baker 01303 840846

The Quilters' Guild Kent Area



12 October 10.00am - 3.00pm the annual '**Birthday Bash and Stash Sale**' will be at Littlebourne MH, CT3 1ST. During the day there will be some mini workshops, each with a charge of £5. If you would like to reserve a stash table, the cost is £10. but there will be no entry fee. Email Jill Moorcroft southeastkent@quiltersquild.org.uk to reserve your table.

29 October 2025 A Day Trip to Tunbridge Wells, will include a curated visit to the Amelia Scott Museum and a visit to Pincushion Quilt shop on The Pantiles, a delightful area of Tunbridge Wells. QG members £25, Non QG members £35. For more information and payment details please email kent@quiltersguild.org.uk

Sunday 23 November Nordic Reindeer Workshop 10.00am - 4.00pm at Challock Village Hall, TN25 4DH



You will leave having made at least one reindeer. This is a great workshop to use your scraps and be as creative as you wish. Be warned though as they are addictive! Gary Mills is the creator of these reindeers and he has given permission for Jill Moorcroft to deliver his intellectual property.

The cost is £15 and includes hot drinks and cake.

Please contact Jill to reserve your place as spaces are limited.

Once your place is confirmed, please scan the QR code to pay by credit or debit card.

The instructions and templates will be emailed to you prior to the workshop.

Jill Moorcroft southeastkent@quiltersquild.org.uk



Scan to pay

3 December 2025 A Day in Rochester. We invite you to join us in Rochester for a specially curated (seeing items not generally on display to the public) visit to: The Huguenot Museum, (95 High Street ME1 1LX) from 11.00am
The Guildhall Museum (17 High Street ME1 1PY) at 2.00pm
Hometown (62 High Street ME1 1JY) – a wonderful quilt shop!
QG members £30. Non QG Members £40
All enquiries and payment details to kent@quiltersguild.org.uk



UFO Day

Our next very popular UFO Day will be held at Lower Hardres Village Hall, CT4 5NP on **Saturday 1 November**. This is a lovely day to work on your project. Do you have a large quilt that you would like to layer up? You will like the space and large tables which will facilitate that job. Would some advice or suggestions help? There will be plenty of friendly support, so come along and join us.

Arrive at the hall for 9.30am to set up and the day will commence at 10.00am. Bring your own machine, lead and extension cable and your usual sewing kit, as well as your lunch. Tea and coffee, and hopefully cake, will be available.

£10 for members £15 for non members. Email Ingrid to book your place raffles.leoville@btinternet.com

Oast Sewing Bee

The next Sewing Bee will be **Saturday 6 December** when we will be making a wall hanging depicting 'I Saw Three Ships come sailing by...' We will be using fusible bias tape.

The workshop will be held at Petham Village Hall. Church Lane, Petham, CT4 5RD 10.00am – 4.00pm 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. 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.

£10 for Oast Members, £15 for non-members.



Annual Subscription Fees

The Committee is pleased to announce that we are able to keep the membership fees to the incredibly low price of £20 for another year. You will soon be receiving your renewal request with details of the draft programme for 2026. Please do not hesitate to renew for another year of stimulating speakers and interesting workshops, Fabulously good value for six meetings a year, five with a speaker who has national or international renown, a trader, opportunities to destash your stash, six newsletters a year, UFO Days, Oast Sewing Bee learning opportunities and delicious mince pies at the AGM!

Rainbows and Diamonds at Festival of Quilts 2025

This year at the Festival of Quilts I decided to enter two quilts, both in the traditional category. The first was my interpretation of the Twelve Days of Christmas, all stitched in red and white. This quilt was based on my drawings for an alternate version of the popular carol. So, instead of lords a leaping I had Santa leaping from his sleigh. My pipers piping were snowmen with pipes.

The second quilt I had been working on for many years. It consisted of 4,316 $\frac{3}{4}$ " hexagons, all hand pieced into diamonds. These hexies and diamonds travelled pretty much everywhere with me over a period of years. Eventually quilting and binding were completed in early 2025.

I hadn't entered anything into FOQ for some years and was certainly not expecting any rosettes etc., but, hopefully, I would get one or two nice comments about my work. Little did I anticipate who these comments might come from

Kaffe Fassett and Brandon Mably were spotted admiring my 'Diamonds are Forever' quilt. They complimented my use of colour and overall design. Brandon even saying that it would get his rosette if he was in a position to award any.

Well, no rosettes were awarded to me via the official route. Nevertheless, Kaffe and Brandon made my year with their lovely comments and I felt a winner just the same.

When any of us exhibit our work in the form of a quilt we actually show something of ourselves. The fruition of many hours of deliberation and hard work. A negative comment can make us feel incredibly low - but in contrast something positive makes us feel like a rainbow in the sky. If we all persevered to nurture positivity, rather than negativity, the result could only be the spreading of happiness.

by Maggie Breakspear



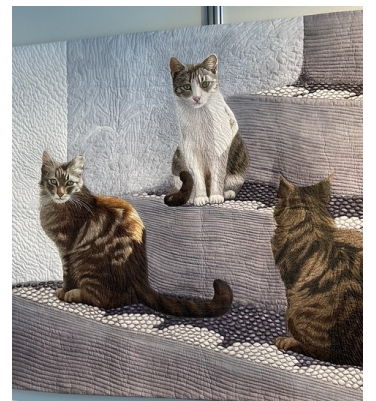
30th Carrefour Patchwork Show, Alsace by Tansy Martin



Jacqui Cotterill and I have recently attended the 30th Carrefour Patchwork show based in four villages around St Marie Aux Mines near Colmar, Alsace.

St Marie Aux Mines is the central venue with nine exhibition spaces dotted around the village including churches and schools. The shops in the high street feature quilts in their windows. This year guest exhibitors were from Australia and New Zealand with other exhibitions from Europe, South Korea, Kazakhstan and Afghanistan. so something for everyone to enjoy. I particularly wanted to see the vintage quilt collection of Janet O'Dell who displayed 25 antique quilts mainly from the UK, but some from USA. As she is based in Australia this collection rarely makes it to Europe. There were some wonderful examples of 19th century applique and piecing.

All day shuttle buses transport visitors to the other three villages where there were quilts featuring bold designs, thread work, pictorial quilts and a wonderful display of Amish quilts. The regular bus trips give an opportunity to chat to fellow quilters from all over the world.



Project Linus

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our August workshop hosted by The Little Shop of Fabrics in Smarden. We have two more Project Linus workshops planned for 2025, **Friday 10 October**, and **Saturday 13 December**. The workshop days are free of charge and tea and coffee will be available too. We will be cutting, sewing, and binding quilts throughout the day. No experience is necessary just a willingness to take part. To keep track of people coming, please book your space via <https://www.littleshopoffabrics.co.uk/courses>

As we head into the colder months, we need larger quilts and quilts suitable for boys or gender-neutral quilts. Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas and other fabrics. We have been busy making scrappy quilts. If you would like to donate fabric or unfinished quilt blocks or quilts, we would be happy to receive them. Daisy Rudnick, who runs the 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:

Thank you for continuing to support Project Linus – Project Linus Kent and Medway Area Coordinators:
 Lou Matthews, East Kent, 07938537375 or louisemathews5@icloud.com
 Michelle Hogben, Ashford, and surrounding area, 07706 582662 or shellhogben2004@hotmail.com
 Christine Gainsford, Medway and North Kent area, 07931 294836 or Christine.carey61@gmail.com



Best in Show FoQ 2025 by Simon Steuxner Twisted (Traditional)



House of Fun by Jacqui, Stephanie, Gabi, Marianne and Lynne. Shortlisted in the Group Quilt Category FoQ 2025

Ashford Sewing Centre are offering a 10% discount on everything in the shop (*excluding machine promotions) to all Oast members. All members have to do is say the word **Oast** at the till to receive the discount. The Sewing Centre also supply, service and repair all makes and models of Sewing, Embroidery & Overlocker machines.

Dates for your Diary 2025

27 September	Oast Quilters meeting at St Anselm's School 6th Form
28 September	Sew-Along Day at Lower Hardres VH CT4 5NP
10 October	PL Workshop at Little Shop of Fabrics
12 October	QG Birthday Bash at Littlebourne MH CT3 1ST
29 October	Day Trip to Tunbridge Wells
1 November	UFO Day at Lower Hardres VH CT4 5NP
22 November	Oast Quilters AGM at St. Anselm's School 6th Form
23 November	QG Nordic Reindeer workshop at Challock VH TN25 4AU
3 December	Day Trip to Rochester
6 December	Oast Sewing Bee at Petham VH CT4 5RD
13 December	PL Workshop at Little Shop of Fabrics

Hostess Rota	2025
Ethelburga *	27 th September
Independents S - Y	
Jo Blox*	22 nd November
Owls	
Independents A - C	
*denotes care of Hostess Box and purchase of Raffle Prizes	